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Q Center Announces New Executive Director

After a months' long national search, the staff and board at Q Center announced May 16 that Barbara McCullough-Jones had been selected as the organization's executive director, and successor to Kendall Clawson.

McCullough-Jones brings more than 20 years of executive nonprofit experience. She was the executive director of the LGBTQ Community Center in San Jose, Calif., a founding member of the LGBTQ Center in Phoenix, Ariz. and also founded the Lesbian Resource Project in Tempe, Ariz. McCullough-Jones also served as president of the Association of United Way Agencies and represented more than 1,400 businesses during her time there. Recently, she served on the board of directors for the National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centers, Center Link.

"I am honored to be selected as the new executive director for the Q Center," McCullough-Jones told *Just Out*. "For such a young organization, the community has built a very strong foundation. I look forward to working with the board, staff, volunteers and our allies to push the boundaries of inclusiveness and acceptance of LGBTQ people in Portland."

Q Center's board and its Executive Director Selection Committee are equally excited to



Welcome to the Gayborhood, Barbara!

have McCullough-Jones heading up the center. She begins her position June 6—just in time to hit the ground running for the Q's busy summer schedule.

"Our goal was to select the best candidate from the pool of applicants who could best continue the mission of the Q Center," said board co-chair Brian C. Johnson. "Barbara's experience made her a perfect match to successfully continue our commitment to the LGBTQ community in this area."

McCullough-Jones and her spouse, Sandra, are from the Northwest and look forward to being back in the region to continue their work and to enjoy everything the Portland area has to offer.

Check out the June 3 issue of *Just Out* for more with McCullough-Jones.

Hip to be Q Hits Pride Weekend Pulse

Portland Pride weekend receives a fitting kickoff at Q Center Friday, June 17, as the second installment of the Q's Concert Series—"Hip to be Q"—brings together an explosive lineup of performers. Not surprisingly, the man behind this overflow of awesome is Q Center administrative coordinator and electro-pop guru Logan Lynn, who's amassed both national and regional music, dance, comedy and more to show off Q's pride.

"I wanted to feature a variety of electronic, pop and dance acts from the queer and allied community," Lynn explained. "I figured since we wanted to have a Pride kickoff party as well, combining the two events made sense."

Featured talent includes Bay Area beatmaestro Jenna Riot, sets by Portland DJs Beyondadoubt and Lunchlady, a pinch of punk from Kaia Wilson and more. Supporting acts spotlight the delicious dance of Swagger and comedy by Belinda Carroll, as well as performances by Fannie Mae Darling, ChiChi and

Chonga, Rose City Sirens and Drag Mansion, among others.

As Lynn explained, the overall theme for Pride at Q Center, "Hip to be Q," is a throwback to the very first Pride parade in 1970, held on Christopher Street in New York City.

"We are going vintage this year, bringing it all back to the roots of our mission," said Lynn.

The "Hip to be Q" Pride kickoff celebration takes place Friday, June 17, from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Q Center (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.). Admission is on sliding scale of \$5-\$15. For more information and tickets, visit pdxcqcenter.org.

Pride NW Presents Award Winners On and Off Stage

Pride Northwest has released the main stage headlining bill for the 2011 Portland Pride Festival set for Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19. DJs for the Friday night, June 17 waterfront dance parties and local acts for the main and community stages had not been announced as of press time.

On Saturday, comedian, actress and jazz singer Lea "that fucking dyke" Delaria will perform with her band. The first openly gay comic to appear on late-night television (in 1993 on *The Arsenio Hall Show*), Delaria has also performed on Broadway in *On the Town* (1998) and *The Rocky Horror Show* (2000) and has released four jazz albums.

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