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Above: Portland Sisters represent at Gay Pride 2011

Right: Sister Spinna DeVine works it

Sisters Conclave includes public events that both curious and seasoned Sisters supporters alike can enjoy.

The Conclave 2011 Opening Ceremonies take place Monday, August 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Garden at Peninsula Park (corner of N. Albina and N. Ainsworth), and is free and open to the public. After the workshop sessions, Sisters from around the world—and as far away as Edinburgh, Scotland—re-emerge for a kamikaze public ritual at Pioneer Courthouse Square Thursday, August 18 at 7 p.m. The ritual, to be created during Thursday's final private workshop, is intended to invoke the spirit of Portland and to bless the community the Sisters serve.

The Sisters have always put the "fun" in fundraising, and Friday night gives them the opportunity to show outside houses and missions how they rock 'n' raise here in Stumptown. The Fez Ballroom (316 SW 11th Ave.) hosts "Makin' It Better" August 19, a collaboration between trans and queer youth from the Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC), Salem's Rainbow Youth Alliance and Outside In during a benefit performance extravaganza organized by Sister Ohna Fuckin' Tirade. There is a \$10 suggested donation, \$5 if you

bring canned food or new toiletries, with all proceeds going directly to the three youth organizations involved. Doors are at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8.

To cap things off, Saturday, August 20 brings the Portland Sisters' Sixth Anniversary Party to CC Slaughters. This swanky event entails a mere \$3 suggested donation, the proceeds of which go directly into the Sisters' Grant Fund.

In all, Moore and Company count on making a big splash during the weeklong sojourn.

"It will be interesting to see how the community reacts," Moore says. "Our growth here has been slow but steady, but now there's going to be this mass. There's gonna be so much white face, it'll be a snowstorm." JO

NUNS 'N ROSES: CONCLAVE 2011 takes place August 15-21 at various locations throughout Portland. For specific dates, times, admission and more, check out portlandsisters.net, or Just Out's calendar on p. 21.



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