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## Zeller Announced as PGMC Soloist, Portland Lesbian Choir Turns 25

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus' Flight to Freedom Concert is receiving a boost in the form of world-renowned baritone Richard Zeller. Zeller joins PGMC as they head to New York City to take part in the memorial events for the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. The chorus will perform "Brave Souls and Dreamers" during the Flight for Freedom-sponsored Peace & Unity Concert at New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine Sunday, September 11.

Zeller will sing in the role of the Sage, who embodies the voice of peacemakers such as Isaiah, Jesus, the Dalai Lama, Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Jimmy Carter. Jennifer Gill will reprise her role of the Mother. Cellist Gideon Freudmann will provide accompaniment.

The chorus has little time to rest upon its return to Portland. On Sunday, September 18, PGMC hosts the third annual Gay Fair on the Square at Pioneer Courthouse Square. The fair runs from 12:30 to 5 p.m., and will feature performances by the PGMC, as well as the Portland Lesbian Choir, the Portland Gay Symphonic Band and local group Confluence. For more on this event, turn to p. 10.

In more Portland Lesbian Choir news, the group is gearing up for its 25th season this fall. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Michael Hall at the Ainsworth United Church of Christ (2941 NE Ainsworth St.). The rehearsals will then commence weekly from 6:45 to 9 p.m.

The non-audition women's choir is open to all, and PLC welcomes singers of all experience levels to participate by emailing portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com or calling 503-877-4812.

—RYAN J. PRADO

## Community News and Reminders

• The Oregon Bears kick off Labor Day weekend with a charitable dance party at The Saratoga (6910 N. Interstate Ave.) Friday, September 2. All proceeds will benefit Q Patrol.

"Gay Bash: A Party to Help Stop Hate Crimes" busts a move from 9 p.m. to close with Colorado's DJ Bub manning the faders. There is a \$5 cover, and the party is for those 21 and over.

• Locally produced indie film *The Adults in the Room* screens at Cinema 21 (616 NW 21st) for one week starting Friday, September 2.

Directed by Andy Blubaugh, the acclaimed feature tells the story of a teenaged boy and his older male lover. Showtimes are nightly at 7 p.m., plus Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

• The Rosetown Ramblers, a Portland gay square dancing club now in its 27th year, begin their latest round of lessons in Sep-

tember. If you've never square danced, Saturday, September 3 is a great chance to check out the Ramblers in action during their First Saturday Square Dance at the Milwaukie Grange (12015 SE 22nd Ave.). The free event, running 6-9:30 p.m., includes food, dance lessons and socializing.

The Ramblers also host two more free lesson sessions—September 7 and 14—from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church (3915 SE Steele St.).

For more information, visit [iagsdc.org/rosetownramblers](http://iagsdc.org/rosetownramblers).

• The fifth annual **Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: The Men's March to End Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence** will be held Saturday, September 10 at 10 a.m. at Beaverton City Park, adjacent to the Beaverton Farmers Market. Men are invited to put on high-heel shoes and march with women, children and families in a show of solidarity and commitment to ending sexual violence, to benefit the Sexual Assault Resource Center (4900 SW Griffith Drive, Ste. 100).

For more information, visit [sarcwalkamile.org](http://sarcwalkamile.org), [sarcoregon.org](http://sarcoregon.org) or call 503-626-9100.

• **Gaymaleiam, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Portland, is sponsoring a relief fund** for victims of Hurricane Irene, specifically those in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont.

Founded as a support network for gay men, Gaymaleiam has established a fund with OnPoint Community Credit Union at the Mall 205 branch in SE Portland. You can contribute to the OnPoint Community Credit Union Hurricane Relief Fund by calling 800-527-5400. Donations will also be accepted in person at 12601 SE Market St.

For more information, call 503-719-7793, email [gaymaleiam@gmail.com](mailto:gaymaleiam@gmail.com) or visit [gaymaleiam.org](http://gaymaleiam.org) or [facebook.com/gaymaleiam](http://facebook.com/gaymaleiam).



• Siren Nation seeks women artists in the Pacific Northwest to submit work for its November exhibition, titled *What Comes After Yes*. The theme is open to "broad interpretation" and is intended to celebrate the "bold decision to become a working artist."

Forty selected works will be shown at the Albina Press (5012 SE Hawthorne Blvd.) during the month of November, with the show opening Thursday, November 3 as part of Siren Nation's annual Women's Music and Arts Festival.

Interested artists are asked to email [info@sirennation.com](mailto:info@sirennation.com). Include contact information and website link and/or JPEG images, and put "What Comes After Yes" in the email's subject heading. Submissions must be received by October 1.

For more information, visit [sirennation.com](http://sirennation.com). —RYAN J. PRADO & AMANDA SCHURR

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