

p.m. at Bridge City Comics (3725 N. Mississippi Ave.).

In other local publishing news, the 31st edition of *We'Moon—Gaia Rhythms for Womyn* (Mother Tongue Ink, 2011) has been released. *We'Moon 2012*—this year dubbed "Chrysalis"—is a beautiful collection of women's creative work, including poetry, painting, inspirational creative writing and more.

The iconic datebook and astrological moon calendar contains 150 original works from contributors worldwide under the theme "Chrysalis," reimagined from Tarot Card #12—The Hanged One. The works are to represent birthplace/deathplace, and where old forms dissolve and new life begins.

We'Moon 2012—Chrysalis is on sale now at booksellers worldwide. For more information about We'Moon, visit wemoon.ws.

— Ryan J. Prado

Beaudoin Receives Skidmore Prize for Leadership at PHAME

PHAME Academy continues its climb as a valuable nonprofit organization in the Portland metro area, most recently with the announcement of executive director Stephen Marc Beaudoin being awarded the Skidmore Prize. Beaudoin was one of four winners of the award, sponsored and

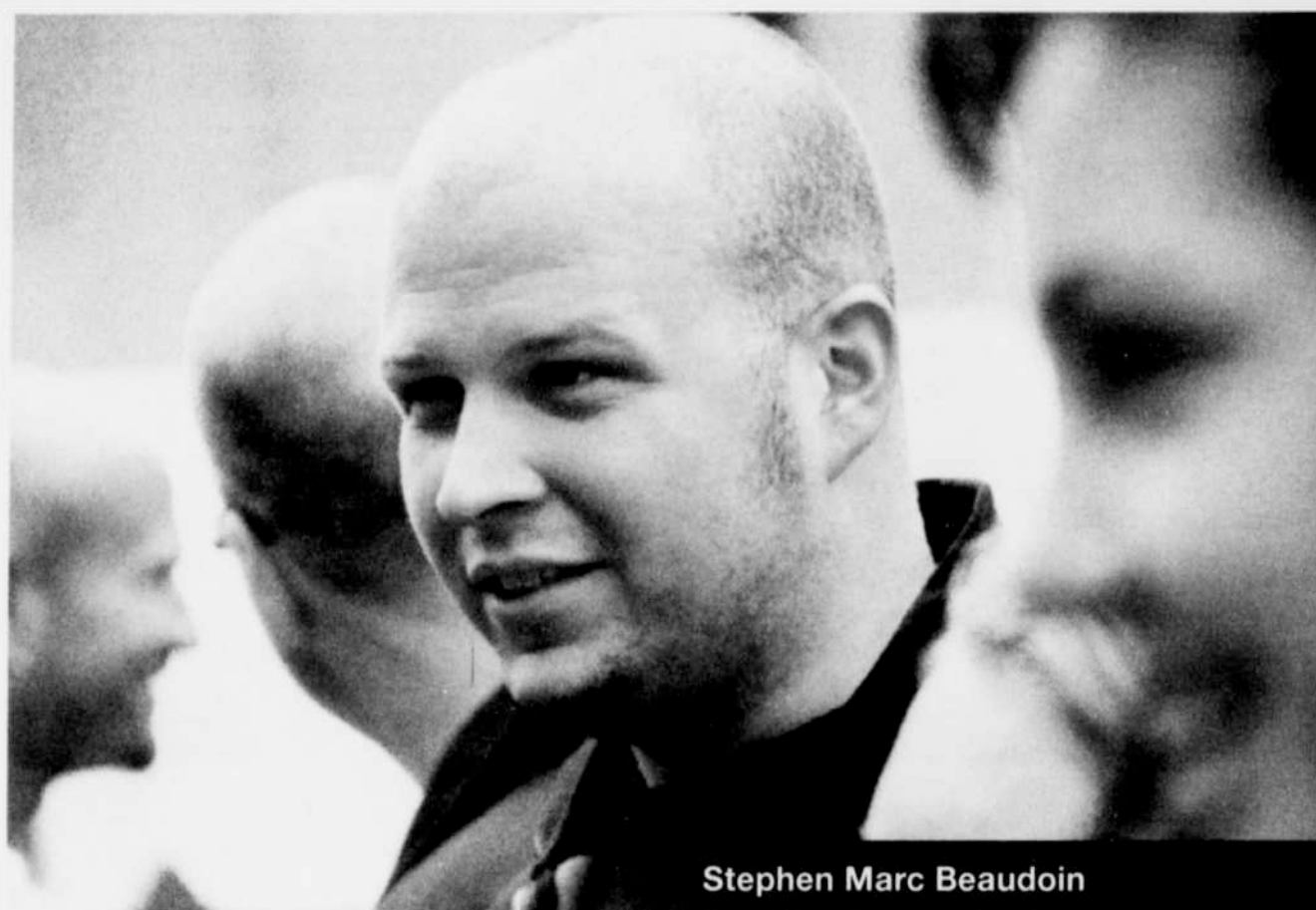
administered by *Willamette Week*, which recognizes outstanding young adults who devote their time and work to charitable nonprofit organizations.

The Skidmore Prize comes with a \$4,000 personal grant, and the chance to speak at a City Club of Portland Friday Forum. PHAME—Pacific Honored Artists, Musicians and Entertainers—was founded in 1984 to support the development of skills and self-esteem in adults with developmental disabilities through education and participation in performing and fine arts. Beaudoin took over as the nonprofit's executive director in 2010.

"My greatest hope with this recognition is that it will raise awareness not only of PHAME and our inspiring student artists, but of the need for positive recognition, support and encouragement of adults with developmental disabilities everywhere," said Beaudoin.

Since Beaudoin's arrival, PHAME's budget has nearly doubled, and the organization's annual summer production of *Grease* at Mt. Hood Community College this year attracted almost 1,000 attendees—three times as many as in years past. But, as Beaudoin pointed out, achieving success has not been a solo effort.

"I'm buoyed in my work by a first-rate board of directors, a remarkable staff, a big and growing corps of dedicated donors and



Stephen Marc Beaudoin

volunteers, and by the families, caregivers and friends of the amazing student artists and performers that we serve at PHAME," said Beaudoin.

PHAME was also recently honored with a City of Portland "Making a Difference" award in the nonprofit category. These awards are given to recognize people, businesses and nonprofits that make outstanding contributions that have helped improve the lives of those with disabilities. Recipients are selected by the Connecting Communities Coal-

ition under the leadership of Commissioner Amanda Fritz. PHAME staff will accept the award at this year's Connecting Communities event Thursday, October 20 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel.

With all the accolades rolling in to PHAME this year, Beaudoin was quick to point to the resiliency of the students as the focal point for the organization's success.



"The student artists and performers at PHAME are a source of constant joy and inspiration," said Beaudoin. "I feel completely

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