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Documentary *A Jihad for Love*
screens at Q Center October 26.

in Portland Sunday, November 6 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Q Center (4115 N. Mississippi Ave.); and in Salem Monday, November 7 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at SEIU Local 503 (1730 Commercial St. SE). Meetings are also in the works for Bend and Pendleton with dates, times and locations to be determined.

In other BRO news, the organization is ramping up for its hosting of a one-day leadership conference to empower transgender Oregonians and allies to end health insurance discrimination. The Trans Justice Healthcare Summit takes place Saturday, October 29 at Q Center. For more information on this event, turn to p. 12.

Visit basicrights.org for more information.

Mars Hill Portland Pastor Tim Smith and leaders at Q Center have since met to start a dialogue, a move met with mixed reactions by the LGBTQ community. Smith and the Q Center are planning to hold regular meetings between members of the evangelical Christian and LGBTQ communities.

Rose City Antifa member Caroline, who declined to give her last name out of fear of retaliation from neo-Nazi groups, says the meetings give Mars Hill "credibility" that it doesn't deserve.

"We feel like it's more productive to engage with people who want to fight patriarchy and homophobia," Caroline said.

Rose City Antifa Protest Outside Mars Hill

About 20 people, dressed in black, staged a protest on Sunday, October 16 outside of the new Mars Hill church in Southeast Portland.

The protest, led by eight-member anti-fascism group Rose City Antifa, was held during the church's first meeting. The group opposes the church's views, including those on homosexuality, which the church believes is a sin, as well as its views on women; Mars Hill Seattle Pastor Mark Driscoll has said that women should not hold church leadership positions.

The group is a local chapter of the Anti-Racist Action, a self-proclaimed radical anti-fascist group. Rose City Antifa started in 2007 to shut down Hammerfest, a neo-Nazi festival that drew a crowd of 100 to the Portland area.

Mars Hill announced in September it would open a new church in Portland. The announcement was met with opposition from the LGBTQ community. A protest "kiss-in" was originally planned on Facebook to coincide with the church's first official gathering on September 10, but it was called off when the church canceled the gathering. The church said it didn't want to interfere with the Belmont Street Fair, which was held in the neighborhood on the same day.

Smith said the protesters "certainly have the right to make their position known the same way we have the right to hold our beliefs." But he added the group "directed anger toward families and kids in a pretty harsh way." A report published online October 16 by *The Oregonian* said that protesters "shouted profanities at adults and children."

Caroline said that though "at no point was anyone accosting children," the group has a right to be angry. She said one would be incorrect to assume that "if you're nice you're on the right side, and if you're angry you're on the wrong side."

Rose City Antifa plans to hold another protest but hasn't yet scheduled a date.

—AARON SPENCER

Catching Up with Q Center

As 2011 comes to a close, Q Center continues its perpetual clamor to partner with or host top-notch LGBTQ events. While the queer community center gears up for its big end-of-the-year giving campaign, several informative goings-on pave the way for a smooth end to the calendar year.

Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights is partnering with Q Center for a special screening of the documentary *A Jihad for Love*, Wednesday, October 26 at 5:30 p.m. The screening—which is free and open to the public—will be followed by a dia-

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