

HALLOWEEN

October
27TH

A PANSEXUAL BALL

Ghouls. Ghosts. Goblins. Dominatrixes. Naked chefs. We know how to celebrate Halloween! From special festivities and costume contests at your favorite watering hole, to large produced annual events, there is much to choose from to celebrate Halloween this year (for most venues, the main festivities occur on the Saturday before Halloween, October 27).



Billed as Portland's biggest Halloween Party with approximately 2,000 ghosts, zombies, and vampires, the Portland Erotic Ball celebrates its 13th year, usually considered an ominous anniversary but for this wicked event, well-suited. While this isn't a gay-only event, it welcomes a pansexual audience interested in the sexy side of the scare. Hosted by Emmy-nominee Sasha Scarlett, this event is held at the Crystal Ballroom.

Says Scarlett, "It is great to know that our event will sell out. We've built a great brand showcasing an adult Halloween party experience..." People from as far away as Hawaii and Florida come to compete in the costume contest.



Scarlett adds that this year's event will feature the entertainment of Pepe & the Bottle Blondes, Keegan Smith, and The Slants, and will also feature aerial acts and 6 fetish demonstration stages showcasing bondage, flogging/paddling, electric shock, tickling, and suspension. (Now where did I leave my nipple clamps???)

Costumes are mandatory at this party. More than \$5,000 in prizes will be given away for categories such as Most Original, Sexiest Couple, and Best Group. A few of Scarlett's favorite costumes include: two guys who came on stage dressed as the Titanic, broke apart, and then sank and a group dressed as lifelike Orks during the *Lord of the Rings* craze, complete with 15-foot wingspans.

"Our goal with this event is to make sure we have a balance between lifestyle enthusiasts — meaning those from the queer, BDSM, leather, swingers, bondage, piercing/tattoo, sex positive communities, and straight couples that really have one sexy costume and want to have a great time," added Scarlett. ■

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Portland Erotic Ball 8 p.m. – 2 a.m.
Crystal Ballroom (1332 W Burnside)
\$39 or \$69 VIP

Portland Erotic Ball
is billed as
Portland's biggest
Halloween Party
with attendance
over 2,000.