

I'm SUMMER. I'm queer. I'm a nanny by day, and a DJ by night.

WHEN I SAY VALENTINE'S DAY, WHAT DO YOU IMMEDIATELY THINK OF?

My immediate thoughts about Valentine's Day always center on the traditional. I always have this fantasy about a dream date with a candlelit fancy dinner, flowers, and romance. However, that type of Valentine's seems so phony and silly. Valentine's Day should be just another day to express love to others.

YOU PROMOTE A DANCE NIGHT. IT'S ALREADY VERY SUCCESSFUL. TELL ME ABOUT YOUR NIGHT.

I started TWERK, along with Summer Russell, in August because I wanted Portland to have a queer dance party that focused on hip-hop. Hip-hop is my favorite music to dance to. There has been a wonderful response to TWERK since it started and I'm so excited about that! We take over the Local Lounge every 4th Friday.

WHAT WOULD YOUR PERFECT VALENTINE'S DATE BE LIKE?

A perfect Valentine's date would be the same as any other perfect date. I'd want good food with good conversation, some type of activity, like Ground Kontrol, bar games, hot tub times, a movie, museum, or dancing. I'd also like a spontaneous drive to the coast or nature, and if we're going for the perfect date there would, of course, be sexy times.

ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO ADD? ANY DOS OR DON'TS FOR THE REST OF US?

Always be honest, open, and yourself. Do ask for what you need and want. Don't stay in situations that make you unhappy. Don't settle for less than what you deserve. \$

