

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



The New Year opens the process for reserving space in Portland's parks for weddings and commitment ceremonies.

Wedding Dates to Fill Calendar

It's no secret that Portland is home to beautiful gardens and parks and hundreds of couples take their vows and celebrate their weddings and commitment ceremonies in them every year. With more than 200 natural settings available for reservation, couples begin reserv-

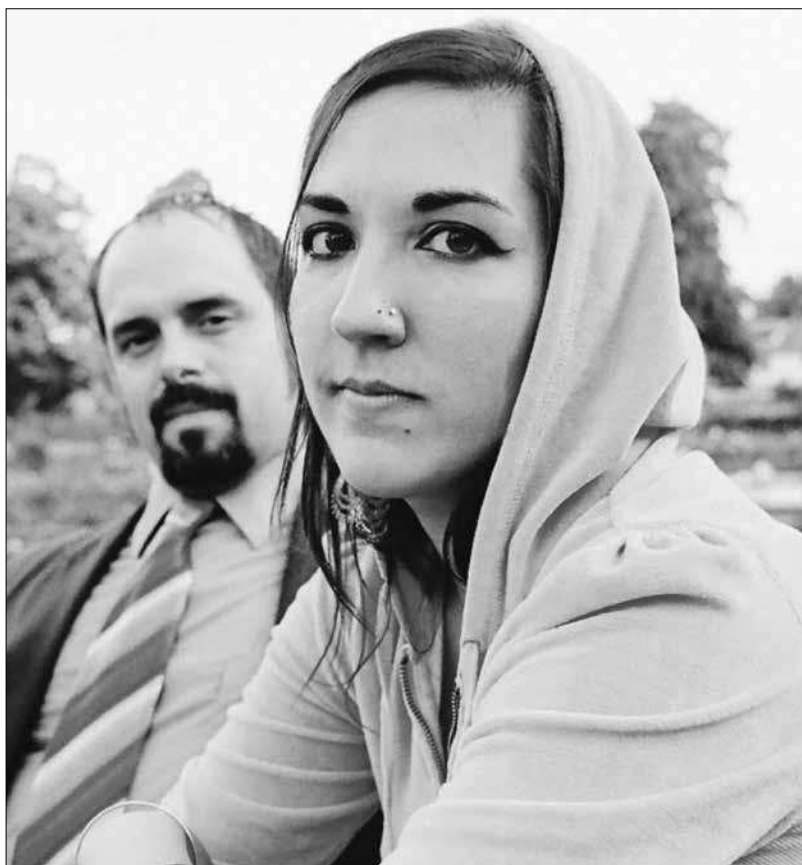
ing park space on a first come, first serve basis at the beginning of the New Year.

Portland Parks & Recreation will give first priority to walk-in customers when their offices open at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4. The service center will start accepting phone calls,

mail in requests, and fax reservations after 11 a.m. the same day.

"Typically, many eager future happy couples stand in line prior to the center's opening to ensure they get their first choices," said Mark Ross, Portland Parks & Recreation, spokesperson.

New Year's Bollywood Bash



Two extraordinary Bollywood dance performers are coming together to bring Portland their 15th anniversary New Year's Eve extravaganza at the Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder St. With two ballrooms on two levels, the event will feature DJ Anjali and The Incredible Kid, a live performance from the samba band Bloco Algeria, samba dancers and more. The party starts at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31. Tickets are \$27.50 in advance and \$40 at the door.

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