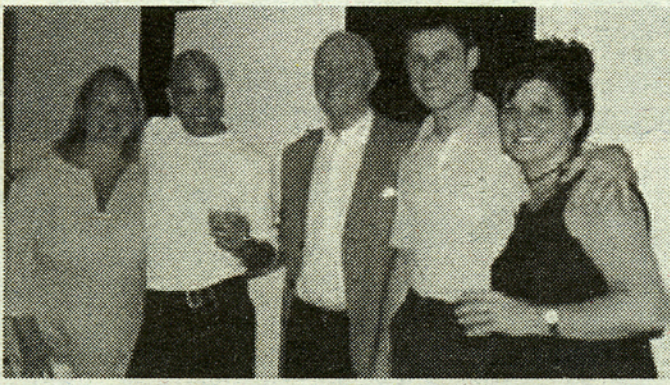


## Portland Festival Building To Host LAVA House Halloween Gala

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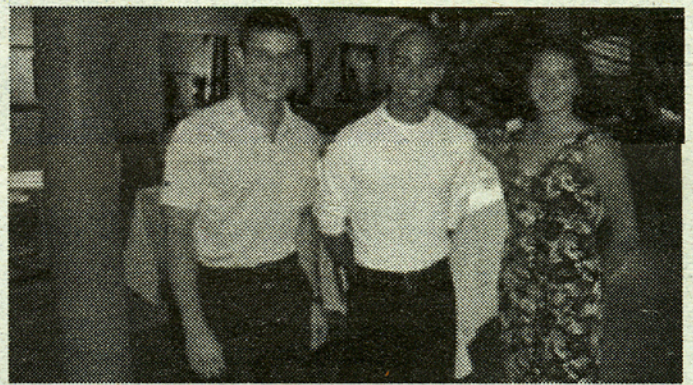
Following on the heels of the recent opening of Adornio Studios at 2418 West Main, that attracted hundreds to visit Portland. Nearly 300 patrons are expected to visit The Portland Festival Building located at 34<sup>th</sup> and Northwestern Parkway for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Art Show and Concert on Saturday October 30 the from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 am sponsored by the Louisville Assembly of Vanguard Art ( their working studios are located in Germantown on Shelby Parkway.)

LAVA artists have been in discussion for several months regarding opportunities for them in Portland and Shippingport and were looking for a new venue to host their many events throughout the year. Portland Now Board Members John Owen and Herb Broderick have been the contacts for the neighborhood with the LAVA artists. An agreement was reached to use the Portland Festival building at 3329 Northwestern Parkway for fall events in 2004.

The LAVA artists have started work on the upstairs of the Portland Festival building readying the former sanctuary area of the church for the up coming event. Scraping off paint, which has peeled off in sections, cleaning of the floors and a general sprucing up.

Props are being designed for the display of various art works and the building will be decorated with a Halloween theme. Fourteen artists from LAVA are involved with the project and include Aron Conaway, Bart Herre, Hallie Jones, Shannon Stelzer, Willie Tash, Kristin Shelor, Michelle Glasnovic, Greg Martin, Jordan Birch, Thalon Hubble, Joe Barlund, Amelia Pillow, Courtney Krebs and Chad Balster.

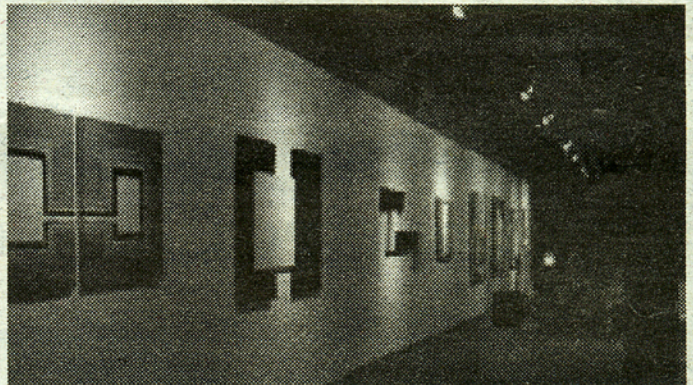
The LAVA artists have a bag full of talents and shared resources ranging from Photographic, Metal Shop (Casting and Fabrication), Stone Carving, Figure Model Drawing, Welding, Ceramics and Kiln, Stained Glass, Power Tools and Saws, Web Design, Video Production and Multi Media Presentations.



The Lava House mission is dedicated to creating a stronger more prosperous community through the arts by promoting venues for artist expression, independent film making, music shows and meeting space for groups advocating positive change and projects.

LAVA artists have offered to design a work of art for the festival building and are offering ideas for its restoration.

In addition to the Halloween Show LAVA artists plan to host events every first Friday of each month from 9:00 pm until 1:00 am following the Gallery Hop showcasing individual groups of artists in a coffee house atmosphere with readings by writers and poets, and alternative music at the Portland Festival Building at 3329 Northwestern Parkway in a After the Hop Promotion.

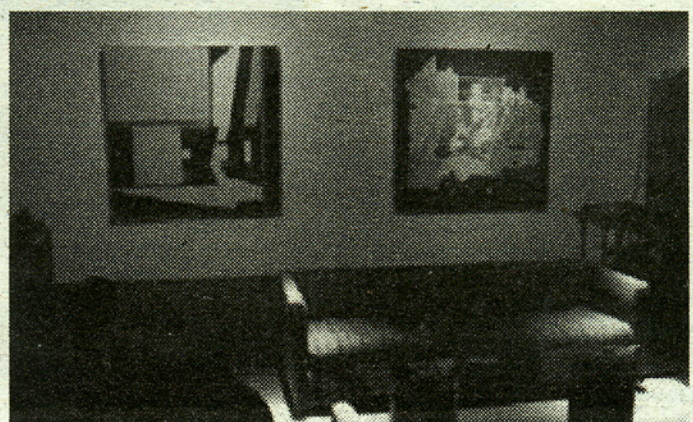


The LAVA House 4<sup>th</sup> annual LAVA- rection and Halloween Art Show and Bash will take place Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 am and will feature a scary art exhibit and costume contest, four local bands playing music in the style of Motley Crewe, Nirvana, The Who and Dinosaur Jr. and a disc jockey playing recorded music between the bands.

Admission is \$6.00 for Adults in costume \$ 8.00 without costume. (No one under 21 admitted).

Proceeds will benefit the LAVA House and Portland Festival.

Portland Now and LAVA hope to see everyone at the LAVA Halloween Bash at 3329 Northwestern Parkway for more information and tickets contact Aron Conaway at 502-641-4413 or e-mail [shippingportcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:shippingportcenter@yahoo.com)



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