

out about town

september

2 FRIDAY

The **Plus Club Social Hour** provides a relaxing space for gay and bisexual men with HIV or AIDS to meet. Every first Friday. (5-8 pm, *Hobo's*, 120 NW Third Ave., CAP 223-5907.)

It's My Pleasure presents **Lesbian History**. Learn about the feminist/lesbian foremothers and events that shaped the present from historians Brooks and Katherine, owners of *Widdershins Books*. All women welcome. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., \$3-\$5, please preregister, 236-0505.)

The **City Nightclub** celebrates its 11th anniversary—all weekend! It begins with the grand reopening of the *Other Side* dance floor. Portland's first alternative-progressive-industrial video dance lounge. (10 pm doors, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$5, 224-CITY.)

3 SATURDAY

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The **Geoffrey Alan Show** at the City Nightclub, features extravagant music and dance numbers. (10 pm doors, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$6, 224-CITY.)

4 SUNDAY

Positive Presence is a gay, lesbian and bisexual spiritual discussion and potluck group which meets at the Loyola Retreat Center. Varying forms of spiritual expression welcome and encouraged. Tonight's topic: Are you in a spiritual closet? (5 pm, 3220 SE 43rd Ave., 860-2798.)

The City Nightclub presents **Drag Star Search**. Over \$200 in cash and prizes to be won! Bring your music, rhinestones, outrageous outfits and tons of make-up and strut your stuff! (10 pm doors, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$3, 224-CITY.)

"**La Femme Magnifique International**," a beauty pageant to select the most glamorous female impersonator, presented by Darcelle XV. Join contestants from all over the world. (7 pm doors; 8 pm show, *Montgomery Park Atrium*, 2701 NW Vaughn, \$18, reservations: 222-5338.)

6 TUESDAY

Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah

Join the **Coming Out Support Group** at It's My Pleasure. A rap group for women only. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., free, please preregister, 236-0505.)

First Tuesday Women's Coffeehouse features J.P. dePoulé, Mina Carrson and Sally Cohn, with Carol Steinel as emcee. ASL interpreted. (7:30 pm, *Bijou Cafe*, 132 SW Third Ave., \$3, 233-2047.)

7 WEDNESDAY

Judith Barrington receives the Freedom of Expression Award, presented by the ACLU, at a reception at the Portland Art Museum. Jazz by Thara Memory Superband, entertainment by an original Leigh Clark character. Wine and hors d'oeuvres. (5:30-7 pm, 1219 SW Park, \$10, for tickets: 227-3186.)

8 THURSDAY

Speak to Your Brothers Project offers drop-in **Men Talks** at *Esspress It!* Gay and bisexual men are invited to talk and strategize about issues that are important in the '90s: safer sex, HIV testing, dating, etc. (7-10 pm, 1026 SW Stark St., CAP 223-5907.)

Coalition Leadership Briefing Summit meets to build a broad alliance of all groups that believe in basic rights for all. Sponsored by the No on 13 Campaign (formerly Support Our Communities PAC). (7 pm, *Westminster Presbyterian Church*, 1624 NE Hancock, 222-6151.)



Look Closely is part of an exhibit of paintings by **Gregory Gronon**. The show, called "**We Are Not Here to Kill You**," is at **Jamison/Thomas Gallery** through Oct. 1.

9 FRIDAY

Spend a weekend making music with **Motherlode** at "**Find the Music Within**." Three days of workshops, drumming, song circles, and line dancing, plus an open-mike concert and dance. Presented by NW Women's Music Celebration. (Sept. 9-11, *YMCA Camp Collins*, \$130, registration forms at It's My Pleasure and *Cup and Saucer*, 503-266-3148.)

Join the **Bi and Bi Curious Women's Support Group** at It's My Pleasure. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne Blvd., free, please preregister, 236-0505.)

Howie Baggadonutz presents the premiere of **Talk of the Town**, a sweet, sexy tale of Tex-Mex queerhood, written and performed by Paul Bonin-Rodriguez. Rated "L"—way suitable for lesbians! Wheelchair accessible; air conditioned. Through Sept. 10. (8 pm Friday and Saturday, Stage 2, 815 NW 12th Ave., \$10 advance [Portland: *Fastixx* 224-8499, *It's My Pleasure*, *Jelly Bean*; Eugene: *Hult Center*]; \$12.50 door.)

The Northwest Film Center presents **The Straight Agenda**, John Binnering and Jacqueline Tumure's tongue-in-cheek parody of *The Gay Agenda*, and **Greetings from Out Here**, videographer and gay rights activist Ellen Spiro's queer road odyssey through the South. (9 pm, 1219 SW Park, \$5.50 general, \$4.50 members and seniors, 221-1156.)

10 SATURDAY

"**Family, Friends and Neighbors**," a collection of photos and personal stories of 50 Oregon gay men and lesbians, will be exhibited at the Salem Public Library. Through Sept. 30. (10 am-6 pm Monday, Friday and Saturday; 10 am-9 pm Tuesday-Thursday, 585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, free, 503-588-6052.)

Raven at Midnight features the exotic and erotic talents of a *Berdache* (a gay man of the Northern native tribes), and his cast of female impersonators. (10 pm doors, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$6, 224-CITY.)

Second Saturday Women's Coffeehouse at *Widdershins Books*. (8-10 pm, 1996 SE Ladd Ave., 232-2129.)

11 SUNDAY

Join **lesbian and gay families with young children** for a potluck brunch. (10 am-noon, 777-5307.)

Sandra Bernhard appears at the Civic Auditorium. Bernhard is billed as an innovative and visionary artist whose work has undermined the mainstream and freed us from the conventional. (8 pm, *Southwest Third Av-*

enue and Clay Street, \$19.50 advance [tickets: *Fastixx* 224-TIXX]; \$21.50 door.)

"**Turnabout**," a benefit for the Frank and Allison Scholarship Fund, at *Darcelle XV*. (7 pm doors; 8 pm show, 208 NW Third, \$5, reservations: 222-5338.)

12 MONDAY

It's My Pleasure presents "**Dreams**," a workshop for working with your dreams, facilitated by B.J. Castleman, therapist and musician. All women welcome. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne, \$3-\$5, please preregister, 236-0505.)

13 TUESDAY

Women only **Coming Out Support Group** meets at It's My Pleasure. (7 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne, free, please preregister, 236-0505.)

Take the Mystery out of Home Buying seminar, presented by Linda Welch and Cathy Martine of *Bridgetown Realty*. (7 pm, free, reservations: 287-9370.)

See **Tori Amos**, with special guest **Bill Miller**, at the Civic Auditorium. Amos' performances combine outrage and spirituality with frank sensuality. Bill Miller is a Native American artist whose music fuses acoustic rock and indigenous influences. (8 pm, *Southwest Third Avenue and Clay Street*, \$18.50 advance [tickets: *Fastixx* 224-TIXX]; \$21 door.)

The Sexual Minorities Roundtable meets. The agenda includes the proposed "Partnership Agreement" between the sexual minority communities and the Portland Police Bureau. Your input is needed. (Noon-1:30 pm, Room C, 15th floor, *Justice Center*, Dan 823-0003 or *William* 281-5019.)

14 WEDNESDAY

Can't fly to Reno this weekend for the convention? Join the **Cascade Bears** at Den Mother Gail's "Dirty Duck Royale" for **Casino Night**. Drink specials, and food. (6:30-10 pm, 439 NW Third Ave., 224-8446.)

"**Financial Knowledge is Power!**" Join Joanne Kraft for this purely informational evening (no sales pitch). All welcome. (7 pm, *It's My Pleasure*, 4526 SE Hawthorne, free, preregister, 236-0505.)

SisterSpirit's Celebration Planning Meeting. All women welcome. (7:30 pm, Suite 426, 408 SW Second, 294-0645.)

15 THURSDAY

Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur

Let's talk about sex! Cascade AIDS Project hosts the hot safer sex workshop "**Speaking of Sex...**" The focus is on negotiating skills and eroticizing safer sex. Open to all gay and bisexual men. (6-9:30 pm, CAP offices, Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave., free, 223-5907.)

The **Plus Club Social Hour** provides a relaxing space for gay and bisexual men with HIV or AIDS to meet. (5-8 pm, *Esspress It Coffee House*, 1026 SW Stark St., CAP 223-5907.)

16 FRIDAY

Raphael House presents **Defending Our Lives**, the Academy Award-winning documentary that chronicles the severity and magnitude of domestic violence in the United States today. Guest appearances by Mayor Vera Katz, City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, and others. A patron reception with the filmmakers and guests follows the screening. (7:30 pm, *Portland Center for the Performing Arts*, Southwest Broadway and Main Street, \$25 general; \$75 patron, 222-6507.)

The **Odalisque Lounge** opens its weekly cabaret shows, featuring some very unusual acts, at the City Nightclub. (10 pm doors, 13 NW 13th Ave., \$5, 224-CITY.)

17 SATURDAY

Raphael House presents **free noon screenings of the film Defending Our Lives**, showing simultaneously at *CineMagic* (2021 SE Hawthorne Blvd., 231-7919) and *Cinema 21* (616 NW 21st Ave., 223-4515). (See Sept. 16.)

Local artist **Sue Dodge** presents Southwest-inspired sculpture at *Widdershins Books*. (2-5 pm, 1996 SE Ladd Ave., 232-2129.)

The Best of Times awards banquet and concert is held in Ashland, to honor many of the people and organizations in Southern Oregon who have worked so tirelessly on behalf of gay and lesbian rights. Featured in concert will be Judy Fjell and Crystal Reeves. A no-host bar is available. (5:30 pm doors; 6 pm awards banquet, *Mark Antony Hotel*, Ashland, Ore., banquet and concert: \$20 advance only; concert only: \$10 advance only; 503-482-9122 or 503-482-3129.)

Welcoming Lesbians potluck at It's My Pleasure. Bring a dish to pass, and your own service. All lesbians welcome. (6:30 pm, 4526 SE Hawthorne, \$5, reserve place: 236-0505.)

Berkshire Snow presents **Ani DiFranco** in concert at the Melody Ballroom. Northwest act **Artis the Spoonman** will open the show. All ages. (8 pm, 615 SE Alder St., \$10 advance [tickets: *Fastixx* outlets, *Music Millennium*]; \$12 door.)

An evening of poetry with Keiko Lane and Laura Feldman at *Widdershins Books*. (8-10 pm, 1996 SE Ladd Ave., 232-2129.)

18 SUNDAY

Positive Presence is a gay, lesbian and bisexual spiritual discussion and potluck group that meets at the Loyola Retreat Center. Varying forms of spiritual expression welcome and encouraged. Tonight's topic: How do we communicate with our higher power? (5 pm, 3220 SE 43rd Ave., 860-2798.)

Nationally syndicated columnist Norman Solomon joins journalist Sandy Nelson at a panel discussion on "**Why Reporters Need Political Rights: The Momentous Sandy Nelson Case**." The event begins with a Pacific Northwest seafood buffet. Wheelchair accessible. A benefit for the Sandy Nelson Defense Committee. (1 pm buffet; 2:30 pm panel discussion, *Musicians Union Hall*, 325 NE 20th Ave., \$7 buffet; \$3 donation at door, 228-3090 or 735-9208.)

(See the Theater and Gallery listings in Out About Town.)