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The Oregon Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* at the Civic Auditorium through Dec. 28

Attend a citywide **Hanukkah Celebration** at Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Dance to Sammy Epstein's **Mazel Tov Orchestra**. Craft projects for children. (1-4 pm, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, \$5 general; \$4 seniors and students; children 3 and under free, 244-0111.)

**18 MONDAY**

It's **Queer Night at LaLuna with DJ Jean-Paul**. Profits will benefit Our House of Portland, a residence for people living with AIDS. All ages welcome. (9 pm, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3, 274-2768.)

**19 TUESDAY**

The **Lesbian Forum** discusses "The Lesbian Dating Game." (7-9 pm, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St., information: Grace 864-4446.)

The **Atheist Community Center** hosts a **discussion series**. Tonight's topic: "Coping with the Christian Holiday Season." (7:30 pm, 415 SW 13th Ave., information: 241-9268.)

**21 THURSDAY**

**Radical Women** hosts a **Holiday Social**. (7 pm, Northwest Service Center, Community Room, 1819 NW Everett St., free, information or child care: 228-3090 two days in advance, wheelchair accessible.)

The **Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center** presents a film in its Out of Africa series: **Blue Eyes of Yonta** from Guinea-Bissau. (7:30 pm, Berg Swann Auditorium, 1219 SW Park Ave., \$6 general; \$5 members and seniors, 221-1156.)

**23 SATURDAY**

The **Northwest Source** of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center holds its **annual Hanukkah party** at Atwater's Restaurant. Light the candles, eat the food and dance to the music. No-host bar. (US Bancorp Bldg., 41st floor, 111 SW Fifth Ave., \$30, information: 244-0111.)

**25 MONDAY**

The **Lesbian Community Project's Over 35 Group** holds a **Christmas potluck**. (RSVP ASAP to 52-0762.)

Yes, it's **Queer Night at LaLuna** with DJ Dazy. All ages welcome. (9 pm, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3.)

**26 TUESDAY**

The **Atheist Community Center of Oregon** hosts a discussion series. Tonight's topic: "Top Weird Religious Stories of 1995." (7:30 pm, 415 SW 13th Ave., information: 241-9268.)

**28 THURSDAY**

The **Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center** presents a film in its Out of Africa series: **Heritage Africa** from Ghana. (7:30 pm, Berg Swann Auditorium, 1219 SW Park Ave., \$6 general; \$5 members and seniors, 221-1156.)

**29 FRIDAY**

Local poet **Diana Aleya Cohen** celebrates her 30th birthday with a **reading of her poems**. This event is the debut of Cohen's limited edition chapbook **Grasp: Selected Poems from the First 30 Years**. (8 pm, Dreams Well Studio, 2857 SE Stark St., \$3-\$10 sliding scale, some work exchange available, information and reservations: Diana 287-8102.)

**30 SATURDAY**

It's "Melancholy Babies" night at the East Avenue Tavern. Featuring **Cheralee Dillon Band, Kaitlyn Ni Donovan Band and Mazurka**. (9 pm, 727 E. Burnside St., \$5, 236-6900.)

**31 SUNDAY**

The **Lesbian Community Project** and the **Portland Lesbian Choir** present the **Lesbian New Year's Eve Dance and Silent Auction**, a fund-raiser for both groups. Join emcee **Janice Grounds, DJ Janice Inman, and the all-woman rock band Blush** for a fabulous New Year's celebration. Hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar. Wheelchair accessible, smoke-free, free child care. (8 pm-1 am, Montgomery Park Atrium, Northwest Vaughn Street and 28th Avenue, \$15 advance [tickets: It's My Pleasure, In Other Words Bookstore, the Jelly Bean and the Lesbian Community Project in Portland; Mother Kali's Books in Eugene; Rosebud and Fish in Salem; phone orders with MC and VISA at LCP office: 223-0071]; \$20 at the door.)

**Code Blue** hosts its annual **Lesbian New Year's Eve Bash "An Evening of Elegance"**. Semi-formal. Hors d'oeuvres, party favors, champagne at midnight. 21 years and older only. (9 pm-2:30 am, Montgomery Park Ballroom (downstairs), 2700 NW

Nicolai St., \$7 [tickets: It's My Pleasure]; \$10 at the door, information: 282-6979.)

Ring in the New Year with **Hollywood Legends**, a big super show featuring **Darcelle XV and Company**, with guest stars. Complimentary champagne at midnight. Buffet breakfast at 12:30 am. (Dinner and show package: 6 pm seating, \$45 per person; show only: 8 pm seating, \$25 per person, Darcelle XV, 208 NW Third Ave., 222-5338.)

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**1 MONDAY**

**Happy New Year**

It's **Queer Night at LaLuna** with DJ Brad Vachal. All ages welcome. (9 pm, 215 SE Ninth Ave., \$3.)

**2 TUESDAY**

**First Tuesday Coffeehouse for Women** features the sounds of **Cat Moore, Rebecca Cohen and more**. (7 pm, Bijou Cafe, 132 SW Third Ave., \$3 at the door, 283-7651.)

See the theater and gallery listings in **Out About Town**.

**Comics To Watch Out For**

