

27 THURSDAY

Oregon Housing Now Coalition presents a **Renters' Rights Forum**. A tight housing market and skyrocketing rents leave Portland renters open to abuse and neglect from landlords. Learn valuable legal information to protect renters. (7 pm. *Sisters of the Road Cafe*, 133 NW Sixth Ave. Free. Wheelchair accessible. Call to register for child care: 288-0317.)

The second annual **Acoustic Junction Jamboree Concert**, a benefit for KRVM 91.9 FM in Eugene, features **Cris Williamson and Tret Fure**, along with **Mary McCaslin, Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, Irene Ferrera** and others. (7 pm. *WOW Hall*, 291 W 8th Ave., Eugene. \$20 donation. 541-687-3370.)

28 FRIDAY

Learn the Texas tattoo at **country western dancing and lessons** with Cindy. (7:30 pm lessons, 8:30-10 pm dancing. *St. David's Parish Hall*, 2800 SE Harrison St. \$3. 288-4150.)

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1 SATURDAY

Cris Williamson and Tret Fure perform in concert at the *Aladdin Theater*. This tour celebrates the release of **Between the Covers**, their second recording as a duo. Wheelchair accessible, ASL interpreted. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$12 in advance *It's My Pleasure* 236-0505, *TicketMaster* 224-4400, \$14 day of show. *Sea Turtle Productions* 335-1221.)

2 SUNDAY

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences holds a planning potluck. (Noon-2 pm. *Laura* 234-2366.)

3 MONDAY

It's Queer Night at LaLuna! with DJ Greg Beddor and opening DJ Ravi. All ages welcome.



"Gay Comics," "The Desert Peach" and "Naughty Bits" are some of the alternative comic books featured at this year's Portland Comic Book Show, held Feb. 23 at the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall

(9 pm-2:30 am. 215 SE Ninth Ave. \$3, \$4 under 21 241-LUNA.)

4 TUESDAY

First Tuesday Coffeehouse Ninth Anniversary Celebration featuring favorite local women performers. (7:30 pm. *Utopia Coffeehouse*, 3320 SE Belmont St. \$3 at the door. 288-4150.)

6 THURSDAY

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences goes to OMSI for "Special Effects." (*Lauri* 232-8067.)

Concord Choir performs "A Gallery of German Masterpieces," featuring works by Heinrich Schütz, Anton Bruckner, Johannes Brahms and Johann Sebastian Bach. (8 pm. *Commandery Room, North Wing, Portland Art Museum*, 1119 SW Park Ave. \$6 at the door. 760-8687.)

Oregon Ballet Theatre performs **James Canfield Signatures**, including four of Canfield's most popular recent works: *Go Ask Alice*, *Jungle*, *Trois Gnossiennes*, and *Edie*. Through March 9. (7:30 pm Thursday and Friday, 2 and 7:30 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. *Portland Civic Auditorium*, 222 SW Clay St. \$10-\$65 (OBT box office 222-5538, *TicketMaster* 790-ARTS!).

7 FRIDAY

Former surgeon general **Dr. Joycelyn Elders** gives the keynote address for **Embracing Midlife, a Menopause Conference**. (6:30 pm dinner and keynote address. *Smith Memorial Center Ballroom, Portland State University*, 1867 SW Broadway. \$50, \$20 for conference attendees [see *Gatherings in the Out About Town* section for registration information]. 203-9710.)

The **Portland Baroque Orchestra** presents "Guitar Enchantment," featuring guitarist **Richard Savino**. (Friday: 8 pm. *Marylhurst College*, High-

way 43 south of *Lake Oswego*. Saturday and Sunday: 8 pm. *Trinity Cathedral*, 147 NW 19th Ave. \$18-\$22. 222-6000.)

8 SATURDAY

Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences goes birdwatching at *Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge*. (RSVP by 9 pm March 7: *Lori* 256-4465.)

9 SUNDAY

Darcelle XV presents **La Femme + Plus**, a contest to crown the most glamorous full-figured female impersonator in the world. (8 pm. *Darcelle XV*, 208 NW Third Ave. \$8. 222-5338.)

Hike to *Angels Rest* in the *Columbia River Gorge* with the **FOREST Group**. (226-7919.)

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

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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