

Making merry

A guide to going out on the town this holiday season

Whether you celebrate with elves or reindeer, with turkey or potato latkes, by lighting candles or by dancing in an oak grove with holly in your hair, find something to feel joyous about this month!

December 15

triangle productions! presents **A Gay Christmas Carol**, with Scrooge as a closeted homo and Judy, Liza and Bette as the ghosts, through Dec. 23 at Theater! Theatre! Call for times; 3430 S.E. Belmont St.; \$10-\$17 from 503-239-5919 or Fastixx.

Feast your eyes and ears on **Return of the Light**, a multimedia celebration of the winter solstice through Dec. 21 in the planetarium at OMSI, featuring the magnificent voices of the **David York Ensemble**. This is truly a unique experience—buy your tickets in advance, and get there early for seats opposite the choir. Call for times and prices; 1945 S.E. Water St.; 503-721-0262; www.FeedYourEars.com.



"Still a Warrior" by Silas Clark, part of the Kwanzaa exhibit through Dec. 31 at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

December 16

Get a big helping of **Holiday Spirit!** during the Portland Gay Men's Chorus concert through Dec. 17 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday; 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd.; \$12-\$20 from Fastixx; www.pdxgmc.org.

Join the **Live and Let Live 12-Step Recovery Club** for its 20th anniversary celebration, a clean and sober event at Helensview High School. After a number of speakers have their say, an '80s-themed disco dance will get under way. 7 p.m.; 8678 N.E. Sumner St.; \$2-\$5; 503-238-6091.

Hang some holly on your tiara and join the **Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire** for its **Holiday Show** at the North Bank Tavern in Vancouver. 9 p.m.; 601 W. Sixth Ave.; \$7 or \$5 with toy or canned food.

All women and children are invited to SisterSpirit's **Festival of Lights** celebrating winter traditions at the Musicians' Union Hall. 6 p.m.; 325 N.E. 20th Ave.; 503-736-3297.

Fabulous dining for a great cause—make a reservation for one of the splendid dinners that make up the eighth annual **Dinner at My House for Our House**. Tonight's delight is

"Feliz Navidad," a Mexican Christmas dinner at a lovely West Hills home. 7 p.m.; \$60 a person; get a brochure listing all the dinners or make reservations at 503-736-9276.

December 17

Darcelle XV plays host to **La Femme Magnifique Christmas Show**, featuring festive performances by holders of this title, including Perla, La Femme International. 8 p.m.; 208 N.W. Third Ave.; 503-222-5338.

Are you fa-la-la-la-ed out? Try the sounds of **Winter Sky**, the **Aurora Chorus** in concert, featuring music and poetry celebrating the dark of winter as a time of reflection, yearning and hope. 4 and 7 p.m.; Parkrose High School auditorium, 12003 N.E. Shaver St.; \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance from In Other Words, chorus members or 503-721-0262; www.concordchoirs.org.

Celebrate the **Return of the Light** with the women's choir **Jubilate!** during its holiday concert featuring music honoring the winter solstice, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa at First Congregational Church in Corvallis. 7 p.m.; 4515 S.W. West Hills Road; free.

The **Rogue Valley Gay Men's Chorus** presents its **Holiday Extravaganza** at the Cadillac Cafe in Medford. Your admission includes refreshments. 3 p.m.; 207 W. Eighth St.; \$3; 541-488-4002.

Calling all Vancouverites to attend the **North Bank Tavern Christmas Party**, featuring a gift exchange with a \$10 limit. 4-7 p.m.; 601 W. Sixth Ave.

December 21

Sweat away your winter blues at **Bringin' Down the House**, a celebration of the winter holidays at the Egyptian Club, featuring hosts **Ms. and Mr. Oregon Leather**, **Cyd Athens** and **Charlie Salt**. Raffles throughout the evening will enhance the fun. Proceeds benefit Pride Northwest. 9 p.m.-2 a.m.; 3701 S.E. Division St.; \$3; 503-236-8689.

December 22

Fans of the seductive, tribal rhythms of **Lava de Mure** can be satiated at Mount Tabor Theatre and Pub during the **Winter Semi-Formal Ball**—of course, you get to define what that means to you! Several opening acts—all with female lead vocalists—heat things up before Lava takes control. Proceeds benefit Raphael House, a shelter for women and children. Opening acts, 9:30 p.m.; Lava performs at 11:30 p.m.; \$7; 4811 S.E. Hawthorne; 503-238-1646.

December 25

Lucky folks in Eugene who don't celebrate Christmas have a place to go: Hang out at **Mother Kali's Bookstore** with other kindred spirits and enjoy refreshments plus a 10 percent discount on all pagan, Jewish, Islamic and Buddhist books. Noon-4 p.m.; 720 E. 13th Ave., Eugene; 541-343-4864.



Kristan and Janna show how it's done at midnight on New Year's Eve

December 31

Purists will celebrate this New Year's Eve as the real beginning of the new millennium. Whatever puts you in the party mood, here's a good reason to don your finest gay apparel: The **Lesbian Community Project** presents **2001 A Lesbian Odyssey**, a dinner dance extravaganza at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel. 7 p.m.-1 a.m.; \$35-\$50 from LCP, It's My Pleasure and In Other Words; 503-233-3913.

Another fun event is the **Gay and Lesbian Dance Party** featuring **Lynn Frances Anderson** and her band playing a wide range of danceable tunes at the beautifully renovated, smoke-free ballroom at Amegards. 9 p.m.; 1510 S.E. Ninth Ave.; \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance from Touchstone, In Other Words, It's My Pleasure or Fastixx; 503-735-3992; www.lynnfrancesanderson.com.

Or if something glitzier is more your taste, sashay over to **Darcelle XV** for **Risque Bizniz**, as the best of the best entertainers make your New Year's Eve something special. Of course, there will be party favors and champagne at midnight followed by a complimentary breakfast buffet. 208 N.W. Third Ave.; dinner and show \$60 a person; show package \$35 a person; 503-222-5338.

The **Egyptian Club** plays host to a **New Year's Eve Bash** featuring karaoke, party favors, food, midnight champagne, great prizes and even breakfast. Doors open at 7 p.m.; 3701 S.E. Division St.; \$10; 503-236-8689.

For those who bend toward the exotic, perhaps spending the evening at the **Ash Street Saloon** for **2001 A Space Odyssey** with the erotic, theatrical band **Lava de Mure** would be just the ticket. First Lava set at 10 p.m., followed by a DJ set, then a final Lava set; 225 S.W. Ash St.; 503-226-0430; www.lavademure.com.

January 1

Join **Imperial Sovereign Rose Court Prince XX Shelley** and **Princess XXV Poison Waters** at the Silverado for **Adventures in Hangovers III**. The fun includes a complimentary buffet, drink specials and the Silverado male dancers, but positively no football! Call for time; 1217 S.W. Stark St.; 503-224-4493. 



Come out and hear the dashing Rogue Valley Gay Men's Chorus Dec. 17 in Medford

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Celebrate Christmas Eve

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
A service for the young at heart.
All children are invited to be actors
in the retelling of the Christmas Story.

10:00 p.m. Concert

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
A traditional evening service of carols,
anthems, scripture and sermon.
Rev. Patricia Ross preaching.

An open, affirming church where everyone
is welcome — including straight, lesbian,
gay, bisexual and transgender people.