

Northeast Portland MenTalk gets going and discusses a new meeting place and stirring up renewed energy. (7:30 pm. Fred 503-331-2531.)

The **Sexual Minorities Roundtable** holds its monthly meeting in Room 1526 at the Justice Center. (Noon. 503-823-0546.)

The **Adventure Group** gets together for a Fun Run/Walk every Tuesday at Duniway Park. (6:30 pm. Don 503-224-6747. www.adventuregroup.org.)

10 WEDNESDAY

If you worship the **Divine Miss M**, you can gather with other acolytes Wednesday evenings at C.C. Slaughters to enjoy a special steak dinner and watch **Bette** together. (6-9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. 503-248-9135.)

Radical Women meet to discuss RU 486: the miracle pill for reproductive rights? (6:30 pm supper \$6!, 7 pm meeting [free]. 819 N Killingsworth St. 503-240-4462.)

Touchstone Coffee House plays host to a **free movie night** every Wednesday with popcorn for just a buck a bag. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613.)

11 THURSDAY

FilmTalk is a discussion group for gay, bisexual and transsexual men. Tonight they'll watch and discuss the



Hats off to Erin McKeown, a multitasking singer and musician from P-Town who moseys into Portland for a gig Jan. 19 at the Mount Tabor Theatre and Pub

Coffee House. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613.)

The **Portland Bisexual Alliance** invites you to its monthly **Bi Community Orientation** to learn about bi life and area groups. Open to all. (7 pm. Call for location in Southeast Portland. Bi-Line: 503-775-9717.)

Smoking Man by Gus Van Sant, inspired by "The Chairman Dances" from *Nixon in China*. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$6-\$50. 503-228-1353.)

The Northwest Film Center also presents the Portland premiere of **Benjamin Smoke**, a portrait of the late gay singer who was the frontman for Smoke, through Jan. 16 at the Guild Theatre. The film is filled with his music as it depicts his fast life and early demise. (Call for times. 1219 SW Park Ave. \$5.50 and \$6.50. 503-221-1156.)

Let Jennifer teach you all about **Safer Sex**, a free class at It's My Pleasure. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. 503-280-8080.)

14 SUNDAY

Do you like your performance art edgy? Check out the improvised dance and music at Performance Works Northwest, featuring dancer **Heidi Carlsen**. (2 pm. 4625 SE 67th Ave. \$7 includes coffee and a bagel. 503-777-1907.)

James DePriest conducts the Oregon Symphony in a special concert featuring Flagello's **"The Passion of Martin Luther King"** at the Schnitz. (3 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$12-\$19 from Ticketmaster or www.orsymphony.org.)

Grab a partner and try country western dancing Jan. 6 with the Rosetown Ramblers

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15 MONDAY

Rosetown Ramblers roll out the fun during their **skating party** at Oaks Park. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for Esther's Pantry. (7:30-9:30 pm. Foot of Southeast Spokane Street. \$5. 503-234-9944.)

16 TUESDAY

It's that time of the month again—Oregon Public Broadcasting airs the queer magazine show **In the Life**. Tonight it profiles Alison Bechdel, looks at pre-Stonewall activists and interviews the gay president of Walt Disney Feature Animation. (11 pm. www.inthelife.org.)

17 WEDNESDAY

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire** plays host to a community dinner at the NorthBank Tavern. (6-8 pm. 106 W Sixth Ave. Vancouver, Wash. All you can eat for \$6. 360-695-3862.)

19 FRIDAY

How sweet it is when Pan Dulce serves up a mix of flamenco, tangos, French café music and Latin American folk music at Touchstone Coffee House. The trio consists of Kristan Aspen on flute, Janna MacAuslan playing classical guitar and Janice Gould on accordion, guitar and voice. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan. \$2. 503-262-7613.)

The **Literary Triangle** presents Washington author **Allison Green** at Barnes & Noble Lloyd

Center. She'll read from her new book, *Half-Moon Scar*. (7 pm. 1231 NE Broadway. 503-331-1307.)

20 SATURDAY

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** presents its winter concert, **The Rhythm of Life**, at the Northwest Cultural Center. The featured artist is musician and comic Carol Steinel. Afterward, party on at a dance with tunes spun by DJ Lauren. (8 pm. 1819 NW Everett St. \$14 at the door or \$12 in advance from It's My Pleasure, In Other Words and choir members. 503-241-8994. plchoir@teleport.com.)



The **Marionberry Salon** meets in Salem for a potluck and to discuss **Restricted Access**: Lesbians on Disability, a collection of essays. (6:30 pm. Cary 503-363-6036. MarionberrySalon@aol.com.)

21 SUNDAY

For a pastoral experience meet the **Lesbian Garden Club** at the Japanese Garden ticket booth for a tour. (1 pm.)

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Sing out Louise! Enjoy the Portland Lesbian Choir performing "The Rhythm of Life" Jan. 20

pilot episode of the Showtime version of **Queer as Folk** at Old Wives' Tales. (7 pm. 1300 E Burnside St. 503-220-0618. menfilmtalk@home.com.)

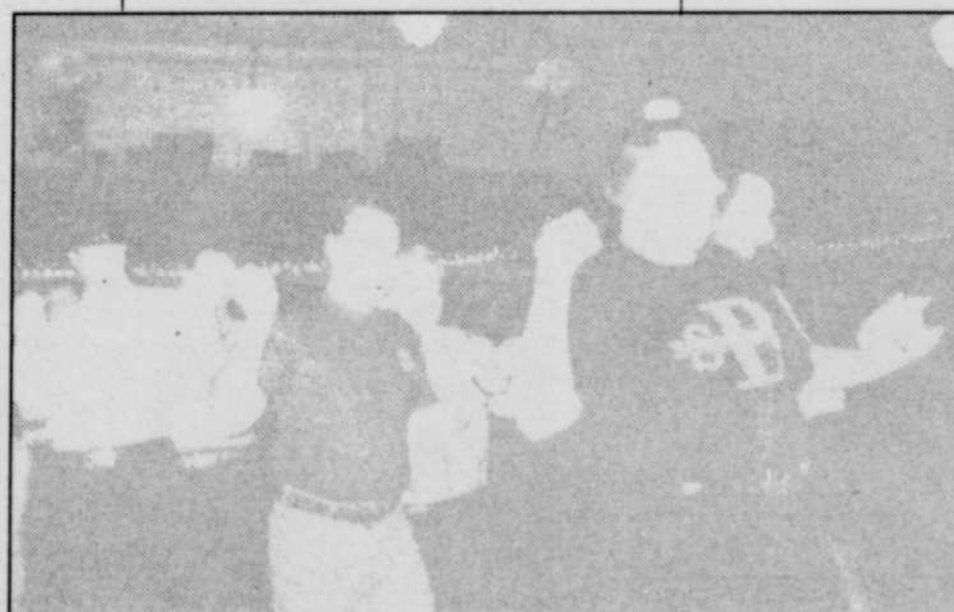
Like rocks and birds and stars and other wonders of the world? Join **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** for a **planning potluck**. (6:45 pm. Chris 503-287-0657.)

The new **White Bird** season of dance concerts gets off to a great start with the U.S. premiere of *Circa* by the **Holy Body Tattoo** through Jan. 13 at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. This innovative group from Vancouver, British Columbia, employs multimedia film, video and music as it explores the nature of human endurance. (8 pm. 1620 SW Park Ave. \$12-\$24 from Fastixx or www.whitebird.org. 503-245-1600.)

Bring your poetry and stories to **Open Mike Night** every Thursday at Touchstone

12 FRIDAY

The Oregon Symphony teams up with the Northwest Film Center at the Schnitz for the world premiere of **Film Harmonica**, a series of four films created especially to interpret classic symphonic works. One of the four is



It takes two to tango in the Artists Repertory Theatre production of Never the Sinner Jan. 14-Feb. 25



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