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The Portland Gay Men's Chorus steps up for its third annual Classical Matinee on Feb. 25 at the Old Church

Love Makes a Family holds a potluck and social for parents and kids at Augustana Lutheran Church. (6-7:30 pm. 2710 NE 14th Ave. 503-228-3892.)

23 FRIDAY

Portland Bisexual Women hold an Intro to Sex Toys workshop at It's My Pleasure. (7-9 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. 503-280-8080.)

24 SATURDAY

If you've ever wondered what it's like in the "ex-gay" movement, **Straight** will fill you in. The solo comedy is written and performed by **David Schmader**, a Seattleite who went undercover into that world to create this piece. Presented tonight only by Howie Baggadonutz at the Echo Theatre. (8 pm. 1515 SE 37th Ave. \$18 at the door or \$15 in advance from *In Other Words*, *Gai-Pied* or *Fastixx*.)

The **Forest Group** goes for a bike ride along the Springwater Corridor. (503-231-7871.)

Portland Bisexual Women play host to a movie night. Bring a friend. (Kristi 503-493-3794.)

Pam and Maggie croon some tunes at Touchstone Coffee House. (7 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. Donations. 503-262-7613.)

You're invited to a fund-raiser for **Dawn Joella Jackson's** latest dance work, & she arrives late... which will include work by Jackson, Tahni M. Holt and Michael Barber with sets by damali ayo.

The evening will include quirky movement and short film segments. (8 pm. *North Star Ballroom*, 635 N Killingsworth Court. \$6-\$50 sliding scale. Call 503-282-6887 for reservations.)

Work off some winter fat **cross-country skiing** with the **Adventure Group** at Wind River Washington. (503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

25 SUNDAY

Do you appreciate the music of Grieg, Cherubini, Britten and other serious composers? Then the **Portland Gay Men's**

Chorus has a concert for you: its third annual **Classical Matinee** at the Old Church. (2 pm. 1422 SW 11th Ave. \$15 from *Fastixx* or 503-224-8499.)

Enjoy the winter sights of Frenchman's Bar, checking out the Great Blue Heron rookery with **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences**. (9 am. 503-232-6738.)

27 TUESDAY

Don't miss the Portland Center Stage production of **Antigone**, a retelling of the Sophocles classic by Nancy Keystone, then stick around because it's **Gay and Lesbian Audience Night**, a social opportunity to hang out immediately following the performance at a location to be

announced. (7 pm. *Portland Center for the Performing Arts*, 1111 SW Broadway. \$15-\$43. 503-274-6588.)

If dance is more your thing, right across the street at the Schnitz you'll find one of the world's greatest modern dance companies, **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater**, performing two different programs tonight and tomorrow. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$17.50-\$65 from *Fastixx*, 503-224-8499 or www.whitebird.org.)

The **Lesbian Social Group** congregates for a **Game Night** at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. BYOS (Bring Your Own Scrabble). (7 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave.)



David Schmader investigates the "ex-gay" movement in his one-man show *Straight* Feb. 24 at the Echo Theatre

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1 THURSDAY

It's March, it's almost spring, it's time to wake up your libido! It's My Pleasure is bringing in nationally known sex educator Merryl Sloan to present a workshop called **Great Sex, Secret Desires:**

of three original pieces by Oregon Ballet Theatre's artistic director. The evening includes part of a work in progress that is a collaboration with Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale. (7:30 pm except March 4, 2 pm. *Keller Auditorium*, 222 SW Clay St. \$5-\$80 from *Ticketmaster* or 503-222-5538.)

Lesbian singer **Rene Corbin** returns to Touchstone Coffee House with her original Celtic songs. (7 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. Donations. 503-262-7613.)

Here's a short hike for people who don't really hike: Join **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences**, who promise to select the flattest part of Forest Park. (9 am. Kathi 503-466-0058.)

Tom Wopat and Marilu Henner bring *Annie Get Your Gun* to the Keller Auditorium Feb. 20-25



Ever wondered what goes on at the **Sexual Minorities Roundtable**? Here's your chance to find out during its quarterly public meeting at Central Library. (2 pm. 801 SW 10th Ave. 503-823-0546.)

Six Steps to the Greatest Sex You Ever Imagined. She instructs the adventurous and the curious through March 2. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$25. Call 503-280-8080 to preregister.)

Kick up your heels for **gay country western dancing** with the Rosetown Ramblers at Portland Metro Club (formerly PPA). (10 pm-1:30 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5. 503-234-9944. www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.)

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2 FRIDAY

Something called **Lesbopalooza** has to be cool, and it sounds like it will be. It's two nights featuring empowering lesbian artists performing a variety of music from a cross section of genres and generations, presented by the University of Oregon Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Alliance. The shows are tonight at the Red Lion Hotel and tomorrow at the WOW Hall, both in Eugene. (8:30 pm. \$5 for students and \$7 general admission per night from the EMU Ticket Office. 541-346-3360.)

The **Forest Group** plays host to a potluck and planning meeting. (6:30 pm. Call 503-285-5765 after 10 am.)

3 SATURDAY

Lovers of the dance have five nights—March 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10—to experience **James Canfield Signatures**, a collection

White Bird brings the incomparable **Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater** to the Schnitz on Feb. 27 and 28



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