

## 24 TUESDAY

Come sing **karaoke** for a good cause during a fund-raiser for **Project Quest at C.C. Slaughters**. (8 pm-midnight. 219 NW Davis St.)

Indigo Girl **Amy Ray** and the **Butchies** rev up the Crystal Ballroom. Portland's own **Sarah Dougher** gets things going. (8-30 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$10. 503-225-0047. www.danceonair.com.)

So what's a **Squeer Dance**, you ask? You'll find out when Love Makes a Family, the Lesbian Community Project, YouthNet, KIDZ and Rainbow Youth put on a dance for youth and the young at heart of all ages. Don your cowgirl/boy apparel and do-si-do your dearie at Portland State University's Shattuck Hall. (5:30-7:30 pm. Room 212. Free. 503-228-3892.)



The **Viento Ensemble** is the main attraction April 27 during "**A Class Act**," benefiting the **Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund**

Here's an offer you can't refuse: a free dinner seminar on **Health Care and Estate Planning** for gay, lesbian and nontraditional couples presented by **Floroid Walker** and **Richard Schneider**. Tonight they meet at Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. On April 26 they gather at Beaverton's Greenwood Inn, 10700 SW Allen Blvd. (6:30 pm. Free. Call 503-241-1215 to make reservations.)

The **Treatment Information Exchange** plays host to a weekly dinner and meeting at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church. Tonight's topic is cooking with herbs. (Dinner 6:30 pm, meeting 7 pm. 1907 NE 45th Ave. RSVP to 503-736-0194.)

Celebrate spring with the **Adventure Group**, which gathers for a **Fun Run/Walk** every Tuesday at Duniway Park. (6:30 pm. Don 503-224-6747. www.adventuregroup.org.)

## 25 WEDNESDAY

Indigo Girl **Amy Ray** and the **Butchies** move on to Eugene to play the Community Center for the Performing Arts. **Sarah Dougher** opens here, too. (8 pm. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance. 541-687-2746.)

PHOTO BY MARTY DAVIS

DJ **Lauren** spins the tunes for the dance after the **Portland Lesbian Choir** concert April 21



**Young Men's Coffee Talk** happens every Wednesday at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7-9 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-223-5907, ext. 233.)



If you find yourself on the coast today, eat at any Mo's restaurant and designate **Coastal AIDS Network** as your charity of choice. (541-994-5597.)

Enjoy **Middle Eastern Music and Dance Night** featuring **Arabesque** every Wednesday night at the Egyptian Club. Get up and join in the dancing to live music. (8-11 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$4. 503-236-8689.)

## 26 THURSDAY

Tonight is your only chance to see **Fixed and Confused: Social Work in Animal Shelters, or Dairy Farming in a Lactose Intolerant World**, and with a name like that it's gotta be funny! Bill Bradley's one-man show directed by Stephanie Mulligan plays at the Red & Black Cafe. (8 pm. 2138 SE Division St. \$5-\$20.)

Check out **Dingo's**, the new lesbian-owned restaurant and bar, which plays host to **Girls Night Out** every Thursday. (4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-233-3996.)

Bring your poetry and stories to **Open Mike Night** every Thursday at Touchstone Coffee House. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613.)

## 27 FRIDAY

**Vanguard Youth Services** (formerly Phoenix Rising) holds an **open house** at its new digs. Its programs include the Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center, Roots & Branches and Bridge 13. All supporters are welcome to drop by for a tour or the carnival, which will feature Dunk the Drag Queen. (Noon-3 pm tours, 3-7 pm carnival. 2100 SE Belmont St. 503-872-9664.)

The **Viento Ensemble** is the main attraction at **A Class Act**, the seventh annual classical music and decadent dessert revue benefiting the **Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund**. An elaborate reception featuring delights from some of Portland's finest sweeteries will follow at the Old Church. (8 pm. 1422 SW 11th Ave. \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance from Gai-Pied and Balloons on Broadway. 503-286-1752.)

The **Forest Group** remains seated for a **Game Night**. (7 pm. 503-285-5765 after 10 am.)

The **Lesbian Social Club** gathers for a planning meeting at the Lesbian Community Project office. (7 pm. 1001 E Burnside St. 503-233-3913.)



**Dawn Joella Jackson & Dancers present & she arrives late... from May 3 to 6**



**Don't try this at home! Eric Skinner and Daniel Kirk perform new works with Bodyvox through April 22**

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about harnesses during a free **Strap-on Class at It's My Pleasure**. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. Preregister at 503-280-8080.)

Join **Portland Bisexual Women** in brainstorming **How Does One Write an Effective Personal Ad?** (7-9 pm. Lori 503-768-4293.)

## 28 SATURDAY

The **Forest Group** visits the new Oregon Garden. (503-238-3877.)

Sponsored by the Feminist Conspiracy, **Queer Desires and Feminist Perversions** is a writing workshop at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center with the goal of expressing our deepest desires. (3-6 pm. Room 290. conspire@transfeminism.org.)

The Lesbian Community Project plays host to **Deaf Culture Night** presented by Pagan Thomsen and members of **Northwest Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf**. Here's a chance to learn about Deaf culture and make new friends through stories, games and socializing. (7:30 pm. Call 503-233-3913 for location.)

The price is right for **Act Naturally**, a free natural health lifestyle celebration featuring workshops, demonstrations plus an herb and plant sale at the main campus of the **National College of Naturopathic Medicine**. (10 am-6 pm through April 29. 049 SW Porter St. 503-499-4343, ext. 1600. www.ncnm.edu.)

## 29 SUNDAY

Here's the dish: The **Adventure Group** holds its **Annual Picnic** at Hoyt Arboretum. (503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

The **Forest Group** stays close to home with bike riding along Marine Drive. (Call 503-285-5765 after 10 am.)

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### 1 TUESDAY

Celebrate the fecundity of the earth with a **Beltane Ritual**. Meet at **Full Circle Temple**, then proceed to Laurelhurst Park. (6:30 pm. 3125 E Burnside St. 503-238-0675.)

The **Imperial Sovereign Court of the Willamette Empire** meets the first and



**The Rose City Gay Freedom Band does Spanish-themed music in concert May 5**

third Tuesday of each month at the 300 Club in Salem. (7:30 pm. 300 Liberty St. SE. Contact Star Empress 23 Lydia Octavia Snapp at 503-463-8585 or iscwe@qwest.net for more information.)

### 3 THURSDAY

**Dawn Joella Jackson & Dancers** present **& she arrives late...** through May 6 at the North Star Ballroom. This performance investigates the concepts of time, including a multicultural perspective. (8 pm. 635 N Killingsworth Court. \$12-\$14. 503-282-6887.)

## 4 FRIDAY

The **Forest Group** holds a potluck and planning meeting. (6:30 pm potluck, 7:30 pm meeting. 503-491-5147.)

**Out Dancing** teaches dance classes to same-sex couples every Friday at Sally Mack's School of Dance. This month it's country two-step. (7-8 pm. 532 SE Ankeny St. \$5. 503-236-5129. outdancing@juno.com.)

Fans of **Leonard Bernstein** should check out the Oregon Symphony's Nerve Endings concert **From Lenny to Maestro** at the Schnitz. More than music, this program also will explore his personal life and conflicts. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$15-\$50. 503-228-1353. www.orsymphony.org.)

## 5 SATURDAY

¡Oye! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the **Rose City Gay Freedom Band** doing Spanish-themed band music in concert at Piedmont Presbyterian Church. (7 pm. 5760 NE Cleveland Ave. \$5 at the door. 503-790-2170.)

The **Aurora Chorus** under the direction of Joan Szymko presents **Singing for Our Lives**, a benefit concert for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation at the Schnitz. Guest artists include Diane Syrcle and Nancy King. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$16-\$20, sponsor seating \$50 from Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office, Fastixx or 503-721-0262.)



Joan Szymko

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

## 6 SUNDAY

Join the **Lesbian Community Project** for its **Annual Meeting and Potluck** at Metropolitan Community Church. The future of LCP hangs in the balance. (Gather 3 pm,

meeting 3:30 pm, potluck 5 pm. 2400 NE Broadway. 503-233-3913.)

See On View and Onstage listings on Page 32.

## LOOKING AHEAD

If you're a fan of **Margaret Cho**, then save the evening of May 9 to hang out with her at Borders Books & Music. She'll read from **I'm the One That I Want**, an expanded version of her stage show. She even might do a little Q & A, then she'll sign books—no doubt with plenty of 'tude! (7 pm. 708 SW Third Ave. Free. 503-221-9814.)