

The **Feminist Conspiracy** sponsors **Intersex Activism: A Report from the Frontline**, a public presentation about the latest developments in the intersex people's movement, at In Other Words. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Free. www.isna.org.)

Inhale some better air—join the **Adventure Group** every Thursday in August for **mountain biking** in scenic Forest Park. (6:30 pm. 503-452-5680.)

24 FRIDAY

In the mood for some blues, rock, folk or R & B? Catch **Maria Webster** performing original acoustic music on her guitar at Touchstone Coffee House. (7 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. \$2. 503-262-7613.)

25 SATURDAY

Get that warm and fuzzy feeling when the **Oregon Bears** head north to Sauvie Island for **Bears at the Beach**. Carpool from the Dirty Duck. (10 am. 429 NW Third Ave.)

All tanned and mellow, the **Oregon Bears** then convene at the North Bank Tavern in Vancouver, Wash., for the **Teddy Bear Barbecue and Dance**. No raffles, no fund raising—just free food, free fun, frolicking fellows and fabulous door prizes. (5 pm drinks, 6 pm dinner, 8 pm dance. 106 W Sixth Ave. www.oregonbears.org.)

What a combo: art, music, pies and plants! Join the **Lesbian Garden Club** for an outing to the **Summer Garden Festival** at Dancing Oaks Nursery in Monmouth. Carpool from Old Wives' Tales. (10 am. 1300 E Burnside St. Gayle 503-289-9369.)

Join **Lesbians Enjoying the Sciences** for a nature hike at **Bird Creek Meadows**. (8 am. Joni 503-286-4387.)

The **Homowo Festival of African Arts** gets off to banging good start with a traditional Ghanaian procession led by world-renowned percussionist **Obo Addy** and a large group of musicians in the South Park Blocks on the Portland State University campus. The fun includes dance, crafts and folk art demonstrations through Aug. 26. (1-8 pm. Southwest Harrison and College streets. \$3 donation. 503-282-1583. www.homowo.org.)

26 SUNDAY

Get out those cool shirts and shoes—the **Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association** plays host to a free get-acquainted event at Hollywood Lanes for individuals who would like to see if this casual format is for them. The 24th annual league season begins Sept. 9. (4 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. bowlpdx@aol.com. www.pdxbowl.com.)



Go take a hike. Join the **Adventure Group** for a walk at **Cultus Lake/Indian Heaven**. (8 am. 503-224-6747. www.adventuregroup.com.)

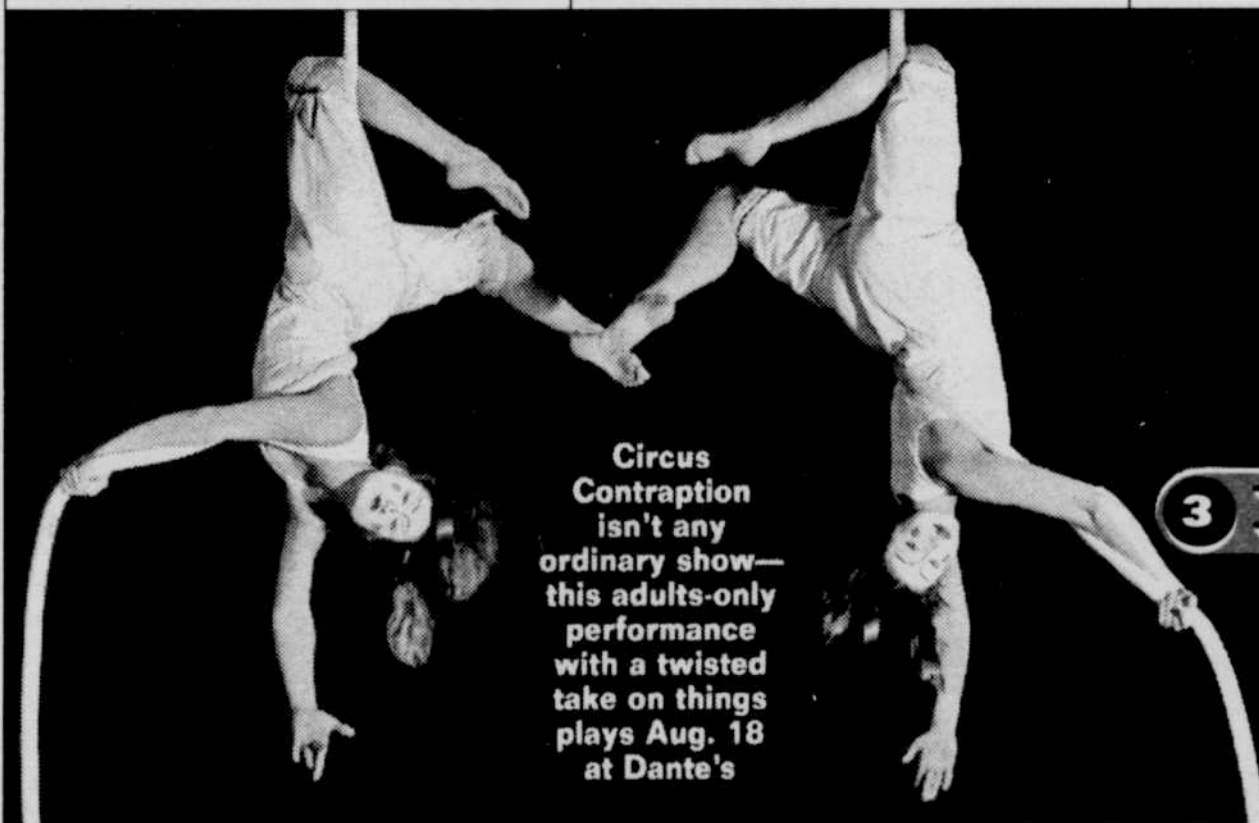


Make Contact as Portland Opera presents the Tony Award-winning musical Sept. 4 to 9 at Keller Auditorium

Swing Band in the beautiful lobby. (8 pm. 1111 SW Broadway. \$22-\$30 from Ticketmaster.)

28 TUESDAY

The Last Word open mike invites all women to read their own poetry, short fiction and musings at In Other Words on the last Tuesday of every month. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-232-6003.)



Circus Contraption isn't any ordinary show—this adults-only performance with a twisted take on things plays Aug. 18 at Dante's

Washington County Parents and Kids Group meets every fourth Tuesday for dinner, support and fun at Community Church of Cedar Hills. (6 pm. 11695 SW Parkway Ave. 503-228-3892.)

30 THURSDAY

For a great bout of art appreciation, check out the **Last Thursday Alberta Artwalk**. A wonderful array of galleries and other businesses (many queer-owned) offer a casual approach to art. (6-9 pm. Northeast Alberta Street between 14th Place and 30th Avenue.)

31 FRIDAY

How about a bonus concert? Catch the **Voices of Portland Choral Concert** with the **Portland Gay Men's Chorus**, **Bridges Vocal Ensemble** and **Portland Lesbian Choir** at the Newmark Theatre inside the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The evening concludes with dancing to the sounds of the Rose City

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1 SATURDAY

Art lovers will descend on Northwest Portland for the fifth annual **Art in the Pearl** through Sept. 3. If you haven't

been in the district lately, you'll be surprised at all of the transformation going on there. Among the 125 artists showing their wares are lesbian potters Annie Meyer, Natalie Warrens and Victoria Shaw. Enjoy great food and music, too. (10 am-6 pm Saturday and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm Monday.)

She's baaack—**Lynn Frances Anderson** has returned from her big summer adventures and is ready to rock at **Art in the Pearl** in Northwest Portland. (3-4 pm.)

Grab your partner for **gay country western dancing** with the **Rosetown Ramblers** featuring a live disc jockey and full-service bar at Portland Metro Club. (10 pm-1:30 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5. 503-234-9944. www.rdrop.com/users/ramblers.)

2 SUNDAY

The most glamorous female impersonator in the world gets crowned during the 12th annual **La Femme Magnifique International Pageant** presented by Darcelle XV Productions at the Doubletree Hotel Jantzen Beach. (8 pm. 909 N Hayden Island Drive. \$25. 503-222-5338.)

Singers from throughout the country gather to participate in the **GALA Choral Spectacular Concert**. Joining the women's, men's and mixed choruses will be three Oregon gay and lesbian choruses: **Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus**, **Jubilate! The Women's Choir of Corvallis** and **Soromundi: The Lesbian Chorus of Eugene**. (8 pm. Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway. \$20 from Ticketmaster.)

A gay and gay-friendly **Pinocle Group** plays every first Sunday at Hobo's. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. George 503-760-1248.)

3 MONDAY

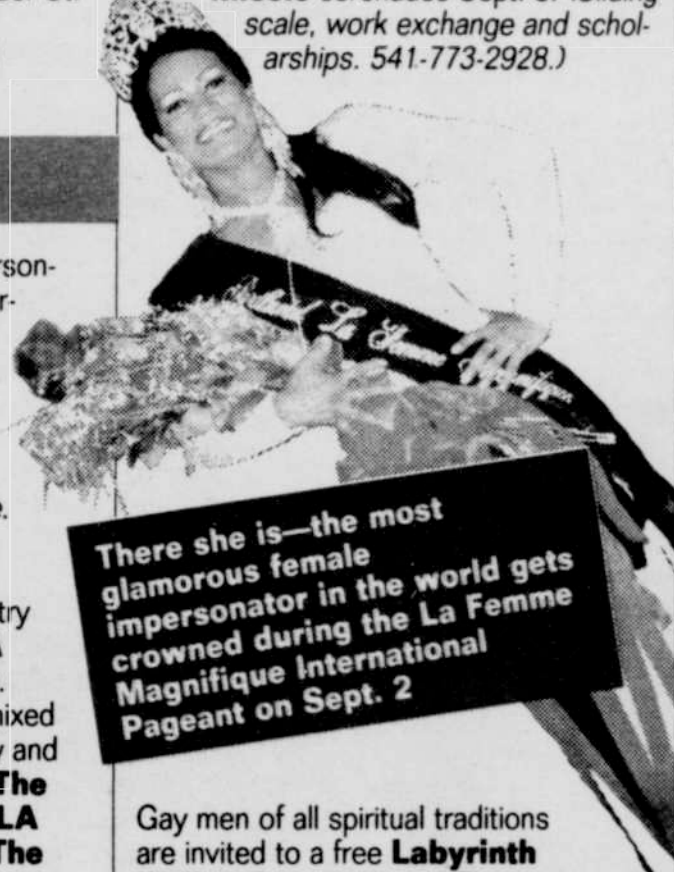
The **Marionberry Salon** meets in Salem for a potluck and to discuss **The Book of Lies** by Felice Picano. (6 pm. Cary 503-363-6036. marionberrysalon@aol.com.)

5 WEDNESDAY

Swing your partner with the **Rosetown Ramblers** as they offer three free nights of square dancing Wednesdays through Sept. 19 at Trinity United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. (7:30-9:30 pm. 3915 SE Steele St.)

7 FRIDAY

For 28 years women have headed to southern Oregon for the **Womansource Gathering**. Join them through Sept. 9 at Camp Low Echo in Lake of the Woods for workshops, entertainment and great food. **Alice Di Micele** serenades Sept. 8. (Sliding scale, work exchange and scholarships. 541-773-2928.)



There she is—the most glamorous female impersonator in the world gets crowned during the La Femme Magnifique International Pageant on Sept. 2

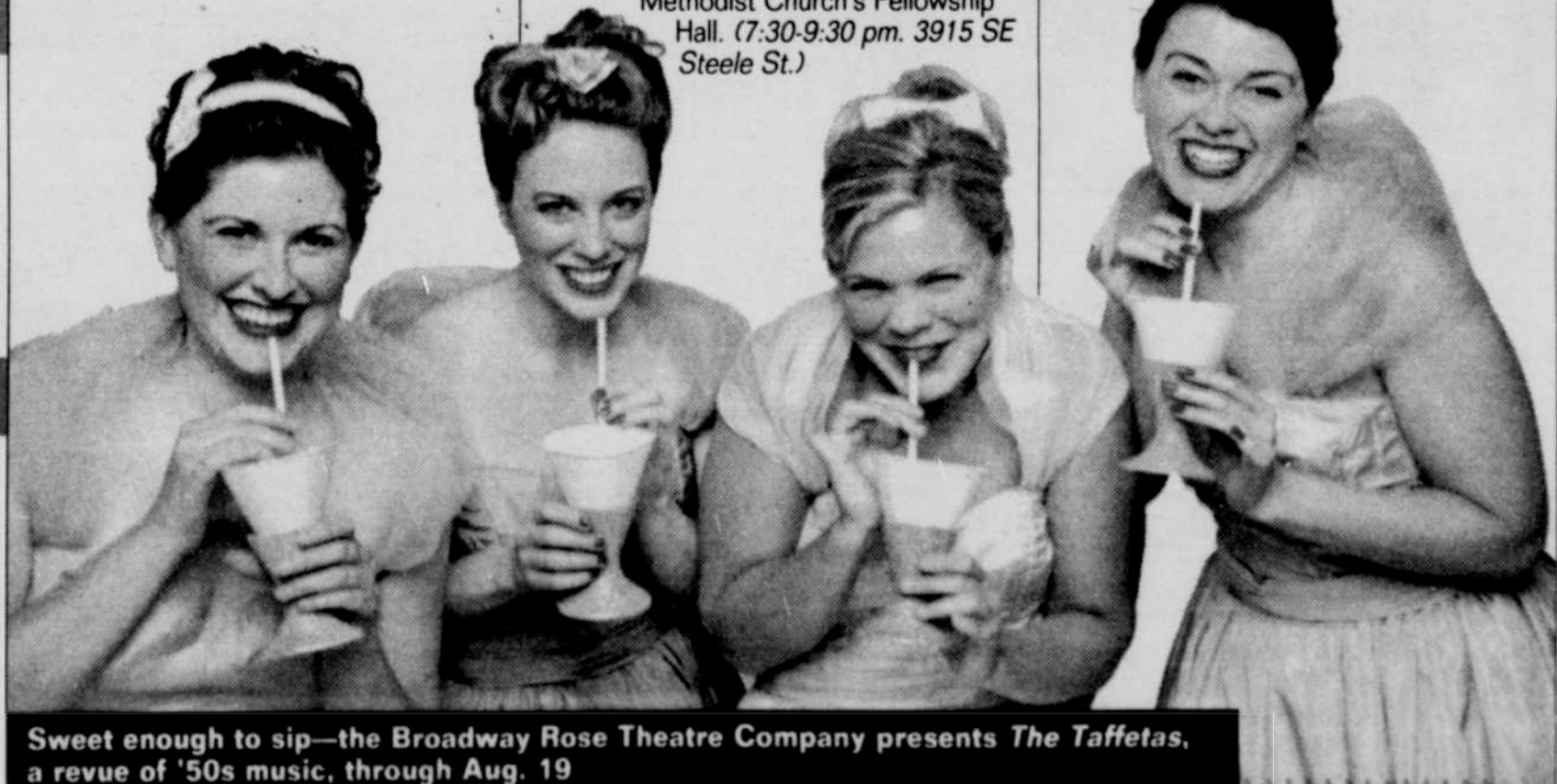
Gay men of all spiritual traditions are invited to a free **Labyrinth Walk** at Friendly House. The program will include an introduction, sharing and social time. The event is sponsored and led by an interfaith coalition. (7-10 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave. 503-230-9430. www.spiritone.com/~isc.)

9 SUNDAY

Roll 'em if you got 'em! The **Portland Gay and Lesbian Community Bowling Association** begins its 24th annual league season at Hollywood Lanes. (2:30 pm preregistration, 3:30 pm bowling. 4030 NE Halsey St. bowlpdx@aol.com. www.pdxbowl.com.)

The city is again alive with the sound of the **Portland Lesbian Choir** rehearsing. The women practice every Sunday evening and eagerly welcome **new members** to this nonauditioned choir. Come play with them! (503-241-8994. membership@plchoir.org. www.plchoir.org.)

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Sweet enough to sip—the Broadway Rose Theatre Company presents *The Taffetas*, a revue of '50s music, through Aug. 19