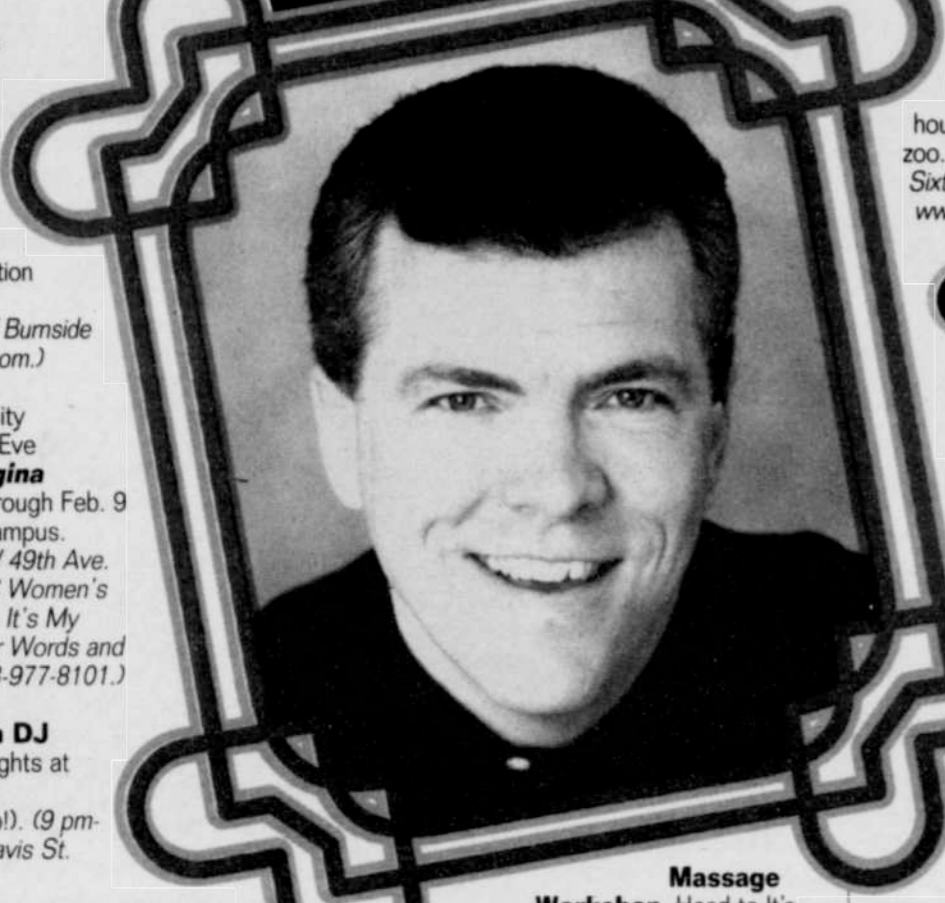


The multitalented Rick Lewis performs with Liz Keever in a cabaret performance every Tuesday this month at Wilf's



Join Oregon's own **Darklady and Margaret Weller** along with five San Francisco writers for **queer erotica readings** and sex-positive education at Powell's Books. (7:30 pm. 1005 W Burnside St. www.powells.com.)

Portland Community College presents Eve Ensler's **The Vagina Monologues** through Feb. 9 at the Sylvania Campus. (7 pm. 12000 SW 49th Ave. \$7-\$12 from PCC Women's Resource Center, It's My Pleasure, In Other Words and Ticketmaster. 503-977-8101.)

**Bootscoot with DJ Crystal** Friday nights at C.C. Slaughters (Wednesdays, too!). (9 pm-2 am. 219 NW Davis St. 503-248-9135.)

at Roseland Theater. The event promises six live bands; unique vendors; disc jockeys spinning industrial, house and techno; and a human petting zoo. Don't wear sweats. (8 pm-2 am. 8 NW Sixth Ave. \$23 from Fastix. 503-234-9667. www.fetishmasqueradeball.com.)

**10 SUNDAY**

The **Portland Frontrunners** alternate trail runs with long-distance training every Sunday morning. (9 am. June 503-239-7705. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Join the women of the **Forest Group** for a hike around Silver Falls. (Call 503-659-2782 for info.)

It's for the birds and for the **Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science**. Take off with them for bird watching at Jackson Bottoms. Meet at the World Forestry Center to carpool. (9:30 am. Teri 503-533-0504.)

**15 FRIDAY**

Join **Darcelle XV** and company for a **Valentine's Day prime rib feast** and special holiday show. Make reservations so they know how much meat to expect...er, order. (6:30 pm dinner, 8:30 pm show. 208 NW Third Ave. \$22 a couple. 503-222-5338.)

**16 SATURDAY**

The **Adventure Group** wants you to join them on their **Fun Walk/Run**, which you can do any Saturday morning. The two- to six-mile trek is open to all skill levels and is always followed by an optional brunch. (9 am. 503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

**Confluence: Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus** offers *Freedom Come: Celebrating Struggle and Survivorship!* today at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church in Corvallis and tomorrow at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. The concert includes a selection of gospel, freedom marching and peace songs. With special guest **Satori Men's Chorus**. (8 pm Saturday, 2945 NW Circle Blvd., Corvallis. 4 pm Sunday, 5090 Center St. NE, Salem. \$10 donation.)

The **Lesbian Garden Club** plays host to a **Surviving Winter Garden Party**. Member or not, you're invited to come and bring soup, crackers, bread or beverage. And don't forget your tips for surviving winter in Oregon. (6 pm. Call 503-249-8327 for location and to RSVP.)



Rinde Eckert returns to Portland to present **And God Created Great Whales**, an exploration of memory and identity, Feb. 7-9

Gospel singer/songwriter **the Rev. Deanna Jaworski** performs her gay-affirming Christian music during a free concert at Potter's House Ministries Life Center. She and her partner founded **SpiritSong Ministries** in 1997 to "ignite the world for Christ, one life at a time." (7 pm. 3830 SE 62nd Ave. www.members.aol.com/wepray4you.)

**Emergence Transgender Social Group** meets every third Saturday at Koinonia Center in Eugene. (7:30-11 pm. 1414 Kincaid St. emg977@yahoo.com.)

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**9 SATURDAY**

Their fur keeps them warm: The **Oregon Bears** charge up the mountain for **SnowBears on Mount Hood**. Join them for tubing in all that beautiful new snow. (Call 503-240-2813 for time and carpool info. www.oregonbears.org.)

Portland's 2001 Poetry Slam Champion, **Aisha Ayers**, performs at Reverb to celebrate the release of her first CD, *Letters to My Soul*. Among the letters is "Spirit of She."

**Massage Workshop**. Head to It's My Pleasure, where licensed massage therapist Marsha Hansen also will offer tips on ambiance and stress reduction. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$25 a couple. Call 503-280-8080 to register.)

Back for an encore in response to the overwhelming turnout last fall is **Crystal's Gay and Lesbian Club Dance**. The Portland Metro Club plays host to this shindig where you will dance to your favorite hits from the past and present. Full-service bar and non-smoking dance area. (9 pm-2 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5.)

**12 TUESDAY**

The Egyptian Club's weekly **Nude Review** offers a "very special episode": strippers, fire show, then dancing until they close the doors. And tonight there's no cover charge. (7 pm. 3701 SE Division St. 503-236-8689.)

**13 WEDNESDAY**

Americana, folk, blues and country can all be used to describe Texan **Kim Townsend's** acoustic sets. Hailing from Buddy Holly's hometown of Lubbock, the sassy and sorrowful songwriter is set to record her first CD this spring in Seattle. But you can see her now at **Astoria's Cafe Uniontown** before she's famous. (8-10:30 pm. 218 W Marine Drive. \$3. 503-325-8708.)

Marvelously sweet tidbits and the blackest of joes await you during **Gay night at Heaven**, where DJ Tronic spins for all yummy ages. (9-11 pm. 421 SW 10th Ave. 503-757-6984.)

Join **Radical Women** at the Bread and Roses Center for a Black History Month celebration. The group will show the video **Sonia Sanchez**, a documentary about the poet, playwright and activist. Bring ideas on how to build a new multi-issue civil rights movement that fosters the crucial militant leadership of women of color. A Southern-style buffet is available for \$6. (6:30 pm buffet, 7 pm video. 819 N Killingsworth St. 503-240-4462.)

**14 THURSDAY**

Dingos invites you to **Girls Night Out** any Thursday. Food and drink specials until midnight. (4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-233-3996.)

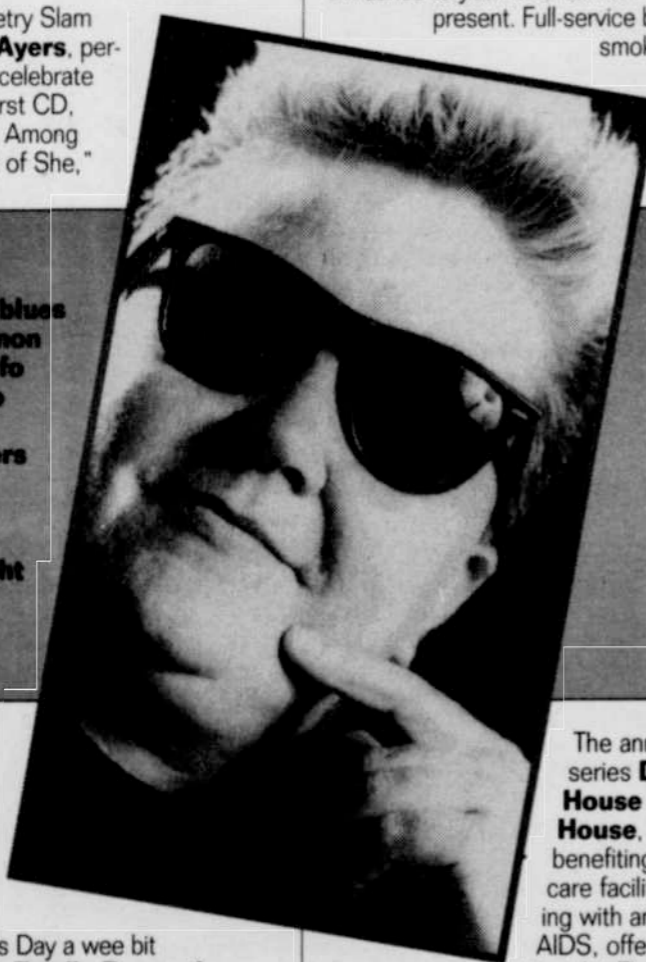
Get on your soapbox at Touchstone Coffee House during **open mike** every Thursday. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. 503-262-7613. www.touchstonecoffeehouse.com.)

Celebrate Valentine's Day at Portland State University's production of **The Vagina Monologues** through Feb. 16. (7 pm. 1825 SW Broadway #355. \$7-\$12 from Ticketmaster. 503-725-9255.)

A collaboration of cool music by even cooler chicks: **Voices on the Verge** play *Aladdin* Theater on Feb. 8



Jazz and blues phenomenon **Margo Tufo** returns to delight Portlanders every Monday night at **Candlelight Cafe**



a contemplation of her place as a black lesbian in society. (2 pm. 3623 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Celebrate Valentine's Day a wee bit early at **Darklady's Totally Romantic Meet the Sex Writers Parlor Party**. She has six erotic authors in town and welcomes you to schmooze with them at Darklady Estates while enjoying the Love Loft and the Orgazmatron (don't ask). Like any good queer woman event, it is a potluck, so feel free to bring a dish to share. (6 pm-2 am. \$10 donation. E-mail darklady@darklady.com for location.)

Infamous funny dyke **Carol Steinel** performs an impromptu concert at In Other Words after her workshop on humor as a tool for social change during the Clark College Women's Conference. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Donations. 503-232-6003. For conference info visit www.clark.edu.)

You're invited to **Just Out** night at Stark Raving Theatre. For one low, low price you'll see its new work, **After the Zipper**, talk with the cast and crew, enjoy a little vino and cheese, then see Dorothy Hirsch in her comedic one-woman show, **Where's Toto?** Repeats Feb. 16. (8 pm. 2257 NW Raleigh St. \$20 from 503-232-7072. www.starkravingtheatre.org.)

Ladies, learn how to give a relaxing foot massage to your valentine at the **Couples**

The annual dinner series **Dinner at My House for Our House**, a fund-raiser benefiting the residential care facility for those living with and dying from AIDS, offers two choices tonight. The first puts you in the capable hands of

professional bakers for an interactive cooking class followed by a four-course meal including spring lamb and a chocolate mousse blackberry loaf. The other promises "a little valentine romance" with an evening of love songs to complement your meal. (Call 503-736-9276 for times, prices and locations.)

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** presents "Passionate Possibilities," a **Valentine's Day dance** featuring music by DJ Lauren and snacks at Trinity United Methodist Church. All ages welcome. (8 pm-midnight. 3915 SE Steele St. \$7.50. 503-241-8994.)

Goddess Severina and Mistress Ember proudly bring you Portland's annual **Fetish Masquerade Ball**

