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15 FRIDAY

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.)

Every third Friday is **Queer Night** at Out of the Fog Coffee House and Morning Glory Cafe in Eugene. (6:30-11 pm. 450 Willamette St. 541-687-0709.)

Learn to fox-trot with your foxy dance partner at **Out Dancing** every Friday in February and March. Arrive early to register if it's your first visit. (7-8 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com.)

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.)

Find that screech owl that has taken up residence at Oaks Bottom while bird watching with **Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science**. (9:30 am. Karen 503-289-3605.)

Folk artist **Jenni Alpert** travels up from Los Angeles for a free show at Music Millennium. Her percussive on-the-road guitar play provides the foundation of her rich, melodic vocals that draw on a background of folk, jazz and musical theater. (3 pm. 801 NW 23rd Ave. 503-248-0163. www.jennialpert.com.)

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.)

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.)

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?* (8 pm. 2257 NW Raleigh St. \$20 from 503-232-7072. www.starkravingtheatre.org.)

Put on those pointy-toed muleks and head off to **Crystal's Queer Country Jam** at Portland Metro Club (formerly PPAA). (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

Confluence: The 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.)

You say Valentine's Day was two days ago? Well, no one told Full Circle Temple, which plays host to a **Valentine's Dance** for women. A disc jockey spins tunes while you dance, eat yummy food, smooch the chick at the kissing booth and watch the belly dancers. (8 pm. 3125 E Burnside St. \$10 donation, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. 503-238-0675.)



Chat up smart girls at Crush when **Lesbians with Degrees** meet there every first and third Sunday. (6 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. lesbianswdegrees@aol.com.)

William Burroughs penned him "the pope of trash." Now the irrepressible **John Waters** brings his rapid-fire, one-man standup show *Shock Value* to Crystal Ballroom. He'll even answer your questions afterward. To round out the evening, naughty rapper **Peaches** brings her incomparable XXX-brand of indie-rock rap. If you want to schmooze with the two before the show, "Meet and Greet" tickets are available. (6:30 pm preshow, 8 pm show. 1332 W Burnside St. \$28.50, \$75 with preshow from box office or Ticketmaster. www.mcmenamins.com.)

You'll finally get all those valentines you wanted when the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court presents **Valentines From Hell**, the toughest drag show you're ever likely to see. **Rose Empress VI Mame** will be the hostess for

Deanna Jaworski loves God—and being a lesbian. Hear her gay-affirming gospel Feb. 16

this unique performance at Embers benefiting the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund. (8 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$5. 503-222-3082.)

18 MONDAY

Single? Wanna meet other people who are similarly unattached in a safe and festive environment? Then you need to get on down to Crush for the **Just Out Singles Party** featuring free food, prizes and personal ads and a no-host bar. And people dying to meet you! (6-9 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St.)

Trillium Morris Dancers welcomes all orientations and genders to join in a vigorous and celebratory **English dance tradition**, practicing every Monday night for informal summer performances. No previous experience required. (6:30 pm. Call 503-234-4594 or e-mail morris@east-sidewebsites.com for location.)

17 SUNDAY

Kick up your heels learning the country two-step with **Out Dancing** every Sunday in February and March. Come early to register if it's your first visit. (3-4 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com.)

The Eugene chapter of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays plays host to a user-friendly introduction to "that paperwork" we all keep meaning to get done. Attorney Ellen Adler will lead the free workshop at First Congregational Church and explain **wills, trusts, medical and financial documents**—how they work, why they're crucial (for all income levels) and how it will lower your stress by taking care of them now. (6:45 pm. 1050 E 23rd Ave. 541-302-4422.)

Those square dance phenoms the **Rosetown Ramblers** invite you to a **Roller Skating Party** at Oaks Park. Just bring your most festive attitude and nonperishable food items for Esther's Pantry. (7:30-9:30 pm. East end of the Sellwood Bridge. \$5. 503-287-7653.)

19 TUESDAY

You can do a **tarot reading** with lesbian Mariah Redwood any Tuesday at Touchstone Coffee House. She has 10 years of experience. (6:30-8:30 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St. \$10. 503-262-7613.)

Annie Dawid reads from her book of short stories, *Lily in the Desert*, at Broadway Books. The collection examines contemporary social concerns—political and personal, male and female, straight and gay. (7 pm. 1714 NE Broadway. 503-284-1726.)

20 WEDNESDAY

You know the worst part about high culture? You can't take beer into the auditorium. The Oregon Symphony has finally addressed this issue by putting chamber music right in the pub. The **Bassoon Brothers**, Portland celebrities known for their Blues Brothers air and site-gag approach to classical performance, will play the BridgePort Brewpub's Heritage Room for **Chamber Music on Tap**. It's about time. (6-8 pm. 1313 NW Marshall St. \$6-\$10 from Ticketmaster or box office. 923 SW Washington St. www.orsymphony.org.)

Because It's Time! is a new expression group at Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble for gay, lesbian, bi and trans people to talk about books, movies and culture as well as to share writing or music. Under discussion tonight will be *The Boys of Boise* by John Gerassi. (7 pm. 503-249-0800.)

21 THURSDAY

Three queer-themed films are being shown at the 12th annual **Cascade Festival of African Films** at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. *Dakan*, the story



Crystal's Queer Country Jam shows its heart out for freedom Feb. 16 and 17

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