



Atlanta author and playwright Jim Grimsley reads from his latest novel May 15 at Powell's on Hawthorne

# Out & about

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### 3 FRIDAY

Learn to cha-cha with **Out Dancing** every Friday in May. (7-8 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129. [out\\_dancing@yahoo.com](mailto:out_dancing@yahoo.com).)

Lesbian Celtic luminary **Rene Corbin** offers up a free evening of Scottish, English and Irish music at Lloyd Center Barnes & Noble. (5 pm. 503-249-0845.)

Lesbian violinist and **Portland Baroque Orchestra** artistic director **Monica Huggett** returns to First Baptist Church through May 4 for an all-Bach program, which closes out the company's 18th season. (8 pm. 909 SW 11th Ave. \$13-\$35 from 503-222-6000 or [www.pbo.org](http://www.pbo.org).)

**Straight**. David Schmader's one-man show about sexual conversion therapy, plays through May 4 at Coho Theatre. (8 pm. 2257 NW Raleigh St. \$12 from 503-274-1373.)

**Brainwaves Improvisational Comedy** livens up Hollywood Theatre tonight and May 4, 10 and 11. Bring a prop bigger than your hand and smaller than a Volkswagen (they don't specify whether Bug or van), and it might be used in the show. (8 pm. 4122 NE Sandy Blvd. \$12 from 503-796-9550.)

Head north to the **Olympia Gender and Sexuality Conference** for a weekend filled with art, sex, music and performance at Evergreen State College and other locales around the city. See Page 8 for details. ([www.olynetwork.org/gendersexcon](http://www.olynetwork.org/gendersexcon).)

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**Issues After Breast Cancer** is a one-day conference at the Oregon Convention Center for anyone affected by a breast cancer diagnosis. Lunch is included, and scholarships are available. (7:15 am-4:15 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. \$20. Register at 800-404-8241.)

Get your heart rate up with the **Portland Frontrunners** on a three- to six-mile run. An optional brunch follows. (9 am. 503-239-7705. [www.portlandfrontrunners.org](http://www.portlandfrontrunners.org).)

Eat, drink and make merry in the warm May sunshine with the **Adventure Group** during its annual **Spring BBQ** at Hoyt Arboretum. (Call for time. 4000 SW Fairview Blvd. 503-452-5680. [www.adventuregroup.org](http://www.adventuregroup.org).)



Revolutionary dyke Alix Olson brings her slam-speak to the Meow Meow May 5

The all-women **Aurora Chorus**, led by lesbian Joan Szymko, offers *Full Circle*, a celebration of 10 years of performance, at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. (8 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$15-\$18 from Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office or Fasttix.)

Attend **Georgena's Journey: A Community Confronts Multiple Sclerosis**, an all-women's dance with DJ Lauren at Trinity United Methodist Church to help fund a much-needed operation. (7 pm. 3915 SE Steele St. \$10. 503-471-1555 or [www.georgenasjourney.org](http://www.georgenasjourney.org).)

The **Margaret Mead Traveling Film and Video Festival** returns to Portland State University tonight and May 11 and 18. The first program of the free series includes a screening of the film *Margaret Mead: A Portrait by a Friend*, which probably does not mention that she was a flaming queer. However, *Why Pay Two Rents* is a humorous celebration about a gay couple witnessing the cultural transformation of Greenwich Village. (7 pm. Room 53, Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway. 503-725-4938.)

**Confluence Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus** offers up "unstuffy

stuff"—the likes of Madonna, Gershwin and Shakespeare—at the Spiritual Awareness Center in Bend. (7 pm. 157 NW Franklin Ave. \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance from the Book Barn, Boomtown or the Curiosity Shoppe.)

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Hike the Lower Deschutes River with the **Forest Group**. Bring lunch and adequate water for this 7.5-mile dog-friendly trek. ([ncc1127@hotmail.com](mailto:ncc1127@hotmail.com).)

The lesbian social group **Out & About** does brunch at Shenanigan's. (11 am. 4575 N Channel Ave. Linda 503-665-8386.)

**Out Dancing** will teach you how to swing every Sunday this month. (3-4 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129. [out\\_dancing@yahoo.com](mailto:out_dancing@yahoo.com).)

Want to discuss **kink/alternative sexuality** stuff? Go to the Cedar Hills McMenamins for the Beaverton Sunday Munch. (4-7 pm. 2927 SW Cedar Hills Blvd. [phoenix@clearspring.com](mailto:phoenix@clearspring.com).)



Portland diva Lynn Frances Anderson (second from left) rocks it up May 5 with Ferron, then May 10 with her own band

Youth and adult performers will come together in irresistible drag for the Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center's **variety show fund-raiser** *Diva of Dance*. (6:30 pm. 2100 SE Belmont St. \$20 and can of food suggested donation. 503-872-9664. [www.smyrc.org](http://www.smyrc.org).)

**Rene Corbin** has been called "the Grace Slick of Celtic." Canadian **Cara Luft**'s original folk/rock is compared with Ani DiFranco's. See them both tonight at Artichoke Music. (7-9 pm. 3130 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$8 from 503-287-1518 or at the door.)

Lesbian singing sensation **Ferron** plays the St. Johns Pub. Portland dyke Lynn Frances Anderson opens. (8 pm. 8203 N Ivanhoe St. \$18 from Ticketmaster.)

It's a slam-bang evening at the Meow Meow. Portland spoken-word poets **Turiya Autry** and **Aisha Ayers** warm up the stage for New York dyke **Alix Olson**. All ages. (9 pm. 527 SE Pine St. \$8.)

### 6 MONDAY

The **Bisexual Community Forum** invites you to its social mixer at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7:30 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-285-4848.)

### 7 TUESDAY

Make a date with the **Portland Frontrunners** for a three- to six-mile run followed by dinner. (6:30 pm. 503-239-7705. [www.portlandfrontrunners.org](http://www.portlandfrontrunners.org).)

Crush invites you to **Cabernet Cabaret**, a comedy show and wine tasting musical featuring Rhea Neati, resident tasting/swilling goddess. Includes wine and bread for you, too. Also on May 14. (7:30 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. \$35. Reservations at 503-235-8150.)

### 8 WEDNESDAY

**Daisychain Music Fair** is back at Mt. Tabor Theatre & Pub through May 12. Features more than 55 female-fronted bands and benefits Old Town's Women's Safe Passage & Respite Fund. (4811 SE Hawthorne Blvd. For schedule and ticket information, visit [www.daisychainmusicfair.com](http://www.daisychainmusicfair.com), Mt. Tabor Theatre & Pub, Music Millennium or Fasttix.)

Hometown girl (does Brush Prairie count?) **Irene Soderberg** returns from Hollywood to shoot her **music video** at Panorama. You get in for free, but show up early—it's limited to 700 guests. Dress elegant, outrageous and/or glamorous. (6-9 pm. 341 SW 10th Ave. 503-226-4171. [www.imirene.com](http://www.imirene.com).)

**Radical Women** plays host to writer and translator Birgit Nielsen, who will report on the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement and the impending Free Trade Area of the Americas on **women laborers in Mexico** at the Bread and Roses Center. Meeting preceded by a Mexican buffet. (6:30 pm buffet \$6), 7 pm discussion [free]. 819 N Killingsworth St. 503-240-4462.)

Portland bi author **Annie Dawid** reads from her book of stories *Lily in the Desert* at Borders. (7 pm. 708 SW Third Ave. 503-220-5911.)

White Bird presents France's beloved contemporary dance company **Lyon Opera Ballet** at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$15.50-\$39 from Portland Center for the Performing Arts box office or Ticketmaster.)

The Egyptian Club entices with two tantalizing offers: live **Middle Eastern music** and belly dancers in the Tomb and **open mike** with Special K in the Room. Why not do both? (8 pm Tomb \$4), 9 pm Room [free]. 3701 SE Division St. 503-236-8689.)

### 9 THURSDAY

**Men's FilmTalk** watches a biography of William Haines, then the *Queer as Folk* "Gay Hero Award" episode. (7 pm. 503-220-0618. [filmtalk@aracnet.com](mailto:filmtalk@aracnet.com).)