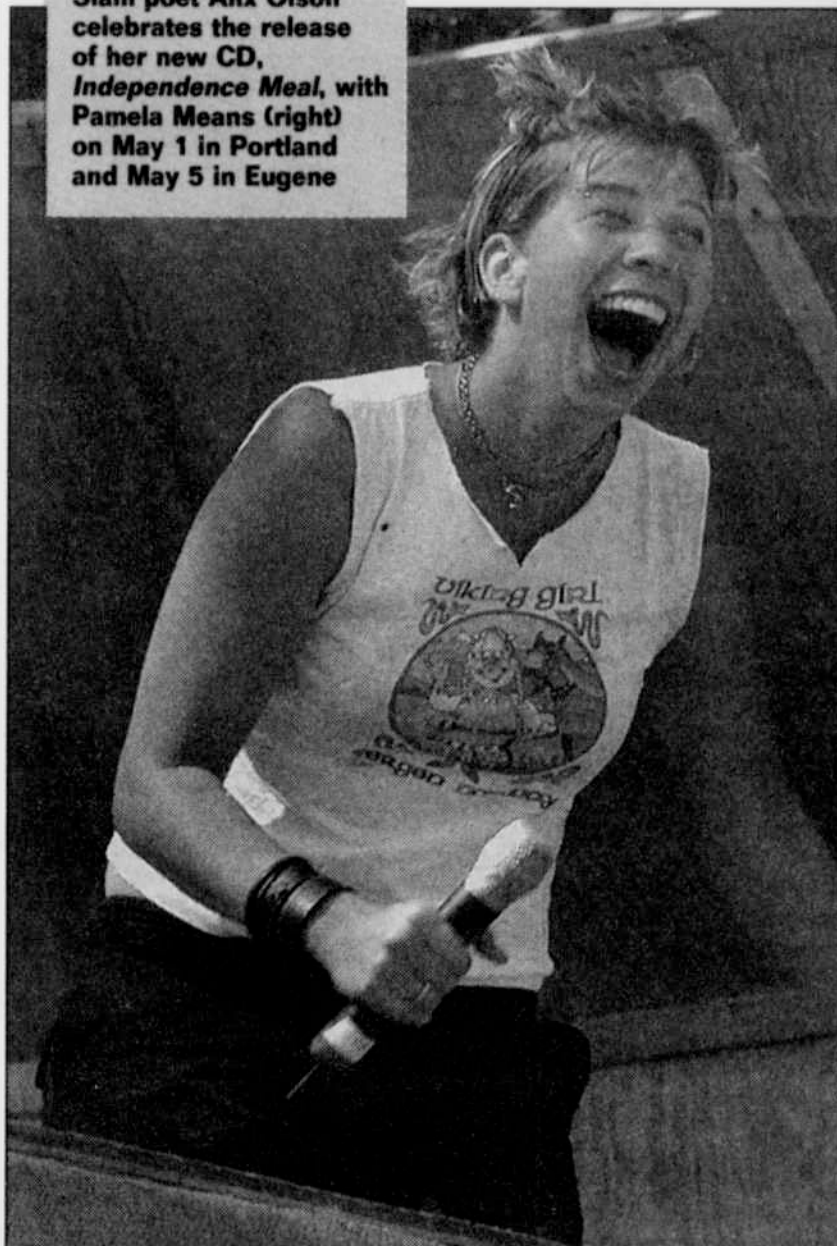


Slam poet Alix Olson celebrates the release of her new CD, *Independence Meal*, with Pamela Means (right) on May 1 in Portland and May 5 in Eugene



Brown at Nocturnal. (8 pm. 1800 E Burnside St. \$10 from In Other Words.)

2 FRIDAY

Out Dancing's **beginning cha-cha class** starts tonight and continues every Friday in May. Intermediate rumba follows beginning class. Arrive early to register. (7-8 pm cha-cha, 8-9:15 pm rumba. Corner of Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129. out_dancing@yahoo.com.)



There's no one like Suzanne Westenhoefer—see her April 25 in Portland or April 26 in Eugene

Kim Townsend plays the Egyptian Club. (7-9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$3.)

Put on your dancing shoes for Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** at Ankeny Street Studio. Lessons and refreshments included! (7-10 pm. Corner of Southeast Ninth Ave. and Ankeny St. \$8. 503-236-5129.)

Laugh it up with lesbian comic **Suzanne Westenhoefer** at the Hult Center in Eugene. (8 pm. 1 Eugene Center. \$25 from box office, 541-682-5000 or www.ci.eugene.or.us/hult.)

Dust off your medals and steam those gowns for Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's **Spring Ball 2003—A Military Affair: Stomping at the Savoy** at the Portland Metro Club, including a buffet and live music by Rose City Swing. (8 pm. 618 SE Alder St. \$20 from The Roxy, Balloons on Broadway or missariel@rosecourt.org.)

Celebrate the **Village People's 25th anniversary** in costume at Eagle PDX and Club XES. (9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St. www.inuniform.net.)

Vibrators and lube, dildos and more at It's My Pleasure's **Sex Toys 101**. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. Free. Register at 503-280-8080.)

If Church Slavonic language and Tchaikovsky music sound romantic, don't miss **Capella Romana's** performance of *All-Night Vigil*, Op. 52 at St. Mary's Cathedral. (8 pm. 110 NW 17th Ave. \$15-\$18 from 503-236-8202.)



See dyke duo Pirate Jane at the Laydeez Hoedown on April 20 and FatGirl Speaks on May 3

Lesbians Enjoying Yazz (LEY) get together at Crush. (9 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. Katy 503-257-1325.)

The Rosetown Ramblers and DJ Crystal stomp up some action at their monthly **country western dance**, including a full-service bar, at Portland Metro Club. (9:30 pm-1:30 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5. www.rosetownramblers.com.)

4 SUNDAY

The **Forest Group** takes on Dog Mountain's difficult 6.9-mile hike. (503-460-9165.)

Lesbians with Degrees meets at Crush. (6 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. lesbianswdegrees-subscribe@yahoo.com to subscribe to listserv.)

Looking Ahead

Start fluffing your feathers now for **The Cockatoo Cotillion: A Bird Ball 2003** May 15 at the Crystal Ballroom to benefit the White Bird/Tiffany & Co. New Works Fund. This hot ticket includes El Vez, BodyVox and Pink Martini's Thomas Lauderdale. (6:30 pm dinner, 8 pm performances. 1332 W Burnside St. \$18 performances only, \$125 includes dinner from box office or 503-245-1600, ext. 201.)

See On View and Onstage listings on Page 32.

Stark Raving Theatre presents Portland playwright Joseph Fisher's *Tundra* through May 3

Check out more listings at www.justout.com!



27 SUNDAY

Step out with the **Adventure Group** for a hike to Hamilton Mountain. Spectacular views of the gorge! (9 am. 503-452-5680. www.adventuregroup.org.)

Leave your house for Our House of Portland and attend **For Love & Money** at the World Forestry Center—an auction, dinner and musical performance to benefit the organization that cares for men and women coping with advanced AIDS. (4:30 pm. 4033 SW Canyon Road. \$100 from 503-736-9276.)

Singer/songwriter **Kim Townsend** plays the Rabbit Hole and Mad Hatter Lounge. (8-10 pm. 203 SE Grand Ave.)

29 TUESDAY

Join the **Portland Frontrunners** for a three- to six-mile run. (6:30 pm. June 503-819-4626. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Lace up those skates for **RollerBetty**, a benefit at Oaks Park for Rose City Softball Association's Team Betty. (7-9 pm. East end of the Sellwood Bridge. \$5-\$10, includes skate rental.)

2 Gyrz Performative Arts presents **Perpetuating Response IV**, which assembles a mix of visual, aural and performative artists at B-Annex to rebel against the limits of genre and media. (8:30 pm-1 am. 1834 NE Alberta St. Free. 21 and over.)

In Other Words invites women and their friends to read/perform their own work at **The Last Word** open mike night. (7-9 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-232-6003.)

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1 THURSDAY

Beloved dyke slam poet **Alix Olson** celebrates the release of her new CD with lesbian musicians **Pamela Means** and **Tamara J.**

Oh, Mary, don't be contrary! Join **Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science** and see how the Oregon Garden has grown. Coffee first; then silver bells, cockleshells and pretty maids all in a row. (9:30 am. 503-238-3877.)

Circles of Strength is a self-defense reunion for students of the Sexual Assault Support Services at Eugene's Hilyard Community Center. Brush-up sessions for women and girls, discussion group for men, entertainment and networking. (1-6 pm. 2580 Hilyard St. \$5-\$50. 541-343-5513.)

Terry Palasz, a riotous, opera-trained, polka-dancing **Polish Diva from Milwaukee** (Wisconsin, that is), presents an unusual evening of cabaret featuring songs such as "Who Stole the Keeshka Polka" at Tigard Community Friends Church. (5 pm. 15800 SW Hall Blvd. \$12 from 503-620-5262.)

Salem's **Marionberry Salon** discusses Michael Cunningham's *The Hours* over a potluck meal. (6:30 pm. Cary 503-363-6036. marionberrysalon@aol.com.)

Get more than a good cup o' joe when lesbian **Arlene Hale** sings at Touchstone Coffee House. (7-9 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St.)

Last Friday music night at In Other Words features Texas-born and raised singer/songwriter **Kim Townsend**. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Curious? Perplexed? Take the **Strap-on Class** at It's My Pleasure. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10. Register at 503-280-8080.)

Designed for people of larger stature, the Oregon Bears present the **XX Dance** at C.C. Slaughters. (9 pm-midnight. 219 NW Davis St.)

The Water St. Project presents a weekend of dance by **Daniel Addy** and **Tracy Broyles and Co.** through April 27. (8:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm Sunday. 1010 SE Water Ave. \$10-\$13 from 503-984-0961.)

Killer lesbian comic **Suzanne Westenhoefer** tickles your funny bone at Aladdin Theater. Also in Eugene on April 26. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$25 from box office, It's My Pleasure or Ticketmaster.)

Guerrilla Girls' famed performance and presentation at Chemeketa Community College's Auditorium calls attention to bias in the art world. (8 pm. 4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem. \$8.50 from Chemeketa Bookstore. www.guerrillagirls.com.)

It's time for the ninth annual jazz concert and decadent dessert revue **A Class Act** to benefit the Bill and Ann Shepherd Legal Scholarship Fund at The Old Church. (8 pm. 1422 SW 11th Ave. \$25 in advance from Gai-Pied or Balloons on Broadway, \$30 at the door.)

A spartan landscape, a mannequin, spiral body shapes and a red velvet box inspire five new works in the Dance Cartel's **2003 Choreographers' Showcase** at Echo Theatre through April 27. (8 pm Friday and Saturday, 7 pm Sunday. 1515 SE 37th Ave. \$10-\$12 from Ticket Central or at the door.)

Do the Time Warp once again during the first-ever **NW Rockypalooza** through April 26 at Clinton Street Theater. (2522 SE Clinton St. \$8-\$25. Find complete schedule at www.nwrockypalooza.com.)

26 SATURDAY

The Dance Cartel's annual **Choreographers' Showcase** is April 25-27 at Echo Theatre

The **Forest Group** hikes the Central Deschutes. Dogs and kids welcome along the 7.4-mile route. (503-659-2782.)

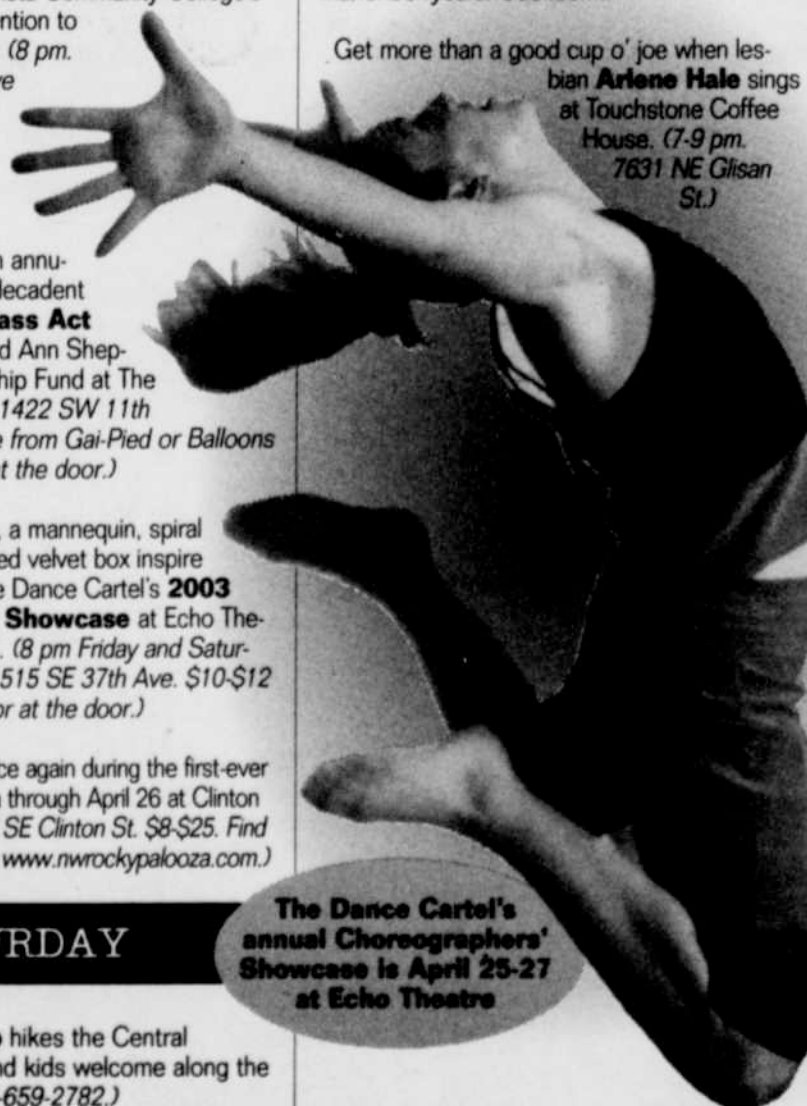


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