

out & about

december

19 FRIDAY

Join Keshet (Hebrew for rainbow) for a **Hanukkah party** with a klezmer band, latkes and a gift exchange. Bring a vegetarian dish to share. Sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service. (6:30 pm. David 503-226-7079. www.gayjewishportland.com.)

All-American Jewish lesbian folk singer **Phranc** pairs up with acoustic alt-rockers **John Doe** for a 21-and-over evening of boisterous music from the Los Angeles punk scene at Lola's Room. (7 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$10-\$15 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

Picture it: soaring vaulted ceilings, plush leather couches, crackling fireplace, soft lighting...it's **Terra** in an intimate, adults-only house concert setting. (7:30 pm. Call 503-777-6776 for reservations and directions.)

Hallelujah! The **Portland Baroque Orchestra** presents a fresh new interpretation of Handel's *Messiah* through Dec. 20 at First Baptist Church. See Dec. 21 for additional performances. (7:30 pm. 909 SW 11th Ave. \$17-\$47 from 503-222-6000 or www.pbo.org.)

Look smart at **Stitched**. Buffalo Exchange's huge fashion show and music event at Nocturnal to benefit p:ear, a nonprofit that helps homeless and transitional youth. Musical guests include Jasmine Ash Band, Odds Against Tomorrow and The Bella Feyes. (8 pm-midnight. 1800 E Burnside St. \$8.)

The drag kings are back with brand new acts: cowboy fags, New Kids on the Block, Ms. Claus gets raunchy. **DK PDX** is synchronized for your pleasure at Holocene. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5 sliding scale.)

Yes, you can wear white after Labor Day if you're attending the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's **White Party** wingding at Level to benefit the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center. Cash prize for best costume. (10 pm. 13 NW Sixth Ave. \$10.)

20 SATURDAY

Get in some last-minute holiday shopping at Touchstone Coffee House's **Holiday Crafts and Artisan Sale**. (10 am-4 pm. 7631 NE Glisan St.)

The Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center plays host to the third annual **Christmas Potluck** at First Congregational Church in Ashland. The Rogue Valley Gay Men's Chorus and a gift exchange keep spirits high. Bring a dish to share. (6 pm. 717 Siskiyou Blvd. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers. 541-488-6990.)



Stephen O'Donnell continues to ponder his rather flamboyant inner child in *Mythos* at Froelick Gallery

You bet there's gay life east of 82nd. **Galloway & Lockett** perform at the Gateway Starbucks. (7 pm. 10112 NE Halsey St.)

Join Deaf & Hearing OUT Reach for **Queer Deaf & Hearing Coffee Night** at Haven. (7-10 pm. 3551 SE Division St. 503-235-0840 TTY/voice. dhor@deafvision.net.)

Pull on those cowboy boots and tip your hat to **Crystal's Country Jam** at Portland Metro Club. (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

This month's **Bear Bust** boasts a Santa Bear contest and Teddy-Bear Drive wrap-up at Gail's Dirty Duck. Your last chance to donate a bear and to sit on Santa's lap. (The beard is probably real.) (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

It's beginning to look a lot like...C.C. Slaughters' sixth annual **Holiday Bash!** (219 NW Davis St. Call 503-248-9135 for cover.)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show every Saturday at Clinton Street Theater. (Midnight. 2522 SE Clinton St. \$6.)

21 SUNDAY

The **Portland Baroque Orchestra** presents Handel's *Messiah* through Dec. 22 at Lewis & Clark College's Agnes Flanagan Chapel. (3 pm Sunday, 7:30 pm Monday. 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road. \$17-\$47 from 503-222-6000 or www.pbo.org.)

And now for something completely different: Celebrate "the longest night" when Portland's **Aurora Chorus** offers a nontraditional holiday program from many cultures and backgrounds in *Solstice!* at Parkrose High School Auditorium. (4 and 7 pm. 12003 NE Shaver St. \$15 at the door, \$13 in advance from 503-287-6721.)

Metropolitan Community Church of Portland presents **Mary Queen of Peace**, a service by MCC Latino Ministries. (6 pm. 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.)

23 TUESDAY

Breakdown every Tuesday at Cobalt Lounge with four queer DJs. Impromptu art and drama. (9 pm. 32 NW Third Ave. Donations.)

24 WEDNESDAY

Celebrate Christmas Eve with a memorable evening of **worship and music** at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. The night begins with a concert featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers and soloists, followed by a festive tea. Then Rev. Glenna Shepherd preaches at a candlelight service. (9 pm concert, 11 pm service. 2400 NE Broadway. 503-281-8868.)

25 THURSDAY

Catholic Charities AIDS Ministry and St. Cyril's Parish of Wilsonville play host to a **holiday dinner for people living with HIV** at Portland's All Saints Catholic Church. (Noon appetizers, 1 pm dinner. 3847 NE Glisan St. For reservations call 503-963-8102.)



Join Aurora Chorus on the longest night of the year for a solstice journey you won't soon forget

C.C. Slaughters is open today for a festive **Christmas dinner!** (3-9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. No cover, \$8.50 dinner.)

26 FRIDAY

For twice as much fun, try the Oregon Bears' **Double X Dance** at C.C. Slaughters. (9 pm-midnight. 219 NW Davis St.)

Your favorite Portland queer musicians **Tamara J. Brown** and **Ashleigh Flynn** play McMenamins White Eagle to benefit In Other Words Women's Books. (9:30 pm. 836 N Russell St. \$8.)

27 SATURDAY

For chicks who dig flicks, **Film Fatales** meet monthly for single lesbians older than 30 who enjoy watching movies. (360-694-4163.)

If you love the holidays so much you just can't let them go, *In Uniform* presents a **Bikers & Boots Christmas Party** at the Eagle PDX. (9 pm. 1300 W Burnside St.)

28 SUNDAY

If your belly's growling, meet your friends for the monthly **Bear Brunch** at Jubitz Truck Stop. (11 am-1 pm. 10310 N Vancouver Way. www.oregonbears.org.)

29 MONDAY

For folks into B/D/S/M and those who love them: You will go to the **Eugene Monday Munch** at McMenamins North Bank. (6-9 pm. 22 Club Road. conradh@efn.org.)



Mark Wooley Gallery celebrates a decade in 10 Years: One Foot After Another through January

The **Magickal Study Group** at SisterSpirit discusses "Tree Magick and Ogham." All women welcome. (7 pm. 3430 SE Belmont St. #102. \$5-\$10 donation.)

Bonsoir et bienvenue à **Queer Night** every Monday at Le Happy. Maybe you'll even find a French kiss. Ooh la la. (9 pm-1 am. 1011 NW 16th Ave.)

30 TUESDAY

In Other Words presents **The Last Word Open Mic Zine Read** the last Tuesday of every month. Come sign up to read or just listen. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. For info contact Click at 503-233-0554 or click_patterdale@yahoo.com.)

31 WEDNESDAY

For a night that's the cat's meow, 23-skidoo over to the **Roaring '20s New Year** at Hobo's featuring music by pianists **Matthew Kern** and **Patrick Anderson**. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. No cover.)

Welcome to Darklady's Reformatory for Unrepentant Deviants for the **Reform School New Year's Prom Night Eve**. Dress up for a 21-and-over potluck buffet, vendors, prom photos, door prizes, dancing, play space and more. (8 pm-2 am. \$20 in street clothes, \$15 in prom garb or with donation for the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com for directions.)

The Zone invites you to the **Black and White Ball** with DJ Mel at the Scarlett Ballroom. Admission includes great food and midnight champagne toast. (8 pm-2 am. 700 NE Dekum St. \$10 from 503-230-9206.)

Hot Flashes, the sizzlin' hit musical about an all-women band aging from 40 to 70, gives a special New Year's Eve performance followed by two rockin' hours of dance music performed by the show's band and a few special guests at Portland Metro Performing Arts. (8 pm performance, 10:30 pm party. 9933 SE Pine St. \$16-\$20 per event from 503-775-8017.)

Dykes go dancing when the Lesbian Community Project and the Portland Lesbian Choir present **Take to the Floor in 2004: A Lesbian New Year's Eve Party** at Shenanigans. DJ Lauren, smoke-free, no-host bar, light buffet and silent auction. (8 pm-1 am. 4575 N Channel Ave. \$25 from In Other Words, It's My Pleasure, Touchstone Coffee House, choir members and LCP, \$30 at the door.)

Blast into the future during **The Big Bang** at Nocturnal featuring a space-themed costume contest; DJ Devrox; bands T-Rexa and The Divided; and The Playroom Genderfuck Cabaret with Max Voltage, Eva Ning, Mona Littelauder and special guest Double Trouble, a "radical fly girl tag team and burly striptease from Olympia." All ages upstairs, 21-and-over downstairs. (9 pm. 1800 E Burnside St. \$8. max-voltage.com.)

Panorama celebrates a **Decade of Decadence** during its New Year's Eve Celebration party. (341 SW 10th Ave. \$10.)

Silverado does the Eve with drag queens, hot male dancers, a confetti drop and DJ Iran. (1217 SW Stark St.)

Get all revved up at Crush's second annual **New Year's Drag Races**. Fun, entertaining audience interaction hosted by Carlotta Crush. Includes midnight toast and balloon drop. (9 pm. 1412 SE Morrison St. \$15 in advance from Crush.)

Out Dancing holds a **New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance** at Ankeny Street Studio. Dinner, dessert, dancing, party favors and sparkling cider to ring in 2004. (9 pm-1 am. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$20. 503-236-5129.)