



The best in participant humiliation: New Year's Drag Racing at Crush

and reveling (all in black and white attire to match the décor, of course!), your \$10 ticket gets you great food, a champagne toast at midnight and the typical lesbian debauchery. Call 503-230-9206 for advance tix or buy at the door.

If you crave something a bit more theatrical and/or menopausal for your New Year's celebration, Hot Flashes' New Year's Eve Hot Bash is just the ticket. Hot Flashes is the hit musical about an

apply makeup, crunch their feet into tiny pumps, pick out a wig and fight each other for the tightest dress! Then an impromptu performance from each contestant with the award going to the audience favorite." The whole shebang is hosted by Carlotta Crush, and there's a free New Year's toast and huge balloon drop. Doors open at 7 p.m., drag racing at 9. Do not fail to get your tickets in advance (\$15) at Crush, 1412 S.E. Morrison St., as last year it was sold right out.

Queen of kink Darklady invites you to explore your late-night cable-inspired fantasies at the Reform School New Year's Prom Night Eve, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. An S/M play space and sensual Rubitorium will make for a deviant's (and proud of it) paradise. Oh yeah, there'll also be DJ music and dancing, live music by Freak Mutha and Trip, a potluck buffet and an unhosted food and drink menu. From night photo's! Vote for king and queen!

Tickets are \$20 but drop to \$15 for attendees who bring food, clothing or blanket donations for the Friends of People with AIDS Foundation or who are clad in a prom dress, tux or naughty cheerleader outfit; the "school colors" of black, white and blue; or—seriously—clergy garb. Ages 21 and over. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com for directions and details.

Rent those tuxedos and break out that Clorox: Dingo's presents a New Year's party for girls who like girls in the form of The Zone's Black and White Ball with DJ Mel 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Scarlett Ballroom, 700 N.E. Dekum St. In addition to the dancing

all-woman band who age 30 years before your very eyes (one of whom is a dyke, and gay musical theater veteran Rick Lewis directs), 8 to 10 p.m. at Portland Metro Performing Arts, 9933 S.E. Pine St. The Hot Bash is an extra two hours of dancing and music by the Hot Flashes band (plus special guests), 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Get \$16-\$20 tickets—sold separately for show and dance—by calling 503-775-8017.

Portland's venerable queer-bar institution C.C. Slaughters, 219 N.W. Davis St., throws a New Year's Platinum Ball, which will include the usual dancing and cocktails, plus special guest performances and champagne at midnight for a \$10 cover.

For a more casual New Year's gathering, join the always laid-back crowd at Scandals, 1038 S.W. Stark St., where for a \$5 cover you can ring in 2004 with a champagne toast, midnight buffet, DJ-spun music and dancing.

And for the first day of your new year: Drown that New Year's Day hangover in Poison Waters. Portland's renowned drag diva hosts the sixth annual Adventures in Hangover Party at Silverado, 1217 S.W. Stark St. The party starts at 2 p.m., and the show starts at 3, with drink specials, door prizes, male dancers and drag queens. "The most important ingredient," says Waters, "is you!" Oh, and it's all free, free, free. **JW**

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