

celebration! (6:30 pm. For location, contact Jason at 971-409-3463 or jasonloyd@hotmail.com.)

Local authors share their latest prose and poetry during Write Around Portland's **Voices of the City** at First Congregational Church. WRAP will unveil its newest anthology at a reception afterward. (6:30 pm. 1126 SW Park Ave.)

Marilyn Sewell reads from *Breaking Free: Women of Spirit at Midlife and Beyond*—featuring the work of 27 writers including Gloria Steinem, Isabel Allende and Germaine Greer—at In Other Words. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Enjoy singing and choreography, festive costumes and sets, and light refreshments during the **Kiwanis Christmas Revue** at Firwood Gardens. (7 pm. 819 NE 122nd Ave.)

Women's jazz trio **Sweet Thunder** celebrates the release of its first CD, *Kinship*, at Common Grounds Coffeehouse. (3-6 pm. 4321 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

The **Community Alliance of Tenants** holds a fund-raiser at SERP Enterprises featuring locally made art for less than \$25 and a silent auction for more expensive work. (Come early to get the best stuff!) Music, food and a cash bar, too. (5-9 pm. 2514 SE 23rd Ave. \$5-\$10 sliding scale before 7 pm.)

Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays hold a Winter Solstice Party featuring fun festivities and a potluck dinner at Tam's house. Bring food to share and a white elephant gift that costs no more than \$10. (6 pm. For location, e-mail Hoang at hphangel@pacifier.com.)

The **Northwest Film Center** screens 2001's *Lavoura Arcaica*—a tragic drama about a family of Lebanese immigrants in the interior of Brazil that tackles grand themes such as love, incest, prostitution and homosexuality—through Dec. 12 at Guild Theatre. (7 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. 829 SW Ninth Ave. \$6-\$7.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** is every second Saturday at Ankeny Street Studio. Lesson and refreshments included. (7-10 pm. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129.)

Shannon Tower performs with Grant Warrens and Jeff Sullivan at the lesbian-owned coffee shop Haven. (8 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

Come out and support your local feminist bookstore. In Other Words, during **Sex, Drag and Rock & Roll** with burlesque entertainers Honey D, Licious and Charley Horse and musicians Excuse Me Sir, Tamara J. Brown and Just Out News Editor Sarah Dougher at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

12 SUNDAY

Come to Holocaust for **Tart**—a monthly party where the girls go to get more weekend in their weekend. You will be sad you missed it. (4-9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St.)

What do you get when you mix childhood insecurities with teen angst, fashion sense and a buttload of talent? **Scream Club**: two female electro-hip-hop MCs with snappy rhymes and dancy beats for the queer in you. Live show followed by a **Jack** dance party with DJs Puppet and Stormy at the Doug Fir. (6 pm-midnight. 830 E Burnside St. \$3 before 7 pm, \$5 after.)

Gay-owned Chameleon Restaurant & Bar holds its eighth annual **Hat Party** featuring prizes for creativity, an extravagant buffet, fabulous cocktails, fire-eating entertainers, go-go dancers, DJs Eric and Scottie Soul, and radical drag troupe Sissyboy. Donations benefit Hollywood Senior Center, and drink proceeds benefit Oregon Food Bank. (6 pm party, 9 pm hat contest, 10 pm after party. 2000 NE 40th Ave. To RSVP, call 503-460-2682.)

Unity Church of Beaverton presents **Home for the Holidays: A Holiday Concert** with Mark Bosnian and friends. (7 pm. 12650 SW Fifth St. \$15 from 503-646-3364.)

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire presents its annual **Christmas Show/Toy Drive** to raise money for Centro Latino Americano. (8 pm. 1417 Villard. \$5 donation, \$3 with a new unwrapped child's toy.)

13 MONDAY

Miracle Theatre Group presents **Harvest of Talent**, a play reading series of the newest scripts by the nation's hottest Latino playwrights. Tonight's selection is Karen Zacarias' *Mariela in the Desert*, in which modern Mexican painters Diego Rivera, David Siquieros and **Frida Kahlo** fill the memories of a family of artists determined to let their deepest secrets remain undisclosed. Time's up. (7 pm. 525 SE Stark St.)

14 TUESDAY

Discover high-wage careers in carpentry, electric and more during a presentation by **Oregon Tradeswomen** at Portland Community College's Workforce Training Center. (2-4 pm. 5600 NE 42nd Ave. To register, call 503-335-8200, ext. 21.)

15 WEDNESDAY

Enjoy drinks, food and music while shopping for handmade holiday gifts and supporting Portland artists (including queer photographer Marne Lucas) during the second annual **Winter Art Bazaar** at XV Lounge. (6-10 pm. 15 SW Second Ave.)

Win some exclusive **Melissa Etheridge** memorabilia and be the first to see her *Lucky Live* DVD on the Egyptian Club's seven-foot screen! (7 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

Oscar-nominated queer director **Todd Haynes** (*Far from Heaven*, *Superstar: The Karen Carpenter Story*) joins Sophie Lux and house band Klezmocracy for the OPB sketch-comedy show *Live Wire!* at Aladdin Theatre. If you can't make it, tune your radio to 91.5 FM. (7 pm. 3116 SE 11th Ave. \$5.)

The **Superhero Book** contributors (including Mr. Oregon State Leather **Andy Mangels**) talk about the ultimate A-to-Z compendium of every comic lover's favorite superheroes at Powell's. (7:30 pm. 1005 W Burnside St.)



Michael Kadera and a star-studded lineup of artists explore the interdependence of consumption, the media, the government and morality in *SinTax* at Belinki & DuPrey Gallery and Gallery 500

16 THURSDAY

The **Rose City Showgirls** present *Virginal Confessions*, a night of sensual, tantalizing wintertime burlesque that is sure to warm you up, at the Egyptian Club. (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$5.)

Don't lose your peg leg while butt pirate DJ Faggoty Ass spins his favorite party hits during **Booty** at Porky's Pub. (9 pm-2 am. 835 N Lombard St. \$3 after 10 pm. www.bootypdx.com.)

17 FRIDAY

Roosevelt High School's Gay Straight Alliance throws a dance benefit for queer youth. (7-10 pm. 6941 N Central St.)

Don't miss **Dolly Parton's** most extensive tour in 20 years. Hello, I'm Dolly, at the Rose Garden Theater of the Clouds. Yee-haw! (8 pm. 1 Center Court. \$34-\$54 from Ticketmaster.)

Leila Chieko of Vivian's Keeper puts down her drumsticks and picks up her guitar to enchant you with her equally masterful guitar playing and soulful voice at Haven. (8 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

Dayton Contemporary Dance Company performs works by acclaimed African American choreographers Dec. 9-11

18 SATURDAY

Come help SisterSpirit rejoice the return of the sun through Yule, Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations during its **Annual Festival of Lights** at the Musicians Union Hall. All women and children welcome. (6 pm. 325 NE 20th Ave. \$3-\$5 donation.)

Dyke duo **Terra** and gay musician **Jeremy Gloff** perform at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7-10 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave.)

The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** welcomes guest conductor Mary McCarty for its first mainstage event of its 25th Anniversary Season, *Silver Bells*, an annual celebration of all the holidays of the season through Dec. 19 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. A friendly and warm tradition for the entire family! (8 pm Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$12-\$25 from 503-226-2588 or www.pdgm.org.)

19 SUNDAY

The **Aurora Chorus**, Portland's 120-voice woman's choral group, takes you on a spirit-restoring musical journey this holiday season during *Always Coming Home* at Catlin Gabel School's Cabell Hall. (4 and 7 pm. 8825 SW Barnes Road. \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance from 503-AURORA-1 or www.aurorachorus.org.)

Terpsichores Daughters present **A Forbidden Cabaret** featuring Johnny Mozzarella and members of DK PDX, comic burlesque, trapeze, singing, dancing, contortion and more at Holocaust. (8:30 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

Snatch: A Dyke Knight presents a singles snatch-up and hot homo dance party with Portland's best queer DJs first and third Sundays at the Doug Fir Lounge. (6-11 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$5.)

Check out more listings at www.justout.com!



What, did Captain America emigrate to Canada, too? Find out Dec. 15 at Powell's.

Get ready to bid on your favorite football player during the **Portland Shockwave's** third annual Holiday Ball and Auction at the Egyptian Club. Great raffle prizes and dancing, too! (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$5. www.portlandshockwave.com.)

Hold onto your fanny packs: DJs Puppet, Stormy, Heewee and ChaotiQueer spin during **Booty** at Porky's Pub. (9 pm-2 am. 835 N Lombard St. \$3 after 10 pm. www.bootypdx.com.)

Cheer on the *Just Out* editorial team as it kicks *The Portland Mercury's* ass during **Strip Jeopardy!** at No Fish! Go Fish! And hey, if we lose, you get to see us in our skivvies! (10:30 pm. 3962 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

10 FRIDAY

The HollyTones (featuring gay entertainer Gregg Arntson) and Rose City Swing perform during **Swing'n in the Season** at Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the Hambleton Project. (7 and 9 pm. 2400 NE Broadway. \$10 from TicketsWest.)

11 SATURDAY

The **Church of Scientology Women's League Annual Holiday Bazaar** sells homemade crafts, baked goods and rare and unusual gift items at reasonable prices through Dec. 12. Proceeds benefit Outside In. No, your eyes are not deceiving you. (10 am-5 pm Saturday, 11 am-5 pm Sunday. 709 SW Salmon St.)