

out & about

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appears next to events especially recommended by the **Just Out** arts staff.

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15 FRIDAY

Composer **David Schiff** is joined by mezzo-soprano Milagro Vargas to perform "Music Is the Food of Love," an excerpt from *All About Love*, his song cycle examining love from many angles—straight, gay, jealous, wise, tender, heated—at Reed College Chapel in Eliot Hall. (6 pm. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd.)

C.C. Slaughters presents **Tidal Rave 2005: A Vocal Trance Party** featuring special guest DJ Jubei, free glowsticks, blacklight body painting and flag dancers. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. \$5.)

Dress nerdy for **Geek Chic Disko** featuring Glass Candy, Panther, Dantronix and Workout, "an all-male group of hot young men with a knack for being physical on stage," at Holocene. Prizes for best dressed, best chest and smartest! (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)



Amber Martin will simultaneously disturb and warm your heart April 21 and 28 at Wild Abandon.

16 SATURDAY

If you hate to eat and run, try running and eating with the **Portland Frontrunners** for a 2.7- to 6.5-mile run along the Willamette River, followed by brunch. Meet at the intersection of Southeast Main Street and the Eastbank Esplanade. (9 am. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Join **Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science** for a morning of bird watching at Jackson Bottom Wetlands. (10 am. Terri 503-626-4623.)

Come hear 60 students play high-energy music from Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa during the 10th annual **Marimba Recital** by the students of MyLinda King at Evangel Baptist Church. Bring your own percussion instruments for the All-Band Jam! (12:30-5:30 pm. 2830 NE Flanders St.)

The **Corvallis Pride** women's tackle football team takes on the **Portland Shockwave** at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany. Bring lawn chairs. Next up are games against the **Boise X-Treme** April 30 and the **Eugene Edge** May 7. (1 pm. 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW. \$5-\$7.)

The **Rose City Softball Association**—Oregon and Southwest Washington's only gay, lesbian, bi and trans softball league—holds its opening ceremonies at C.C. Slaughters. (6:30-8:30 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

Queer musician Joan Meyer performs with her folk-rock band **Jessie Rae** at Oregon Trader Brewing Co. in Albany. (7:30-10:30 pm. 140 Hill St. SE.)

Bear Bust at Gail's Dirty Duck. (8-11 pm.

429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 non-members.)

Tip your hat to **Crystal's Country Jam** at the Metro Police Club. (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

17 SUNDAY

Join **OutKayaking Northwest** for a paddle on McNary and Sturgeon Lake at Sauvie Island. (503-231-2632. kaskiyak@yahoo.com.)

GO OUT Take me out to the ballgame! Cheer for your favorite team during the **Rose City Softball Association's** opening day at Gordon Faber Recreational Complex in Hillsboro, then head to Scandals to revel in the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat with the Open Division. (11 am-6 pm games, 4450 NW 229th Ave. 6:30-8:30 pm social, 1038 SW Stark St. www.portlandgayssoftball.com.)

The women of **The Forest Group** play miniature golf at Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Wilsonville. (29111 SW Town Center Loop. 503-249-9501 or 503-287-7124.)

Cruise Control PDX presents **quick dating for lesbians** at Hobo's. All ages are welcome. (4 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. \$15. Register at www.cruisecontrolpdx.com.)

The **Gay Pinochle Group** meets every Sunday at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

GO OUT Come to Holocene for **Trans-Mission: A Genderqueer Benefit for Avi's Top Surgery** featuring performers Pom Pom Meltdown, Excuse Me Sir and Flava Kelly, burlesque with Reggie Fox and Anita Moore, DJ Freddie Fagula and MC Marie Fleischmann. (8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5 sliding scale.)

Bolivia Carmichaels hosts **Carnival de Bolivia**, a wild and crazy talent and variety show open to everyone—from drag and dancing to singing and stripping—every Sunday at C.C. Slaughters. Performers should arrive at least an hour before showtime. (8-11 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)



Timm McBride and Michelle Maida star in Triangle Productions' *Sordid Lives* through May 7 at Theater Theatre.

18 MONDAY

Gather around the **Portland Polyamory Circle** for informal discussions of open relationships and commitment. (7 pm. Laury 503-285-4848.)

Grease your wheels with the Rosetown Ramblers' **Gay Skate Night** at Oaks Park every third Monday. This month's proceeds benefit Hambleton Project, which offers support to lesbians with cancer and other life-threatening conditions. (7:30-9:30 pm. 1 SE Spokane St.

\$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

19 TUESDAY

Lesbian laughter leader Gail Hand teaches **Portland Laughter Club** classes at CoHo Theater to help lift your spirits, lower your blood pressure and bring about amazing changes in your life. (7-8 pm. 2257 NW Raleigh St. \$5.)

Portland's punk drag troupe presents **Sissyboy Idol**, an *American Idol* parody hosted by America's newest sweetheart, Gay Aiken, with live performances by Fanni-Tasia Burrito, Miss Lina Cocaine and others at Holocene. Compete for a spot in the show by entering the Karaoke from Hell contest! (9 pm contest, 11 pm show. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

20 WEDNESDAY

Queer pop rocker **Ashleigh Flynn** performs with Sneakin' Out mandolin maestro **David Gerow** during happy hour at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (6-8 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

GO OUT **Camille Paglia**, America's premier intellectual provocateur and cultural critic, reads from *Break, Blow, Burn*, a celebration of her favorite poems of Western tradition, at Powell's. (7:30 pm. 1005 W Burnside St.)

Gay performer **Steven Nash** returns to Wilf's Restaurant & Piano Bar with his cabaret act *Popular*, a playful romp through facets of life to which we all can relate. Repeats April 27. (7:30 pm. 800 NW Sixth Ave. \$10 from 503-223-0070.)

Do some spring cleaning while helping queer students attend college during the **Rags to Scholarship Auction** at Darcelle's. Bring a great article from your closet, perform a three-minute tune, and auction off your item to raise money for the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund. (8 pm. 208 NW Third Ave. \$5.)

LKN, aka Lauren K. Newman, performs with drummer Caitlin Love and bassist Donna Dresch at Porky's Pub. (8 pm. 835 N Lombard St.)



Colleen Coover's *Pussies, Poochies and Other Critters* opens April 28 at Optic Nerve Arts.

for a three-week run of her Drammy-winning solo show *Hil* this September in New York City. Featuring a special guest "cameltoe" appearance by Lee "Splendor" Kyle of Sissyboy! Repeats April 28. (9 pm. 2411 SE Belmont St. \$13 plus food, beverage and gratuity from 503-232-4458 or wildabandon@aol.com.)

Salvation Inc., a Portland collaboration devoted to raising social awareness and building community, presents a night of films, rock music, art and magic at Berbat's featuring The Divided, Ross and the Hellpits, Joe Haege of 31 Knots and Nick Jaina of Binary Dolls. Proceeds benefit Sisters of the Road Cafe. (9 pm. 10 SW Third Ave. \$3-\$8 sliding scale.)

22 FRIDAY

The Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center offers a **free yoga class** in Ashland. Continues April 30. (Suite 112, 208 Oak St. victorpaulgarcia2002@hotmail.com.)

A Better World Is Within Reach People's Empowerment and Collective Exchange (P.E.A.C.E.) Network presents an educational workshop at Laughing Horse Books about how to **Live and Work for Peace** by creating sustainable villages based on cohousing and intentional communities. (7 pm. 3652 SE Division St. www.abwwwpeace.org.)

The OPB sketch-comedy show **Live Wire!** celebrates the first-ever Wordstock Festival by assembling the ultimate book group at Aladdin Theater: former *Just Out* columnist Marc Acito (*How I Paid for College*), singer-turned-novelist Wesley Stace (aka John Wesley Harding), musical storyteller Colin Melloy (*The Decemberists*) and hip-hop poet Libretto. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from box office or freemaster.)

The Oregon Bears throw their monthly **Double X Dance** with \$1.25 drink specials at C.C. Slaughters. (9 pm-midnight. 219 NW Davis St.)

23 SATURDAY

The women of **The Forest Group** visit Maryhill Museum of Art for "The Gorge as Lewis and Clark Saw It," a lecture/guided hike through stunning sage- and wildflower-covered hills in Goldendale, Wash., then head to Stonehenge for a picnic dinner and watch the sunset. (503-659-2782.)

Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science take a moderate hike along Eagle Creek with a short jaunt to Punchbowl Falls. Dogs on leash welcome. (Leigh 503-774-0247.)

Join **OutKayaking Northwest** for a full moonlight paddle on Vancouver Lake. (503-231-2632. kaskiyak@yahoo.com.)

The **Pacific Coast Boating Club** takes its first cruise of the season to the public docks at Hadley's Landing in the Multnomah Channel. (503-793-0751. pacocoastboatclub@comcast.net.)

GO OUT The first-ever **Wordstock Book Fair** features hundreds of best-selling writers, workshops, exhibitors, cooking demonstrations and more through April 24 at the Oregon Convention Center. Queer authors include Tom Spanbauer (*The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon*), Brent Hartinger (*The Last Chance Texaco*), Marc Acito (*How I Paid for College*), Judith Barrington (*Horses and the Human Soul*) and Jeremiah Jefferson (*Fiend*). (10 am-5 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wordstockfestival.com.)

21 THURSDAY

Oregon Tradeswomen present an information session about paid on-the-job training and high-wage career opportunities in carpentry, electrical and other construction-related fields at Portland Community College's Workforce Training Center. (2-4 pm. 5600 NE 42nd Ave. Register at 503-335-8200, ext. 21.)

House of Cunt entertainer **Amber Martin** presents dinner theater at its very strangest at gay-owned Wild Abandon to raise money