

Tricks and treats

Just Out presents your guide to queer Halloween fun

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

Northwest Children's Theater presents Mary Shelley's monster classic **Frankenstein** through Oct. 30 at Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center. (7 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Saturday and Sunday, 1819 NW Everett St. \$14-\$18 from 503-222-4480 or www.nwcts.org.)

Night of the Living Dead, based on the B movie classic, returns to Northwest Children's Theater through Oct. 29. (10:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 1819 NW Everett St. \$12 from 503-222-4480 or www.nwcts.org.)

Since every day is a freak show for the folks behind **Queer Fetish** (a kinky party held every third Friday at Noir), this is the month where they show off their very best. Enter their first-ever costume contest, with crowd response determining winners for first, second, third and "most vanilla." The Ghost of Splendor will appear with The Gender Fluids, Spittles the Butt Spankin' Clown will terrorize tushes, and Church of Girl Radio's DJ Boy will join Puppet and Nancy Bear behind the turntables. (11 pm, 203 SE Grand Ave. \$3 monsters, \$5 muggles. www.queerfetish-r.us.)

Portland sketch comedy troupe **The Tragedies** present their latest display of vaudeville-inspired, darkly sharp humor in the Halloween-themed **Necrophabulous!** through Oct. 22 at Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. Proceeds benefit Mercy Corps. (11 pm, 5340 N Interstate Ave. \$7-\$10 from 503-367-2100.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Bring your beads, masks, tarot cards, crucifix, feathers, sparkles, voodoo charms and Mardi Gras energy to **Darklady's Polyween at the French Quarter** featuring a kinky S/M play space, body illustration, casting couch exhibitionism, arty porno theater, birthday fantasies for September and October, door prizes, hunky bear psychic Larry Foltz, photo booth enchanter Robert Alan York and music by DJ ChaotiQueer and Full Brazil. Bring a donation for Dandelion Animal Rescue, which has been assisting in the effort to save pets stranded because of Hurricane Katrina, and receive a \$5 discount. (7 pm-2 am, \$20 costumes or fetish garb, \$25 street clothes. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com.)

Long before gangsta rap reared its bloody skull, there was the murder ballad—a deadly strain of folk music in which feral behavior was chronicled with matter-of-fact directness. The ninth annual **Night of the Murder Ballad** will exploit the oral tradition at Fez Ballroom with more than two dozen performers, including queer musicians Susie Blue and Leila Chieko. (9 pm, 316 SW 11th Ave. \$8.)



Live from Portland, it's The Tragedies in **Necrophabulous!** Oct. 21 and 22.



The Shining will scare the hell out of you Oct. 24 at Zaytoon.

MONDAY, OCT. 24

Lesbian-owned Middle Eastern bar Zaytoon screens Stanley Kubrick's **The Shining** as part of its October Horror Festival. (9:30 pm, 2236 NE Alberta St.)



Artists deal with the intensity and continuity of death and life Oct. 27 at Onda Arte Latina.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27

Gay-owned Onda Arte Latina unveils **Paintings for Day of the Dead**, featuring oil and mixed media on canvas by Ana Fuentes and acrylic and watercolor on paper by Ariana Austin. The exhibit continues through Nov. 22. (6-9 pm, 2215 NE Alberta St.)

FRIDAY, OCT. 28

Queer-owned Studio 2507 celebrates Day of the Dead with a traditional shrine in conjunction with **Bones and Wheels**. Scott Ringsage's series of sculptures of skeletons driving cars and trucks. The shrine remains up through Nov. 1, and the exhibit continues through Nov. 6. (6-9 pm, 2507 SE Clinton St.)

Miracle Theatre Group's Day of the Dead Festival celebrates its 11th year with an original work, **La Noche Eterna (The Night Eternal)**, a bilingual folk tale of one *espíritu* longing for return to the land of the living through the mythical gates of Mictlán. Opening night reception catered by La Calaca Comelona. The production continues through Nov. 13. (7:30 pm Thursday, 8 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday, 525 SE Stark St. \$14-\$18 from 503-236-7253.)

The Portland Shockwave women's football team presents the first-ever **Tackling the Enemy Masquerade Ball** at lesbian-owned restaurant/bar Vitis Enoteca. The event will include a variety of performers, from belly dancers to rock bands to R & B singers, followed by raffle prizes and dancing to the sounds of DJ Lauren. Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. (9:30 pm, 535 NW 16th Ave. \$10.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Get ready for a hauntingly good time as Rose City Swing calls up **Transylvania 6-5000—A Halloween Dance**

at the Ambridge Center. Bring your boyfriend, ghoufriend, mummy or sugar daddy, or come alone if you wish. Dress up in your favorite monster or swing-era outfit for an evening of photos, costume prizes and spirits—of more than one kind! (8 pm, 300 NE Multnomah St. \$15 from Music Millennium.)

C.C. Slaughters throws its 25th annual Halloween Party featuring costume contests, hostess Bolivia Carmichaels and music by DJ Alex Hollywood. (9 pm, 219 NW Davis St. \$5.)

Jog's presents Halloween strippers featuring the Boo-gie Boys! (9 pm, 2512 NE Broadway.)

Join the ghouls and goblins in the haunted Tomb for the **Egyptian Club's** Halloween Bash. The audience-judged costume contest will begin at the stroke of midnight, with the winner taking home either \$100 cash or a portable DVD player with a few horror movies. The clocks will be set back at 2:15 am, so you will have an extra hour for dancing, drinking and playing Lollipop Karaoke for spooky prizes! (9 pm, 3701 SE Division St. \$5.)

Andaz (Portland's longest-running monthly dance party dedicated to new music) presents **Bollywood Horror III** hosted by DJs Anjali and The Incredible Kid at Fez Ballroom. Cash and prizes for best costumes! (9 pm-3 am, 316 SW 11th Ave. \$10 with costume.)

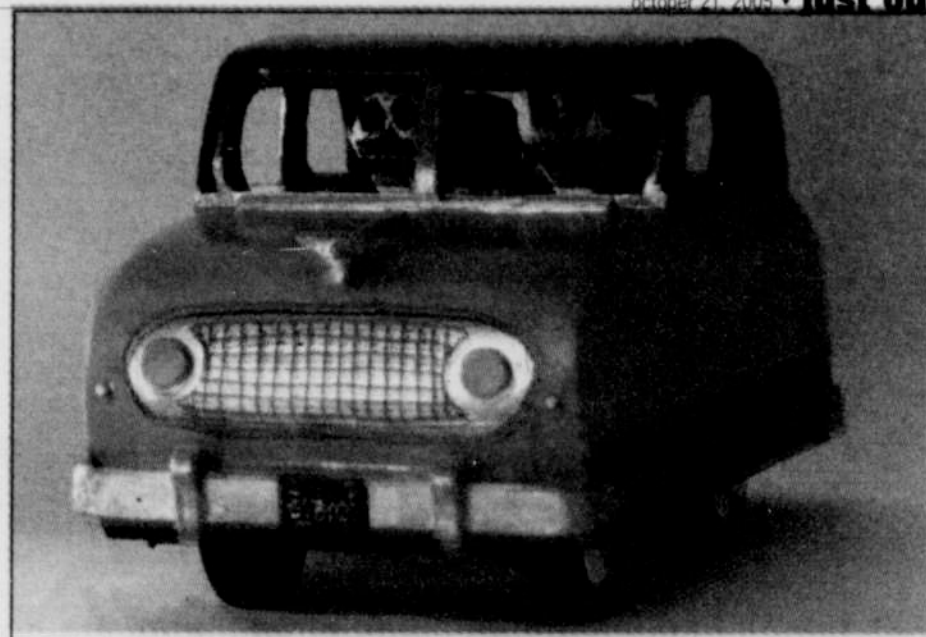
Gay-owned **Chameleon** throws its ninth annual Halloween Costume Party featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres, go-go dancers, DJ Gino Mari of The Gentry, a special performance by radical drag troupe Sissyboy and other surprises all night long! Invitations are available any evening before the event at the restaurant. (11 pm, 2000 NE 40th Ave. \$5 with invitation, \$10 without.)

SUNDAY, OCT. 30

Portland Metro Performing Arts Center and School presents an authentic re-enactment of the 1938 Halloween night radio broadcast of **War of the Worlds** in the manner made famous by Orson Welles through Oct. 31. (3 pm Sunday, 7:30 pm Monday, 9933 SE Pine St. \$5 individuals, \$15 families from 503-408-0604.)

Stark Raving Theatre presents its second annual Halloween fund-raising party, **Horror on Hawthorne**, at Sabala's. Bring your fellow ghouls and join the actors and staff for a night of appetizers, karaoke, casino games and a costume contest for "wicked" prizes. (7 pm, 4811 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from 503-232-7072 or www.starkravingtheatre.org.)

Win a \$250 cash prize and other giveaways during the Sexiest Halloween Costume Contest at the Rose City's newest bathhouse, **Steam Portland**. Come in for a trick or a treat—or both! (10 pm judging, 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)



Studio 2507 displays sculptor Scott Ringsage's **Bones and Wheels** through Nov. 6.



Northwest Children's Theater revives **Night of the Living Dead** through Oct. 29.

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Compete for a portable DVD player during the **Texas Hold 'Em Tournament** at the Egyptian Club. Come in costume for a bonus chip! (Denomination will range from 10 to 100.) (7 and 9:30 pm, 3701 SE Division St.)

Portland's punk drag troupe presents **The Voluptuous Horror of Sissyboy** featuring The Divided, The Cancer Fags and DJs Jimme Jamma, Bitemark and Sitandspin at the Doug Fir Lounge. (9 pm, 830 E Burnside St. \$5.)

Lesbian-owned Middle Eastern bar Zaytoon screens John Carpenter's **Halloween** as part of its October Horror Festival. (9:30 pm, 2236 NE Alberta St.)



Chameleon owner Pat Jeung welcomes Sissyboy back for his ninth annual Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 29.