

TUE • DEC 6

Larry Crain and Zach Druckenmiller teach a **Spanish class** at the Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center in Ashland. (Suite 112, 208 Oak St. 541-778-6126. zax145@yahoo.com.)

Q Center presents **Community Voices: Making History**, a storytelling event for the sexual minorities community, at Urban Grind Coffeehouse. (6-8:30 pm. 2214 NE Oregon St. info@pdqcenter.org.)

Gay musical theater performer Gregg Arntson reunites with vocalists Laurie Campbell-Leslie and Wendy Martel-Vilkin and pianist Darcy White for **The HollyTones' Christmas Cabaret**, jazzing up the holidays with traditional, contemporary and hip tunes at Wilf's Restaurant & Piano Bar. Repeats Dec. 13 and 15. (7:30 pm. 800 NW Sixth Ave. \$15 from 503-223-0070.)

A Decade of Harmony

Terri Grayum and Gwen Thomas have been described as born to sing together.

Ten years in the making is their 10th Anniversary Concert and Celebration, for the fans and friends they've picked up along the way. Attendees will have a gleeful time spending an evening with Terri and Gwen, with sing-alongs and lots of laughter.

"We have a bit of a reputation for our repartee," says Grayum. "I think people come for that as much as for the music."

Though the lesbian duo went to the same music camps for years in the Seattle area, they didn't connect until a mutual friend brought them together for an evening of dinner and music.

"We started harmonizing together, and it was magical," she says. "We also laughed our asses off that night, which has become an integral part of our duo. Laughing together is as important as making music together."

The musicians work collaboratively. They play guitar and have begun strumming a purple electric bass. They both write the music and have written a few songs for each other. They are chiefly known for their vocal harmonies.

Terri and Gwen have recorded two CDs, *Heart of a Friend* in 1998 and *Road Trip* in 2003. Both are available through CDBaby.com.

The ladies have shared the stage with performers including Aurora Chorus, Portland Lesbian Choir, Cheryl Wheeler, Ferron, Judy Fjell, Libby Roderick and Linda Waterfall and have invited special guests to their upcoming show. "Portland has such a rich music community, and we love to highlight that at our shows," Grayum says.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Community Music Center, 3350 S.E. Francis St. Tickets are \$12 from In Other Words, Annie Bloom's Books or Brown Paper Tickets. For more information visit www.terriandgwen.com.

—Jaymee R. Cuit



Terri Grayum (left) and Gwen Thomas, then and now.

Queer folk/blues songstress **Anne Weiss** performs music from her latest release, *Braille*, at the Bitter End Pub. (9 pm. 1981 W Burnside St.)

WED • DEC 7

Whether you are in or out of the closet, committed or single, retired or still working, shy or outgoing, come to **Elder Resource Alliance's Holiday Open House** at Friendly House. Festivities include the dancing piano fingers of Bob Lamberson, a seasonal sing-along, savory snacks, special guest speakers, surprising gift baskets and unusual door prizes. (3-5 pm. 2617 NW Savier St. Rachel 503-224-2640. eracoordinator@yahoo.com.)

Gay-owned Paolo Design Group presents **Interior Design Shop-Talks**, a series of forums about new innovations to create a living space that caters to your needs. Tonight's topic is "Furniture for Compact Spaces." (6-7:30 pm. 1031 NW 11th Ave. RSVP to 503-222-1757.)

Single women celebrate the launch of **JustOutPersonals.com** with singer/songwriter Ashleigh Flynn, lesbian laughter leader Gail Hand, Cruise Control PDX, appetizers and door prizes at Zaytoon. (6-9 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St.)

LoveTribe and Q-LAND present a **men's yoga class** on coping with stress, getting stronger and more flexible and addressing individual wellness goals. First class free; donations thereafter. (6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP to www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Vocalist **Susannah Mars** (*One: The Musical*) reunites with music director **Bill Wells** for *Mars on Life: The Holiday Edition*, another exciting evening of musical theater at Wilf's Restaurant & Piano Bar. (7:30 pm. 800 NW Sixth Ave. \$15 from 503-223-0070.)

Wynne Greenwood performs driving electropunk beats alongside video projections of herself as **Tracy + the Plastics** at Holocene. Opening acts are **Swan Island**, an all-female group performing elaborate prog-inflected dance rock, and German folktronicist **Masha Orella**. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$8.)

THU • DEC 8

Western Buddhist nun **Gen Kelsang Dechen** reviews *The New Meditations Handbook*, illuminating the enormous potential for peace and happiness within us all, at In Other Words. (7 pm. 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

One man's Wonderful Life

You either love or hate it, and **Mark Setlock** simply adores *It's a Wonderful Life*. So much that when the holidays roll around, this gay Ohio-native-turned-New-York-actor is often found paying homage to the 1946 cinematic chestnut by performing scenes for anyone who will watch.

"About 10 years ago, I was doing it backstage at a show I was acting in, and some of the actors were getting a kick out of it," recalls Setlock. "One in particular, a guy I thought was a really good actor, told me I should turn it into a show."

But it wasn't until last year—while performing another one-man whirlwind, *Fully Committed*, at Portland Center Stage—that PCS powers-that-be got wind of his solo fantasy. Refusing to take a joke, they hooked Setlock up for a theatrical three-way with playwright **Steve Murray** and director **Martha Banta**. Their artistic conjugation gave birth to *This Wonderful Life*, an adaptation making its world premiere through Dec. 24 at Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway.

"The story has remained a holiday favorite because of the wonder of its magical premise: What if one could see life as it would be without their existence? For me, the power of the film lies in the notion that we all have no idea how much we affect other people's lives in a positive way by the seemingly small kindnesses we perform," says Setlock.

The power of seeing him perform it live will be witnessing this award-winning vocal gymnast singlehandedly portraying Jimmy Stewart as do-good but

Queer musician Tamara J. Brown hosts **Suck My Open Mike**, which returns to Thursdays at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave.)

Velour Productions presents the third annual **Winter Art Bazaar** featuring jewelry, handbags, magnets and other oddities at Homestar coffee bar. (7-10 pm. 4747 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Novelist and poet **Marge Piercy** reads from and signs *Sex Wars*, her new book focusing on the fight for contraception and gender equality in 1900s New York, at First Unitarian Church. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette. (7:30 pm. 1011 SW 12th Ave. \$12-\$25 donation from 503-788-7277 or development@ppcw.org.)



The many faces of Mark Setlock.

despair-filled George Bailey; Lionel Barrymore as corrupt-and-cranky Mr. Potter; and lovely Donna Reed as George's wife, Mary, a character somewhat too wholesome for Setlock.

"I've never been into the good girls. I have more fun with Violet Bick, the town floozy," jokes Setlock, who adds that while there are no out-and-out homos in the story, his favorite character, Mr. Potter, may be in the closet. "Maybe that's why he's so mean and bitter!"

Sure as Christmas, Zuzu gets over her cold, Clarence earns his wings, and the Baileys live happily ever after. This is, after all, a *Wonderful Life*.

Tickets are \$15-\$56 from 503-274-6588.

—Timothy Krause

FRI • DEC 9

GO OUT **Confluence: Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus** presents *Noel!*—an uplifting holiday concert with something for everyone, from sacred music to a Christmas carol sing-along—at Unitarian Universalists Fellowship in Corvallis. Repeats Dec. 10 in Building 6 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. (7:30 pm Friday, 2945 NW Circle Blvd. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4000 Lancaster Blvd. NE. \$10-\$15 from 503-587-SING or www.confluencechorus.org.)

Anne Weiss performs as part of a tribute to singer/songwriter John Prine at Bidly McGraw's. (9 pm. 6000 NE Glisan St.)

Queer musician Joan Meyer performs with her folk-rock band **Jessie Rae** at Trail's End Saloon in Oregon City. (9:15 pm-1:15 am. 1320 Main St.)

SAT • DEC 10

The women of **The Forest Group** enjoy a day of cross-country skiing on Mount Hood. Beginners welcome. (503-582-9841.)

Put your money where your heart is during the **Mindful Gifts Bazaar** at Bridgeport United Church of Christ. You'll find unique and affordable gifts representing the services and projects of dozens of local nonprofits, including pear and Portland Habitat for Humanity. (10 am-4 pm. 621 NE 76th Ave. 503-258-0992.)

SisterSpirit celebrates its 20th birthday with a potluck feast, benefit raffle and storytelling at Musician's Union Hall (2-5 pm. 325 NE 20th Ave. \$5-\$500 donation. 503-736-3297.)

Deaf and hearing queers and allies come together in a friendly environment during **Deaf & Hearing Out Reach's** ASL coffee social at Haven. All skill levels welcome. (7-9 pm. 3551 SE Division St. www.dhor.org.)

Terri and Gwen celebrate 10 years of music and friendship with special surprise guests at the Community Music Center. (7:30 pm. 3350 SE Francis St. \$12 from In Other Words, Annie Bloom's Books or Brown Paper Tickets.)

Legendary vocal artist **Jane Olivor** performs at Shedd Institute for the Arts in Eugene. Proceeds benefit Greenhill Humane Society. (8 pm. 868 High St. \$35-\$75 from 541-434-7000.)

Mr. Gay Oregon XXXVI Felipe and Miss Gay Oregon XXXIV Miss Mylar present the hottest show this year, **Obsession**, at all-ages club Escape. Proceeds help the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court send queer youth to Coronation 2006. (Midnight. 333 SW Park Ave. \$10.)