

Gay Latino lounge singer **Atole** performs Spanish psychedelic/techno/experimental/electronic/pop songs about dudes using quadrophonic boom boxes, four bass amps and a toy piano along with Vegas psych/dance collective **Flaspar**, a cappella/new wave/disco house act **Yacht** and queer **DJ Dantronix** at Berbat's Pan. (9 pm. 231 SW Ankeny St. \$4.)

DJ Hott Scott spins during **Hog**, a rock 'n' roll queer night every second and fourth Tuesday at Kelly's Olympian. (9 pm. 426 SW Washington St. \$2-\$4 sliding scale.)

Dance your panties off as **DJ Atomiton** spins funky '80s music and more Tuesdays at the Egyptian Club. (10 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$1.)

WED • JAN 11

The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at the Governor Hotel. (11:30 am-1 pm. 614 SW 11th Ave. \$19-\$24 from 503-241-2222.)

LoveTribes 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.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

Satori Men's Chorus invites men of all backgrounds to rehearsals for its next concert, *Expressions of Peace*, which will be performed in March. Repeats Jan. 18. (7-9:30 pm. 503-299-4454. www.satorichorus.org.)

The **Djangophiles** perform gypsy jazz with a French twist every other Wednesday at gay-owned wine bistro Vino Paradiso. (8-10 pm. 417 NW 10th Ave.)

Enter the battle of the bulge with the **Best Basket Contest** every second Wednesday at the Eagle. The winner gets \$100 and joins the Basket Wall of Fame! (8 pm-midnight. 1300 W Burnside St.)

THU • JAN 12

Elder Resource Alliance invites older members of the sexual minorities community to meet each other, share common interests and enjoy fun conversation every second Thursday at Old Wives' Tales. Two door prize winners will get a free bowl of the restaurant's famous Hungarian mushroom soup! (2-4 pm. 1300 E Burnside St. Kevin 503-224-2640.)

Lesbian-owned taco bar Dingo's presents **Girls Night Out** every Thursday. (7 pm. 4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd. 503-233-3996.)

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

Loungy singer/songwriter/pianist **Ashley Marie** performs every Thursday at gay-owned wine bistro Vino Paradiso. (8-10 pm. 417 NW 10th Ave.)

After breaking her arm last August while gallivanting on a farm, **Just Out** News Editor **Sarah Dougher** makes her triumphant return to the stage with fellow queers **Swallows** and **DJ Dantronix** at Towne Lounge. (9 pm. 714 SW 20th Place. \$5.)

Guest DJ Dandy Lion takes pride in joining Puppet, Stormy and MoRocca for **Booty**, an alterna-queer night held every Thursday at Porky's Pub. (9 pm. 835 N Lombard St. \$3.)

Green Papaya presents **Homo Happy Hour** Thursday through Saturday featuring an electroclash mix by DJ Tool and a \$2 food and drink menu! (9 pm-midnight. 1135 SW Morrison St.)

FRI • JAN 13

Get lucky as **Wild Card**, Portland's all-new queer revue, presents "The Friday the 13th Superstition Showcase" at its new location, Porky's Pub, with drag star hosts Max Voltage and Splendor, live acts, a talent show, games, prizes, dancing with DJ Puppet and a charity raffle to benefit p:ear. (11 pm. 835 N Lombard St. \$5.)

SAT • JAN 14

The **Portland Shockwave** women's tackle football team holds its last tryouts for the 2006 season at Whitaker Middle School. (10 am-noon. 5700 NE 39th Ave. \$25. www.portlandshockwave.com.)

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire crowns new titleholders during the **Mr./Ms./Miss Gay Eugene Pageant** at Neighbors. (7 pm. 1417 Villard St. \$10. For an application e-mail daphnestorm@aol.com.)

The Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center celebrates southern Oregonians who work hard for equal rights during the 10th annual **Lambda Awards** ceremony followed by a dance at the Red Lion Hotel in Medford. Wear something pink in honor of this year's theme, "Express Yourself!" (8 pm-1 am. 200 N Riverside Ave. \$20.)

Swan Island celebrates its first anniversary of performing dark melodies, killer riffs and danceable rhythms with an epic animal-themed show featuring **Animal Beard** and **Gin Panther Choir** at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave. \$5.)

DJs Anjali, E3 and The Incredible Kid expose electronic sounds emerging from South Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Jamaica and the United Kingdom during the monthly dance party **Atlas** at Holocene.

(9:30 pm-2:30 am. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5 after 10 pm.)

SUN • JAN 15

Siren Nation raises money for its 2007 women's music and art festival during a kid-friendly **Bluegrass Pancake Breakfast** at Imbibe featuring live performances from Flat Mountain Girls, Myshkin and the Jamie Stillway Trio. Come dressed as your favorite country or bluegrass singer for a free raffle ticket! (10 am-2 pm. 2229 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$6-\$25 sliding scale.)

Watch **The L Word** every Sunday at the Egyptian Club. (7 and 10 pm previous episode, 8:30 and 11 pm current episode. 3701 SE Division St.)

MON • JAN 16

Miracle Theatre Group presents the first installment of **The Miracle Grow Series** of free readings designed to foster budding new ideas. Get a sneak peek at *Ophelia* in



Hedcheq renders **Music** icons in his unmistakable paint-by-numbers style through Jan. 27 at Genuine Imitation Gallery.



Showtime's groundbreaking **The L Word** follows the lives, careers and relationships of a group of women in Los Angeles.

Spread the Word

In what's being billed as "the hottest lesbian event of 2006," the **Human Rights Campaign** will celebrate the third season premiere of **The L Word** from 7 p.m. to midnight Jan. 8 at Aura, 1022 W. Burnside St.

Screenings will begin at 8 and 10 p.m. The suggested donation is \$5.

Organizers promise great prizes. Local co-sponsors include Girls on Gay, Cruise Control PDX, Tart, Double Down, Ladies on the Links, Mother's Bistro & Bar, Mama Mia Trattoria, It's My Pleasure, Wild Abandon & The Red Velvet Lounge, Starky's, Crush, the Egyptian Club and Dingo's.

"Visibility opens hearts and minds, and that's what *The L Word* delivers," says **Cathy Nelson**, HRC vice president of development. "We're proud to work with Showtime to host these premieres. Not only are they a great opportunity for communities to come together around great entertainment, but they also provide a space for getting out the message about equal rights."

This is the third season that HRC and Showtime have teamed up for these celebrations. Last year, 33 events were held and more than 14,000 supporters attended across the nation.

Five cities were added this year. **Pam Grier** and **Daniela Sea**, who play characters on the show, will be special guests at events in, respectively, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

"This show challenges viewers to understand and celebrate differences between people," said **Ilene Chaiken**, creator and executive producer of *The L Word*. "I believe in the importance of equality for all Americans and am honored to partner with HRC to reach millions of Americans with that message in their homes."

HRC members will also play host to an estimated 500 house parties to watch the series premiere at home with friends. For more information visit www.hrc.org/thelword.

—Jim Radosta

Bluegrass Pancake Breakfast Benefits Music Fest

The ladies of **Siren Nation** are setting the scene for an upcoming music and arts festival by hosting a bluegrass pancake breakfast with live, local entertainment.

Many will participate in the fun—from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 15 at Imbibe, 2229 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.—by dressing up as their favorite country or bluegrass singer, for a free raffle ticket good for fabulous prizes.

This kid-friendly benefit with Portland performers **Flat Mountain Girls**, **Myshkin** and the **Jamie Stillway Trio** will mirror the all-ages atmosphere of the Siren Nation Women's Music Festival, slated for the first weekend in November 2007. This is the first event leading up to the festival, and organizers are hoping tickets—priced between \$6 and \$25 on a sliding scale—will draw a crowd and start the festival with a budget to back up its ambition.

"It's a fund-raising event for the festival, so we want to raise money to show artists that we're serious about this festival and that it's well planned out and to let our community know about this festival and get a buzz going," says board member **Natalia Kay**. "Showcasing some awesomely talented local musicians is always part of the goal of producing an event."

Members of the all-female board have participated in the music industry in a production, promotion or performance capacity. The board consists of Kay and **Tamara J. Brown** of Tough Titties Productions; **Marie Fleischmann** of the production company See Jane Run; **December Carson** of Siren Music; **Seann McKeel**, who books performances at Wonder Ballroom; **Sunny Jaynes**, the booking agent for Mississippi Pizza Pub; visual artist and writer **Georgia Lee Hussey**, who concentrates on development and sponsorship; and **Connie Wahn**, publicist for the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls.

A full bar is available for those wishing to imbibe in breakfast libations, and vegan and gluten-free pancakes will be provided, cooked and served by local chefs. For more information visit www.sirennation.org.

—Jaymee R. Cuti



Flat Mountain Girls help raise money for the **Siren Nation Women's Music Festival** on Jan. 15 at Imbibe.