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Open Your Heart

Just Out presents your guide to queer Valentine's Day fun

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Gay-owned Vino Paradiso exhibits A Valentine Show featuring gay artist Philip Iosca through Feb. 26. (417 NW 10th Ave.)

QuArtPDX—a group that works to foster a sense of community among creative, socially conscious, queer and queer-friendly artists-holds an opening reception for its Valentine's Day Art Show, on display through Feb. 28 at Stumptown Coffee. (7-9 pm. 4525 SE Division St.)

SAT ♥ FEB 4

Get in step for Rose City Swing's Valentines Dance on Feb. 11! Cruise Control buddies up with Out Dancing to Readers Theatre Repertory serves up chocolate present a special swing dance lesson. (7 pm. \$15. For and romance Feb. 10 and 11. details visit www.cruisecontrolpdx.com.)



THU ♥ FEB 9

Just in time to find your valentine, Girls on Gay presents lesbian speed dating in a nonsmoking atmosphere at the Egyptian Club. (6:30-9:30 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$23 at the door, \$18 in advance from www.girlsongay.com.)

Come to the Spartacus Pre Valentine's Day Shopping Event for food, champagne, free gift wrapping, 25 percent off all purchases, a raffle for sexy prizes, product demonstrations and the Porcelain Twinz! (7:30-10 pm. 300 SW 12th Ave.)

FRI V FEB 10

On the eve of Darklady's Celebration of Eros, meet and greet photographer/writer David Steinberg of Santa Cruz, Calif. (7 pm-midnight. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com.)

Remember your first kiss? First broken heart? First trip to the VD clinic? Portland Story Theater does! Filled with yearning, pathos, tenderness and humor, with a dash of cynicism for good measure, Beginner's Luck will take you back to your first encounters with relationships, love and sex. Runs through Feb. 18 at Brooklyn Bay Performance Space. Ticket price includes a beverage and a tasty treat! (7:30 pm Friday and Saturday. 1825 SE Franklin St. \$15 from www.portlandstorytheater.com.)

Readers Theatre Repertory presents an evening themed Love's Funny That Way topped off with chocolate truffles through Feb. 11 at Blackfish Gallery. David Ives' "The Sure Thing" and gay Pulitzer Prize winner Tony Kushner's "Terminating" will take the audience through first dates, second chances, fertility clinics and Oedipal conflicts. Shakespeare's Sonnets 138 and 75 will round out the perfect "date night" outing. (8 pm. 420 NW Ninth Ave. \$8 from 503-295-4997.1

Celebrate V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women and girls, with a benefit production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues through Feb. 12 at the Performing Arts Center on Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus. A silent auction will precede the evening performances to benefit the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, with performances in the lobby by Portland musicians Ally Hanes and Em Brownlowe of The Swallows. (8 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday.

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Wash down your prime rib with some Poison Waters at Darcelle's.



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