



Lesbian poet Jen Currin reads April 20 at Broadway Books.

MON • APRIL 17

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



Just Out presents **Gay Skate Night!** Grease your wheels every third Monday at Oaks Park. Proceeds benefit the **Just Out** Scholarship Fund. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

It's **Movie Night Monday** at lesbian-owned Middle Eastern bar Zaytoon. Tonight's films are *The Princess Bride* and *Everyone Says I Love You*. (8:30 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St.)

Pink Martini Concerts Benefit Four Nonprofits

Pink Martini has come up with a clever way to support several Portland nonprofits selected by the band's members.

The first-ever **FundFest** is a series of concerts April 18 to 21 at Crystal Ballroom to raise money that will be divided equally among the beneficiaries. The goal is to donate a total of \$80,000.

Pink Martini will perform each night with a special guest opener. Each nonprofit will be present on its dedicated night to share information about its mission and programs with concertgoers:

- **April 18:** Oregon Public Broadcasting, which reaches more than 1.5 million people each week with noncommercial television and radio programming. With special guest **March Fourth Marching Band**.
- **April 19:** Reach Community Development, which provides affordable housing for low-income people in the Portland metro area. With special guest **Amelia**.
- **April 20:** Children's Cancer Association, which serves children with serious illnesses and their families. With special guest **Corrina Repp**.
- **April 21:** ALS Association of Oregon & SW Washington, which supports people with Lou Gehrig's disease and promotes research that will lead to effective treatments and a cure. With special guest **Foghorn Stringband**.

"**Pink Martini** receives numerous requests to perform at benefits which, due to the band's touring schedule, we simply cannot accommodate," says manager **John Brodie**. "**FundFest** is a way for **Pink Martini** to produce its own fund-raising concerts and donate the proceeds to nonprofits close to the band members' hearts. It allows the band to be more directly involved in supporting the

TUE • APRIL 18

Pink Martini presents its first-ever **FundFest** through April 21 at Crystal Ballroom. Proceeds benefit Oregon Public Broadcasting, Reach Community Development, Children's Cancer Association and ALS Association of Oregon & SW Washington. (8 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

WED • APRIL 19

Western Buddhist nun **Gen Kelsang Dechen** speaks at In Other Words about how to understand all of Buddha's teachings as personal advice and how to practice this advice in our busy daily lives. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Donna Dunaif teaches a fun- and information-filled class to demystify **basic photography** at lesbian-owned Middle Eastern bar Zaytoon. (6:30 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St. \$15.)



A little bit country and a whole lotta **GLING GLO!** In lieu of this month's Sissyboy performance, House of Cunt entertainer **Amber Martin**, neo-folk sensation **Holcombe Waller** and Sissyboy's Zebra present **Dolly vs. Bjork**, performances inspired by the biggest glamouramazons in show business, at Holocene. Followed by a dance party with DJs C-Re and Ghostdad. (10 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

THU • APRIL 20

Queer poet and folksinger **Anne Weiss** teaches a vocal class Thursdays through May 25 at Artichoke Music. From campfire to parties to working on songs, you will be provided all the tools needed to grow your voice beauti-

fully! Tuition includes all materials. (6:30-8 pm. 3130 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$75 from 503-231-8165 or likapika@aol.com.)

Lesbian **Jen Currin** reads poems from *The Sleep of Four Cities* that use the city as a metaphor for the complexity of self at Broadway Books. (7 pm. 1714 NE Broadway.)

Q Center showcases visual and performance art as it explores the question **What Is Queer Art?** (7-9:30 pm. 1028 SE Water Ave.)

FRI • APRIL 21

The Pacific Northwest's top artists sell their wares during the 16th annual **Buckman Art Show & Sell** through April 22 at Buckman Elementary. Proceeds benefit the arts magnet school. (5-9 pm Friday [55], 10 am-6 pm Saturday [51-\$3 until 4 pm]. 320 SE 16th Ave.)

Celebrated sex educator **Bev "Ducky" Doolittle** reads from her first book, *Sex with the Lights On*, at In Other Words. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Acoustic dyke duo **Terra** performs with **Adrianne** at Mississippi Studios. (7:30 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$8 from 503-288-3985.)

Portland's craziest variety show is back! **Wild Card** makes your dreams come true during *Fantasy Island* hosted by drag stars **Max Voltage** and **Splendora** with gender-bending band **3asic**, games, sexy prizes and an all-out dance party with DJ Puppet! Raffle proceeds benefit Cascade AIDS Project. (11 pm. 1305 SE Eighth Ave. \$5.)

local organizations that help the citizens of our hometown."

The shows start 8 p.m. at 1332 W. Burnside St. Tickets are \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance from the box office or Ticketmaster.

In addition, a patron reception from 6 to 8 p.m. April 21 downstairs in Lola's Room will further support the beneficiaries at a higher level. Gay band-leader **Thomas Lauderdale** and sultry chanteuse **China Forbes** will perform several songs, and **Pink Martini** band members will be in attendance to thank the four nonprofits for the important work they do. Tickets are \$100.

—Jim Radosta



Pink Martini is performing four nights to benefit four nonprofits during the **FundFest**.



STEPHANIE DAVIS

Chilean poet **Pablo Neruda** befriends a love-struck postman in *Ardiente Paciencia* (*Burning Patience*) through April 29 at Miracle Theatre.

SAT • APRIL 22



More than 200 national and regional authors (including queer scribes Tom Spanbauer, Ariel Gore and Marc Acito) read on 10 stages during the **Wordstock Book Fair** through April 23 at the Oregon Convention Center. (10 am-5 pm. 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For a complete schedule visit www.wordstockfestival.com.)

Come hear more than 50 students play high-energy music of Zimbabwe, South Africa and Botswana during the **African Marimba Recital** featuring a raffle and free snacks and beverages at Evangel Baptist Church. Wear your dancing shoes and bring a drum for the all-band jam finale! Donations help bring a Zimbabwean teacher to the 2006 Zimbabwean Music Festival in Veneta. (12:30-4:30 pm. 2830 NE Flanders St.)

Your Place or Mine? Productions hosts **Eat My Martini**, a suave cocktail party where lesbians can mingle in an elegant and fun atmosphere in West Portland. Shuttle service available from Holocene. Dress to impress! (6-9 pm. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from 503-481-9870 or www.yourplaceormineproductions.com.)

Deaf & Hearing Out Reach's monthly queer social returns to 3 Friends Coffeehouse. Come hang out with old friends and make new ones. All sign levels welcome! (6-9 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. www.dhor.org.)



Team Oregon presents **Monte Carlo Night at Hollywood Bowl** to help offset costs for athletes traveling to this summer's Gay Games in Chicago and Outgames in Montreal. Admission covers three games of bowling, shoe rental and unlimited gambling with a chance to win fabulous prizes and cash! (6:30-10 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. \$15. www.teamoregon2006.org.)

Hey, what's your vice? Holocene presents **Double Down**, the fab queer party where the player always wins, every fourth Saturday. (8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

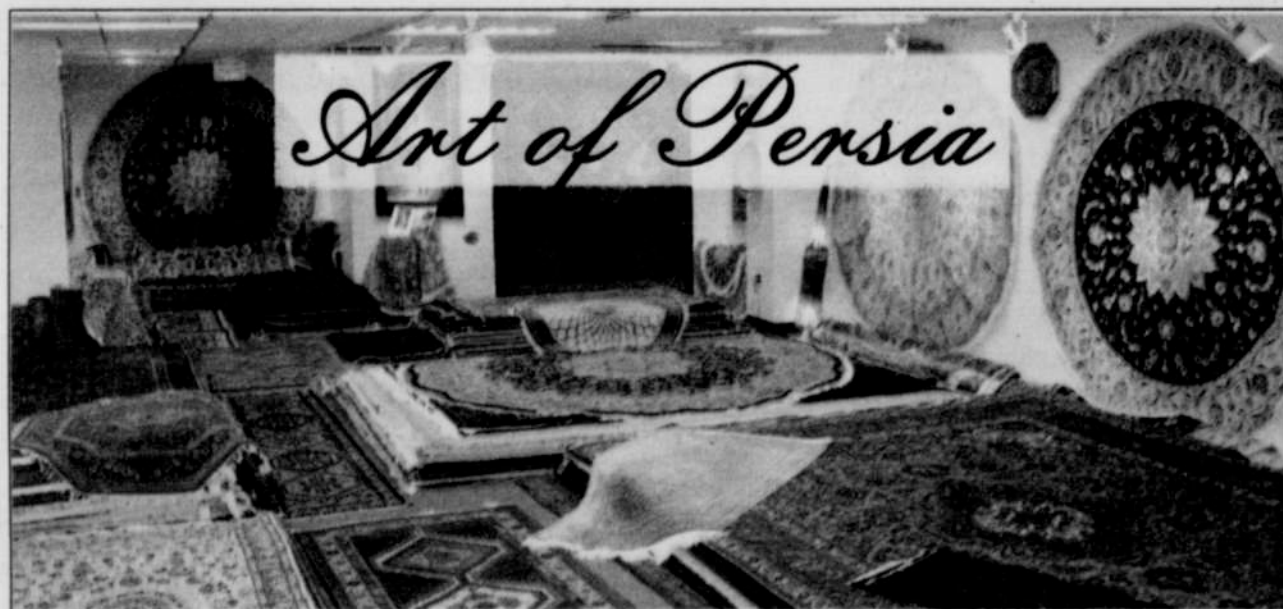
The Lights Out and Excuse Me Sir perform at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

SUN • APRIL 23

FatGirl Speaks and F.A.T. PDX present **Cupcake**, a new monthly dance party for fat folks and allies of all genders and sexualities at Holocene. Shake your bodacious booties to the bountiful beats and win fantastic raffle prizes in a room full of chublove! (4-10 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)



Gay writer **Matthew Stadler** hosts the **Back Room**, an occasional series of intellectual presentations featuring dinner, drinks and live music at Ripe. Tonight's guest is **Gore Vidal**, with live music from Steven Malkmus. Proceeds benefit the nonprofit teaching project Community of Writers and Wordstock. (7 pm. 2240 N Interstate Ave. \$250 from 503-546-1013.)



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