

TUE • JUNE 6

Impetus Arts presents its spring class, **Performing Inclusive Dance**, for people of all body types, (dis)abilities, ages, races, genders and identities Tuesdays through June 13 at Performance Works Northwest. No experience necessary. (3:30-6 pm. 4625 SE 67th Ave. \$60 from 503-493-9090 or impetusarts.yahoo.com.)

Towne Lounge presents the non-smoking queer night **Meet Dept.** every Tuesday. This week's installment is **Radio Stars**, a video dance party. (9 pm. 714 SW 20th Place. \$2-\$5 sliding scale.)

OPB premieres **The Great Pink Scare**, a documentary about a homosexual witch hunt at Smith College in 1960. (11 pm.)

WED • JUNE 7

Elder Resource Alliance holds a business meeting at Friendly House. (3:30-4:30 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

Cafe Wonder presents **A.D.D.—Attention Deficit Drag** every Wednesday. Male staffers (aka Rosa and Splendor of Sissyboy) dress up and dish it out with DJs Dandylion and Puppet and \$2 Millers on tap! (5 pm doors, 9 pm music. 128 NE Russell St.)

Deaf & Hearing Out Reach teaches a beginning American Sign Language course Wednesdays through July 26 at Q Center. (6:30-8:30 pm. 1028 SE Water St. Register at www.dhor.org.)

All-queer poetry troupe **Oratrix Productions** presents **Out of Apathy** at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (7 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave. \$6.)

Wonder Ballroom presents **Strut**, a fashion show benefit for Basic Rights Oregon. (7:30 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$15-\$75 at the door, \$12-\$75 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

THU • JUNE 8

Oregon Bears present **Beartown 2006** through June 11. (To register visit www.oregonbears.org.)

Elder Resource Alliance invites older members of the sexual minorities community to meet each other, share



The passionate poets of Oratrix remind you that words can be a vehicle **Out of Apathy** June 7 in Portland and June 8 in Eugene.

common interests and enjoy fun conversation every second Thursday at Niki's Restaurant. (2-3:30 pm. 736 SE Grand Ave. Rachel 503-224-2640.)

Oregon Tradeswomen present an information session about paid on-the-job training and high-wage career opportunities in carpentry, electrical and other construction-related fields at Portland Community College's Workforce Training Center. (2-4 pm. 5600 NE 42nd Ave. Register at 503-335-8200, ext. 21. www.tradeswomen.net.)

The Oregon Bears teach **American Sign Language classes** every second and fourth Thursday at Cascade AIDS Project. (6:30-8 pm. Suite 300, 620 SW Fifth Ave. \$2 donation. bearasl@yahoo.com.)

David Scotland unveils **Companionism**, "the art world's newest and most controversial art movement to date," with a "healing and erotic art creation" performance and a poetry reading accompanied by his music at Portland Art Museum's Grand Kridel Ballroom. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity. (7 pm. 1219 SW Park Ave. \$30 from www.companionism.com.)

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

All-queer poetry troupe **Oratrix Productions** presents **Out of Apathy** at Sam Bonds in Eugene. (8 pm. 407 Blair Blvd. \$5-\$8 sliding scale.)

The alterna-queer night **Booty** is roving around town before settling into a new location. This week's host is



David Scotland founded **Companionism**, an art movement "based on a new kind of energy-effect that is imbued into the art."

What Is Companionism?

David Scotland, a gay artist who grew up in the Portland area, is returning to his hometown to unveil **Companionism**, which is being billed as "the art world's newest and most controversial art movement to date."

Apparently, Companionism claims that when certain methods are used in the creation of art, it is able to "tune up and strengthen the frequency of peace" for the planet and thus eradicate "war-based politics and art." Specific details, however, are being kept under tight wraps until the night of the event, when Scotland will conduct a live "healing and erotic art creation" performance.

According to press materials, "The artist will reveal, in this world premiere event, the story behind the art, the ancient science behind the mystery of his artwork, why modern-day scientists and doctors are both excited and baffled by its effects...and what the implications may mean to modern politics, Western medicine, the healing arts, the art world itself and the larger global economy."

The event will also feature actor Tucker Smallwood (*Space: Above and Beyond*) and Scotland's mother, actress Linda Greep, performing a live reading of his poetry accompanied by his music, both years in the making. Afterward he will be joined by his longtime energy mentor, Melissa Anderson, for an "energy balancing" ritual in which he will attempt to break a steel-tipped arrow at his trachea without puncturing the skin.

The event begins 7 p.m. June 8 at Portland Art Museum's Grand Kridel Ballroom, 1219 S.W. Park Ave. Tickets are \$30 from www.companionism.com. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

—Jim Radosta



Jody Watley (right, with queer actor Alan Cumming) performs June 17 on Stark Street.

Crush. DJs Puppet, Stormy and MoRocca spin. (9 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St. \$3.)

FRI • JUNE 9

Bad Girls discuss "What is the Point of Women's Space?" at Dingo's. (7-9 pm. 4612 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Eugene's **Q Center** celebrates its first anniversary at the Red Lion Inn with food, music, prizes, drinks, dancing and Seattle's Erika Wright Band performing indie rock, power pop, acoustic folk and hard blues vocals. (8:30 pm. 305 Coburg Road. \$10 single, \$15 pair.)

SAT • JUNE 10

Join singer/songwriter **Maria Webster** for an early summer celebration of grain, grape and music at La Bodega Wine & Beer. (7-9 pm. 1325 NE Fremont Ave.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** is every second Saturday at Ankeny Street Studio. Lesson and refreshments included. (7-10 pm. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$5. 503-236-5129.)

Portland Black Pride 2006 kicks off with **The White Party**, a youth hip-hop night featuring DJ Amanda. Dress up in your sexiest white wear! (9 pm-2 am. \$4. For details visit www.brotobrodx.org.)

The monthly kink night **Queer Fetish** moves to the Eagle! Drink specials until midnight. (10 pm-2:30 am. 1300 W Burnside St. \$3. www.queerfetish-r.us.)

A Drink to Diversity

They say there is no rest for the wicked, and that certainly holds true this spring season in little Portland town. Queer nights seem to be popping up left and right lately. It was getting to be that Monday night was the only time my liver had to recoup. Well, not anymore. Now every Monday is queer night at Berbat's Restaurant.

Conrad Loeb, Dave Mosier and Charity Stratus, all gay employees of Berbat's, have created **Tha' Boom**, a queer-themed dance party that keeps the local straight crowd coming back for more. I noticed right away that, unlike some parties that claim a mixed draw, this one seems to have it. Specifically, there were the local Monday boys playing pool with their lady friends who were done up like drag queens. They didn't seem to bat an eye when my friend Joshua walked by in tight girl pants and a half top. In fact, some of the ladies smiled in approval, perhaps getting some fashion tips.

I asked Stratus about this phenomenon. "Berbat's has always been a straight venue, despite the high amount of gay employees, so our regulars keep coming here." She further explains: "Diversity is my No. 1 goal with this party. I came from New York, where diversity is everywhere. That's what I want for Tha' Boom—I want trannies sitting next to football jocks and dykes drinking with straight girls, because that is the world we live in!"

I didn't necessarily see any trannies toasting cocktails with football players that night. In fact, it seemed the gays dominated the dance floor while the straights found a comfortable corner to govern. But as time passes and beverages are consumed, I am sure some of the invisible walls will wither.

As far as the dance party itself is concerned, I was only mildly impressed. DJs Automaton, Beyonda, K.O. and Wesley are the rotating sound artists at Tha' Boom. The night I went, I caught Automaton spinning. I always enjoy her beats, and she knows what she is doing, but as a queer nightlife writer, I am simply running out of adjectives to describe her music. Nightlife hint of the month: If you're starting a new dance party, *make it new!*

I was, however, impressed with the cheap-ass drinks. One-dollar Pabst in a can—hot! Two-dollar well vodka drinks—fierce! And no cover to get in—sexy!

Tha' Boom starts 9 p.m. Mondays at 10 S.W. Third Ave.

—Mark "Zebra" Thomas

SUN • JUNE 11

Southern Oregon Coast Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays present their seventh annual **Pride Picnic** at Bastendorff Beach County Park in Charleston. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken will be on the grill, and pop, coffee, tea and water will quench your thirst. Chips and side dishes encouraged. (10 am-4 pm. 63377 Bastendorff Beach Road.)

Doug Fir Lounge presents **Crafty Wonderland**, a monthly extravaganza featuring more than 40 hip artists and designers selling their work and a do-it-yourself table with workshops led by the Church of Craft. The first 300 shoppers receive a free issue of *Bust* magazine! (11 am-4 pm. 830 E Burnside St.)

Help kick off family programs at Q Center during **Family Fun Day** featuring arts and crafts, games and much more! Donated educational toys and games welcome. (3-5 pm. 1028 SE Water St.)

Do not fear—**Tart** is here to get your hips shaking and the good times flowing. DJs Harmony, Beyonda and Safronica lay down the hottest world, Latin, house and old-school beats during the monthly party for queer girls at Holocene. Drink specials for the first hour! (4 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

GO OUT Rose City Softball Association teams play Family Feud during Carnivale de Bolivia at C.C. Slaughters! (7 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

Dixie Longate, North America's No. 1 personal seller of Tupperware, presents an intimate VIP sneak preview of her off-Broadway-bound show **Dixie's Tupperware Party** at Q Center. Drinks and snacks included. (7:30-9 pm. 1028 SE Water St. \$75.)

MON • JUNE 12

GO OUT New to Portland? Not so new, but want to meet new friends? Hop aboard the **Q Center Welcome Wagon**, its first social networking event, and meet representatives from more than 20 queer-friendly organizations while enjoying a DJ and plenty of nibbles. (5:30-7:30 pm. 1028 SE Water St.)

Black Pride Film Fest presents the documentary *Just Between Us* and the psychological thriller *Black Aura on an Angel* in the Moriarty Arts & Humanities Building at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus. (6:30-9:30 pm. 705 N Killingsworth St.)



Berbat's presents **Tha' Boom Mondays**.