

C.C. Slaughters celebrates Portland Pride 2006 during **Beach Party III** with DJ Alex Hollywood. (3 pm-2 am. 219 NW Davis St.)

Impetus Arts presents its spring performance, **Private Dances/ Public Works**, featuring original dance, writing and music by the students of its inclusive dance class, at Performance Works Northwest. Repeats June 24. (7 pm. 4625 SE 67th Ave.)

Seattle-based songwriter **Kym Tuvim** blends folk, pop, jazz and blues with folk roots duo **Wishing Chair** at Mississippi Studios. (7:30 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance from 503-288-3895.)



The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** presents a fully staged Broadway revue, **Razzle Dazzle**, at Newmark Theatre with music by Kander and Ebb (*Chicago*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Cabaret*) featuring the Rose City's favorite leading lady, Susannah Mars, and the Locomotions dance troupe. (8 pm. 1111 SW Broadway. \$20-\$30 from 503-226-2588 or [www.pdxgmc.org](http://www.pdxgmc.org).)

**BearBust** at Gail's Dirty Duck. (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

Tip your hat to **Crystal's Country Jam** at the Portland Metro Club (PPAA). Repeats July 8. (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

Boxxes presents **Pure Love**, its second annual warehouse party featuring special guest **Crystal Waters**, Francisco DJ and hip-hop on the bounce video floor with VJ Jim Hopkins. Poison Waters hosts a no-cover silent auction for the first hour. Proceeds benefit the Red Dress Party and Q Center. (8:30 pm. Northeast Ninth Avenue and Flanders Street. \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance from TicketWeb.)

**Amelia White** opens for **Jon Auer** and **Dirty Martini** at Doug Fir Lounge. (9 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$12 from TicketsWest.)

The Egyptian Club throws its party of the year, **Pride Dance 2006**, featuring wall-to-wall women, a buffet, prizes, continental breakfast at 2:30 am and after-hours

## The Theory of Queertivity

"We have no attitude—just a whole lotta sass!" explains **Mark Weintz**, drummer and newest addition to the hot queer quartet **3asic**.

Led by sexy gender-bending frontman **Kelly Moe**, 3asic (pronounced "Basic") is musical synergy mixing sultry live beats with provocative lyrics and impressive layered arrangements. After countless spins of the band's self-released album, *Queertivity*, the best way to describe its sound is Madonna making out with Beyonce Knowles while Zero 7 plays in the background.

"We have an R & B feel with sexy vocals and an indie pop twist," describes Moe. "My music is a raw personal expression of how I feel."

You can really hear that in 3asic's music, which is often raunchy and intimate with a slightly political skew.

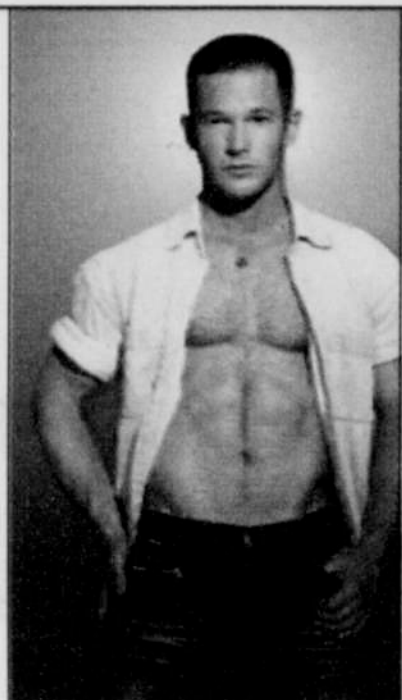
Moe's unabashedly arousing vocals transcend you to a dimension of sexy cyberqueers inhabiting a world invisible to most straights. That is not to say only queers would dig these guys. Bassist **Maile Thiesen** says, "We are about being talented musicians who happen to all be queer." Adds nymphy guitarist and back-up vocalist **Karu Wojaszek**, "I think 3asic is marketable to a mainstream audience; I could see us on MTV."

When I ask Moe about his explicit queer-centric lyrics, like in the song "Cold Mama" ("straight boy, why are you hung so low?"—a clever double-entendre about a depressed boy who is well-endowed), he explains: "Queer issues should be in people's faces.... We don't have a gay agenda, but I sing about what I know."

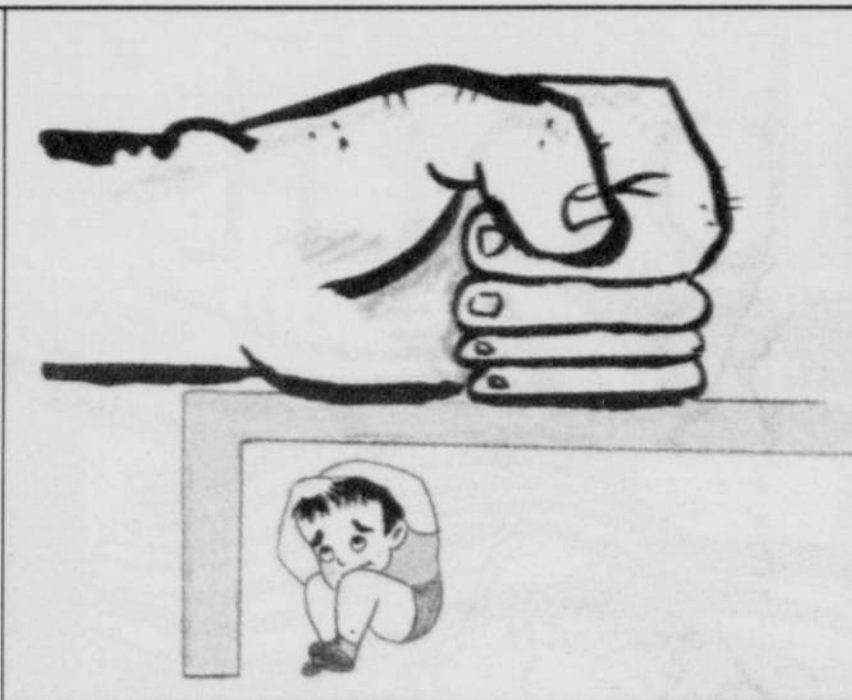
Moe has been composing music since he was 18 on a cheap mike and a Casio. The release of his solo album as **Flava Kelly** last year is still my favorite CD to do dishes to. All the songs on *Queertivity* are created by Moe, but more collaboration with the band is planned for the future. This will be an exciting progression to watch, as each member comes from such diverse backgrounds musically. Wojaszek made a name for himself in the acoustic folk scene of Anchorage, Alaska. Thiesen, who was actually in a band with Moe in high school called Sticky Open Lips, learned to play in jazz band, and Weintz is coming out with a rap album later this year.

You can catch 3asic during the **Total Drag** competition 9 p.m. June 16 at Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. Cover is \$10. The band also will open for Sissyboy 10:30 p.m. June 30 at Holocene, 1001 S.E. Morrison St. Cover is \$5.

—Mark "Zebra" Thomas



Porn star **Tag Adams** disrobes June 17 at Steam.



Gay filmmaker **John C. Canemaker's** Oscar-winning animated short *The Moon and the Son* debuts June 18 on Cinemax.

dancing and karaoke until 4 am. (9 pm. 3017 SE Division St. \$10 at the door, \$5 in advance.)

DJs Beyonda and Saffronica spin mind-boggling hip-hop beats that make partygoers jump right out of their clothes during the trans-inclusive **Pride Party with the Grrls** at Zaytoon. (9 pm. 2236 NE Alberta St. \$12.)

Portland Black Pride 2006 presents a **Blackout Party & Concert** featuring live performances by Mz Fontaine and Anthony Antoine and hosted by Miss Kourtnei Capree Duv with Pebbles, Essential and Misha Peru. DJ Kris will spin. (9 pm-2:30 am. 1035 SW Stark St. \$10 at the door, \$7 in advance from [www.brotobrodx.org](http://www.brotobrodx.org).)

Lights go out and glow sticks come on when Portland's newest bathhouse, Steam, presents **Pride 2006 BlackOut** featuring a midnight show by porn star Tag Adams. (10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)

Acme presents a special Saturday-night edition of **Wild Card**, Portland's craziest monthly variety show hosted

by drag stars Max Voltage and Splendora with special performances by Nicky Click and San Francisco faux drag queen Anita Cocktail. This month's theme is *Let's Get Physical!* featuring games, sexy prizes and an all-out dance party with DJ Puppet. (11 pm. 1305 SE Eighth Ave. \$5.)

## SUN • JUNE 18

C.C. Slaughters celebrates Portland Pride 2006 during **Beach Party III** with a special Carnivale de Bolivia event hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels with DJ Danimal. (11 am-2 am. 219 NW Davis St.)



Pride Northwest celebrates the diversity and strength of the sexual minorities community during the **Portland Pride Parade**. This year's theme is "Get Your Pride On!" (11:15 am. [www.pridenw.org](http://www.pridenw.org).)

Boxxes presents **Be Free**, a Stark Street Pride block party featuring special guest **Ultra Naté**, Anthony Antoine and DJs Keoki, Dougalicious, Dawn Leonetti, Tronic and Seth Hutton. Proceeds benefit the Red Dress Party and Q Center. (11:30 am-9 pm. 1025 SW Stark St.)

Taking Pride in Stark 2006 presents **Stark Raving Mad!** featuring DJs, Banco de Gaia and a special appearance by Portland's own Jen Folker of Dahlia. Proceeds benefit Our House of Portland. (Noon-8 pm. Southwest Stark Street between 11th and 12th avenues. \$5.)

Portland Black Pride 2006 presents **It's a Family Affair**, a barbecue and remembrance vigil at Wallace Park. Food provided; bring your own drinks. (3-7 pm. 2033 NW Glisan St.)

Gay, bi and trans men raising children are invited to celebrate Dad Pride during the **Daddies & Papas Father's Day Picnic** featuring fun kids activities, rides and a potluck dinner in Area 11 at Oaks Park. (4:30-7:30 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$10-\$20 donation. [daddiesandpapas@hotmail.com](mailto:daddiesandpapas@hotmail.com).)

If you just can't get enough, come to the Egyptian Club for the **It's Not Over 'Til I Say It's Over After the Parade Party**. (7 pm. 3017 SE Division St.)

Cinemax debuts the Oscar-winning animated short *The Moon and the Son: An Imagined Conversation*, inspired by gay filmmaker John C. Canemaker's interview with his elderly father to better understand their turbulent relationship, which was plagued by unresolved conflicts and violence. (8 pm.)

## MON • JUNE 19

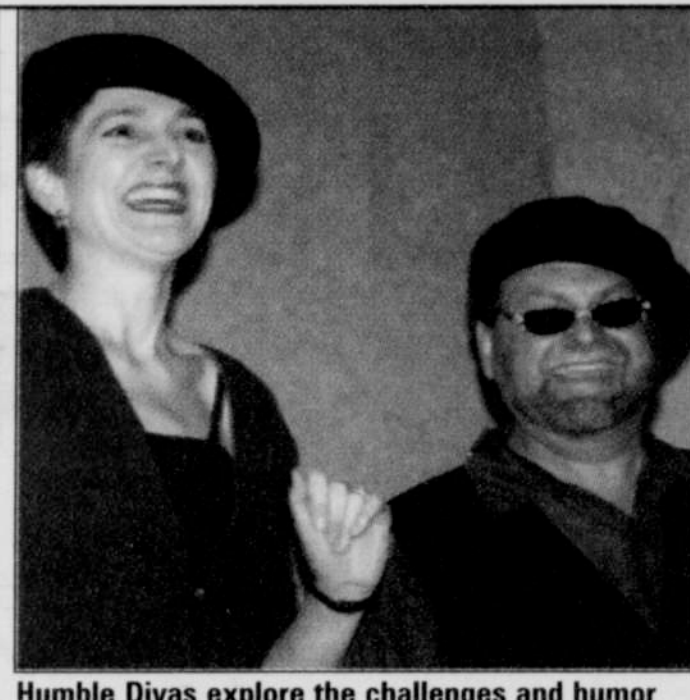
Q-LAND and LoveTribes present a free summer kickoff **men's core strength yoga class**. Repeats June 26. (5:45-7 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

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

Pride Northwest presents **Portland Black Pride Skate Night** at Oaks Park. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5.)

Lauren Levin and Lauren Blitzer read from *Same Sex in the City*, a relationship book that covers the gamut of lesbian life—from dating to heartbreak and from hooking up with straight chicks to raising a family—at Powell's. (7:30 pm. 1005 W Burnside St.)

Aladdin Theater presents **Joe Jackson** performing music from his stunning comeback album, *Volume 4*, which reunites him with the scrappy band that played on the classic albums that first established him as a major artist in 1979 and 1980. **Raul Midon** opens. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$28-\$38 from box office or Ticketmaster.)



**Humble Divas** explore the challenges and humor of our fractured political climate in the musical comedy *Civil Disunion* June 23 and 24.

Sundance Channel premieres *The Lady in Question Is Charles Busch*, a loving look at the award-winning author and playwright. (9 pm.)

Logo premieres *U.S. of Ant*, a weekly series that follows the irreverent writer/comedian as he journeys across the United States seeking the pulse of queer culture, from rock climbing in Montana to tracking a fugitive looter with an armed lesbian bounty hunter in Mississippi to playing rugby with a predominantly gay team in Texas. (10 pm.)

## TUE • JUNE 20

The Multnomah Friends Meeting (Quakers) co-sponsors a screening of the beautiful and powerful documentary *A Closer Walk* with the HIV services program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. (7 pm. 4312 SE Stark St.)



Come to **Q Center Bingo** with Poison Waters featuring fun entertainment, great prizes, food and a no-host bar. (7-9 pm. 1028 SE Water Ave. \$10 includes bingo card.)

Learn how healing touch, gentle stretches and breath practices can connect and balance three powerful energies in your body and life during **Men Touching with Heart** presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribes. (7-10 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

Towne Lounge presents the nonsmoking queer night **Meet Dept.** every Tuesday. This week's installment is *Trash*, a benefit for ailing Sissyboy performer Linah Cocaine featuring a Linah Look-Alike Contest with awesome prizes. (9 pm. 714 SW 20th Place.)

Political humorist Kate Clinton hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian newsmagazine *In the Life* on OPB. "Pride in Action" features three remarkable queers—a young medical student, a high school student and a veteran actor—making unique contributions to social activism. (11 pm.)

## WED • JUNE 21

**Lesbians Enjoying Nature and Science** go birding and enjoy a picnic at Oak Island. (Susan 503-232-6738.)

Friendly House Community Center invites sexual minority seniors and their friends to **Elder Resource Alliance Games Day**. Play cards, board games and charades while snacking



**Donna Summer**, who defined the '70s pop music generation as the "Queen of Disco," performs July 2 in Jacksonville.