



Gay singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Andy LeMaster (left) leads the band Now It's Overhead on July 10 at Doug Fir Lounge.

**GO OUT** Gay-owned Paolo Design Group presents **Interior Design Shop-Talks**, a series of forums about new innovations to create a living space that caters to your needs. Tonight's topic is "Kitchen Rage." Continues July 19 with "Bath Madness." (6-7:30 pm. 1110 NW Marshall St. RSVP to 503-222-1757.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present a free **men's wellness yoga class**. (6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribes.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribes.org/menspirit).)

It's back in your crack! The Red Cap Garage presents **Vas-o-Line** every second and fourth Wednesday with DJs Beyonda, Dandylion, Stormy and Sol spinning an eclectic array of progressive beats for a full night of nicotine-free dancing. (9 pm. 1035 SW Stark St. \$3-\$5 sliding scale.)

#### THU • JULY 13

**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 Niki's Restaurant. (2-3:30 pm. 736 SE Grand Ave. Rachel 503-224-2640.)

Trans singer/songwriter **Namoli Brennet** of Tucson, Ariz., offers an unmatched poetic wit and a funky style of folk that's inspired and original at Haven Coffee. (7 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

**GO OUT** Back by popular demand, life coach Barb Beck presents a three-week **relationship series** at Aura for lesbians ready to jump back in the game and fine-tune their dating skills to find a lasting, healthy relationship. (7-8:30 pm. 1022 W Burnside St. Register at [www.girlsongay.com](http://www.girlsongay.com).)

**Karen Lee Boren** reads from and signs *Girls in Peril*, a mag-

ical and unforgettable coming-of-age story about the special bonds between young women on the verge of adulthood, at In Other Words. (7:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

#### FRI • JULY 14

Portland Center Stage presents the eighth annual **Just Add Water/West**, a developmental festival of new dramatic work for the stage, through July 23. ([www.pcs.org](http://www.pcs.org).)

The Egyptian Club presents **Pink Show: Drag for Breast Cancer**. (7 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

Modern folksinger/songwriter **Joni Laurence** celebrates the release of her fourth CD, *With No Apology*, at Cozmic Pizza in Eugene. (7-8:30 pm. 199 W Eighth Ave.)

#### SAT • JULY 15

**Asian & Pacific Islander Lesbians and Gays** take a beautiful 4.5-mile hike to Angel's Rest. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:30 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. RSVP to [apl\\_gdx@yahoo.com](mailto:apl_gdx@yahoo.com).)

**GO OUT** This is not your grandfather's **barbecue!** Q-LAND and LoveTribes invite men to play Emo-Touch Football, enjoy food off the grill and end the evening with a nurturing touch exchange and a puppy pile meditation. (3:30-10 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribes.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribes.org/menspirit).)

Modern folksinger/songwriter **Joni Laurence** celebrates the release of her fourth CD, *With No Apology*, at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (6 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

**Lucie Blue Tremblay** performs at St. David's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Proceeds benefit the Breast Exam Project. (8 pm. 2800 SE Harrison St. \$25-\$100 from Touchstone Coffee House.)

#### Viva Las Vegas

From her second-floor window in Portland's historic Pettygrove house on Northwest 23rd Avenue, Gabriela Küpper-Kandziora can watch the activity below and dream up new ideas. She has just opened a small European-style spa above Vivace Café, but that's only part of what she is dreaming up for the Portland lesbian community.

Küpper-Kandziora recognizes the importance of the hard work and political activism that demand the attention of the women's community, but she also believes lesbians need opportunities to get away from it all and spend some time playing. With Evona Sliwinska and Chellie Longmire, she offers the monthly social gathering **Eat My Martini**.

The three started **Your Place or Mine Productions** when they decided to collaborate on "designing events for women who love women," adding diversity to the mix. They prefer to work in cooperation with similar groups and avoid schedule conflicts with other offerings.

The partners' latest plan is "a swanky, sin-filled junket" to Las Vegas from Oct. 6 to 8. The weekend event, called **I Krave, You Krave, We All Krave Las Vegas**, centers around evening activities at the women's club Krave. The weekend includes a "Fashionistas" show, a Friday icebreaker and evening of dancing at Krave, a Saturday "Pink Jeep Tour," back for more fun at Krave on Saturday night and a Sunday brunch (so parties don't have to rise too early).

The package includes lodging at Alexis Hotel, with access to several in-house swimming pools and lots of opportunities to relax. Küpper-Kandziora is looking for 16 to 20 women who are excited about participating in this travel opportunity.

In addition, Your Place or Mine is encouraging Portland lesbians to send a photo for possible inclusion in the 2008 **Gurl Shots** calendar, which will feature dykes of all sizes, ages and interests. The partners want the calendar to reflect the variety of women in the community.

For more information call 503-481-9870 or visit [www.yourplaceormineproductions.com](http://www.yourplaceormineproductions.com) or [www.gurlshots.com](http://www.gurlshots.com).

—Patricia L. MacAodha



Gay-owned Brian Marki Fine Art exhibits photographs by Craig Payne this month.

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

**GO OUT** Holocene presents **Midsummer Night Masquerade**, a hot night of dancing, costumes and fund raising featuring fire dancing by Flamebuoyant; one-woman multi-instrumentalist electronica by Sugar Short-wave of Myshkin's Ruby Warblers; DJ Saffronica spinning great dance beats; and special guest Jen Folker of Dahlia. Proceeds benefit Siren Nation, a women's music and art festival scheduled for November 2007. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$8 with costume, \$10 without.)

#### SUN • JULY 16

**GO OUT** Independent Film Channel debuts **Fabulous! The Story of Queer Cinema**, which traces our rich legacy on the big screen from groundbreaking works that paved the way for a vital tradition of fiercely independent films. (10 pm and 1:45 am.)

Political humorist Kate Clinton hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian newsmagazine **In the Life** on OPB. (11 pm.)

#### New Play Festival to Auction 'Dangerous Writer' for Instant Commission

To kick off the eighth annual Just Add Water/West new play festival, Portland Center Stage will hold a benefit July 14 that will auction award-winning playwrights for instant commissions to be performed the same evening.

Among the playwrights up for grabs at the inaugural **Commission! Commission!** will be "dangerous writer" Tom Spanbauer (*The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon*) as well as Portland favorites Sam Gregory (*Child of Pleasure*), Itamar Moses (*Celebrity Row*), Ebbe Roe Smith (*Deep, Inc.*) and Glen Berger (*O Lovely Glowworm*). Once contracts are signed, patrons wine-and-dine while playwrights work feverishly with directors, stage managers and actors to bring the vision of their personal "Medicis" to fruition in time to be performed after dessert. Opening bids begin at \$250; tickets are \$50 from 503-432-2955 or [jessyf@pcs.org](mailto:jessyf@pcs.org).

JAW/West is Portland Center Stage's developmental festival of new work for the stage. Every summer, PCS gathers together a company of professional theater artists who collaborate on innovative works in progress. This year's festival will culminate with public readings of four plays workshopped during the festival, each preceded by five-minute "curtain raisers" from the Promising Playwrights of PCS' 2006 Visions and Voices high school playwrighting program.

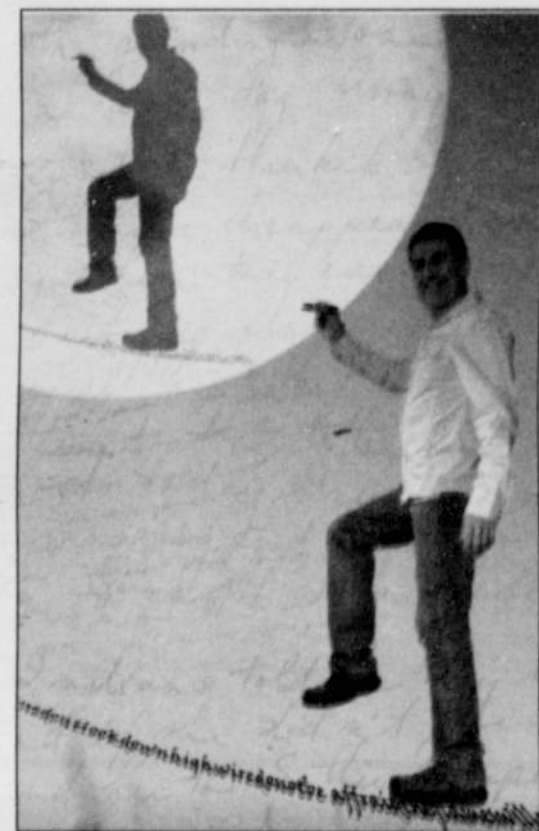
The 2006 headliners include two Yale School of Drama graduates: Sarah Treem (*A Feminine Ending*), who wrote her first award-winning play at age 12 and now teaches playwriting at Yale, and Liz Duffy Adams (*The Listener*), who is an alumna of New York University's Experimental Theater Wing and is distinguished as a New Dramatists Resident Playwright.

Two other featured playwrights have Pacific Northwest roots. Kristin Newbom (*Telethon*) co-directed Seattle's experimental performance group The Compound before earning her master's degree in playwriting at Brown University, and Steve Patterson (*Lost Wavelengths*), local author of more than 25 plays, was the inaugural recipient of the Portland Civic Theatre Guild Fellowship in 1997 and co-founder/co-artistic director of Pavement Productions, specializing in new work development.

Readings take place at 4 and 8 p.m. July 22 and 23 at the World Trade Center, 121 S.W. Salmon St. Tickets are \$9-\$36 from 503-274-6588.

This year's festival also features a number of other special events, many free and open to the public, including community artists labs, a discussion on developing new plays in Portland, a theater fair and special site-specific performances. For details and a complete schedule, visit [www.pcs.org](http://www.pcs.org).

—Timothy Krause



Gay scribe Tom Spanbauer will help raise money July 14 for Portland Center Stage's new play festival, Just Add Water/West.