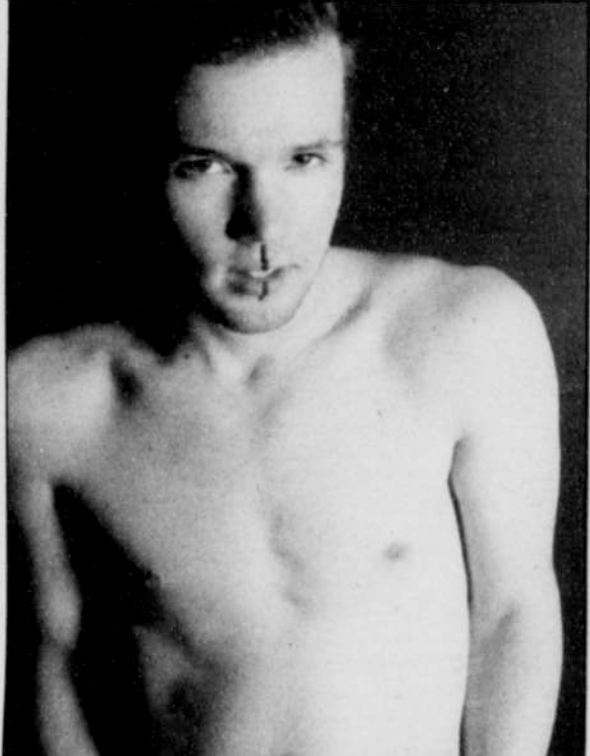




Queer cutie Paul Clay celebrates his new disc Nov. 17 at Reed.

FRI • NOV. 17

Chicos Latinos hosts bingo at the Men's Wellness Center. Good times, great prizes and fun, fun, fun! (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

House of MOCHA—a group of young African-American queer men who are committed to HIV prevention, mentoring and building community—discusses "Tops and Bottoms: What Do We Prefer and Why?" (7-9 pm. Kourtnei 503-417-7991.)

Portland Baroque Orchestra, led by renowned lesbian violinist Monica Huggett, presents a program of 17th century music by England's greatest composer, Henry Purcell, and his contemporaries through Nov. 19 at First Baptist

Church and Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. (8 pm Friday and Saturday, 909 SW 11th Ave. 3 pm Sunday, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$22-\$39 from www.pbo.org.)

FEARnoMUSIC Ensemble presents a program with something for everyone, including selections from the film *The Red Violin* by gay composer John Corigliano, at the Community Music Center. (8 pm. 3350 SE Francis St. \$5-\$15.)

Reed College Chapel welcomes **Paul Clay** as he celebrates the release of his sophomore album, *Lab and Family*, with tracks varying from hyperdancy queertronica to more introspective and political electroballads. Whether he's in a dress, dancing with pineapples, smearing mud all over the stage or singing in foreign tongues, you'll always come away with a bang in your pants. (9 pm. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd.)

SAT • NOV. 18

The **Portland Shockwave**, a full-contact women's football team, holds tryouts at Whitaker Middle School. Wear comfortable athletic clothing; cleats are recommended but not mandatory. (10 am-noon. 5700 NE 39th Ave. \$25.)

Q Center presents the **Daddies and Papas Potluck** every third Saturday. (5:30-7:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Learn how to choose, use and care for lubes, safer-sex supplies, vibrators, dildos and harnesses during the **Sex Toys 101** class at It's My Pleasure. All are welcome. Prepay required. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10 from 503-280-8080.)

GO OUT The **Rose City Gay Freedom Band** explores the thrilling elements of sound during *Mysteriosa*—a captivating evening of wind literature by renowned composers such as Percy Grainger, Holsinger, Dello Joio and Ticheli—at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium. (8 pm. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$8-\$12 from www.rcgfb.org.)

Kelli Dunham performs during **Gayety**—a new night of spoken word, improv, standup and trivia with fabulous prizes—at Haven Coffee. (8 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

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). (8-9 pm lessons, 9 pm-1 am dancing. 618 SE Alder St. \$5, \$8 with lessons.)

C.C. Slaughters presents **Erotic Ball 2006** hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels featuring go-go dancers, music by Alex Hollywood and a limited-edition Erotic Ball CD! (9 pm-2:30 am. 219 NW Davis St. \$5.)

SUN • NOV. 19

Find Ms. Right just in time to have a wonderfully lusty holiday season! Cruise Control PDX, a social network for lesbians 36 and older, presents **Hot Flash Speed Dating** at Hobo's. Open to all ages. (4 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. \$22 from www.cruisecontrolpdx.com.)

Mississippi Studios welcomes **Fruit**, an Australian trio of women powered by their distinct, exquisite vocal har-

monies, which hint at a musical bloodline that embraces everyone from Dave Matthews to Joni Mitchell, Ani DiFranco to George Harrison, and Prince to Stevie Wonder. (5 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$15 from 503-288-3895.)

Keshet invites queer Jews as well as their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends (whether Jewish or gay or not) to a potluck. (5 pm. David 503-226-7074, ext. 14.)

The **Gay Gourmet Club** meets at Mama Mia Trattoria. (6-8:30 pm. 439 SW Second Ave. RSVP to www.gaygourmetclub.com.)

Rory Stitt—described as a cross between Stephen Sondheim, Freddie Mercury and Joni Mitchell—brings his hot-blooded, high-collared piano pop to Mississippi Studios. (7 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$13 from 503-288-3895.)

Portland Community Media Supports Queer Programming

Mayor Tom Potter has designated Nov. 13 to 18 as **Community Media Week**, celebrating 25 years of locally produced community broadcast media. Portland Community Media (PCM), formerly called Portland Cable Access, was established by city ordinance in 1981 to provide public, educational and government television broadcasting. Two of its programs are produced by members of the sexual minorities community.

International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS has had a show on PCM for the past six years. *Treatment Information Exchange* provides up-to-date information about HIV/AIDS research and medication as well as personal stories from people living with the disease. **Fred Schaich**, who is HIV-positive, has been with the organization for the past 16 years and hosts the show each week. He is also PCM's newest board member.

"The broadest, most important part is to get the patient's view," says Schaich, who is gay. "We try to get people on to explain how they live with a disease." Past guests on the show include President Bill Clinton and actor Richard Gere, as well as heads of state and health ministries from different countries around the world.

Dawn Higgins hosts *Galactic Groove After Dark*, another queer-themed show on PCM. The "proud, out bisexual woman" has been on the public network for the past five years.

"At first my show was going to be a big, gay *American Bandstand* and I was going to be a female Dick Clark, but it was so hard to get people to dance in the studio that I changed my format," Higgins explains. The show follows a late-night talk show structure, with musical guests, drag queens and B-movie actors as guests.

"It's really cool to see how PCM has grown and changed just in the five years that I've been a producer," says Higgins. She will be one of several volunteers featured in the Producer's Showcase screening 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at 2766 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. This event and many others during Community Media Week are free and open to the public. For more information go to www.pcmv.org.

Treatment Information Exchange airs 10 a.m. Sundays on Channel 23, 10 p.m. Mondays on Channel 11 and 9 p.m. Fridays on Channel 22. *Galactic Groove After Dark* airs 8 p.m. Wednesdays on Channel 22, 11 p.m. Thursdays on Channel 23 and midnight Sundays on Channel 11.

—Julie Sabatier



Cutest Senior Couple Kari (Valerie Stevens) and Peter (Michael O'Connell) celebrate in Third Rail's *The Pavilion* through Nov. 18.



Dawn Higgins, aka Alexandra Paris, hosts *Galactic Groove After Dark* on Portland Community Media.



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