



The women of the Portland Shockwave hold tryouts Nov. 18 and Dec. 2 at Whitaker Middle School.

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

Eugene's Maude Kerns Art Center presents **A Night to Create Change** featuring music by Annex Theory. Proceeds benefit the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. (6-9 pm. 1910 E 15th Ave. \$10-\$20 donation.)

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.)



The **Rose City Gay Freedom Band** explores the thrilling elements of sound during *Musica 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](http://www.rcgfb.org).)

Gay musician Logan Lynn competes in the finale of Rockstar Energy Drink's **Mix It Up Contest** featuring headline act Storm-Large and the Balls at Crystal Ballroom. The audience will pick the grand-, first- and second-prize winners. With each vote turned in, you'll be entered in a



Lestat star Hugh Panaro croons during the Oregon Symphony's *Broadway Romance* concerts Nov. 25-27.

drawing to win a trip for two to the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards and other cool prizes! Proceeds benefit Amnesty International. (8 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

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.)

The Rose City's newest all-male bathhouse, Steam Portland, presents **Freshman 15**, the adult publication's anniversary tour featuring gift bags, magazines, DVDs and a midnight show with porn star Luca Dicoso! (10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)

## SUN • NOV. 19

Q Center presents **Senior Life Stories**, a facilitated discussion group for sexual minority seniors to share stories with their contemporaries about growing up, coming out and dealing with social pressure and family. Light refreshments will be provided. (3-5 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

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](http://www.cruisecontrolpdx.com).)

Mississippi Studios welcomes **Fruit**, an Australian trio of women powered by their distinct, exquisite vocal harmonies, 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.)



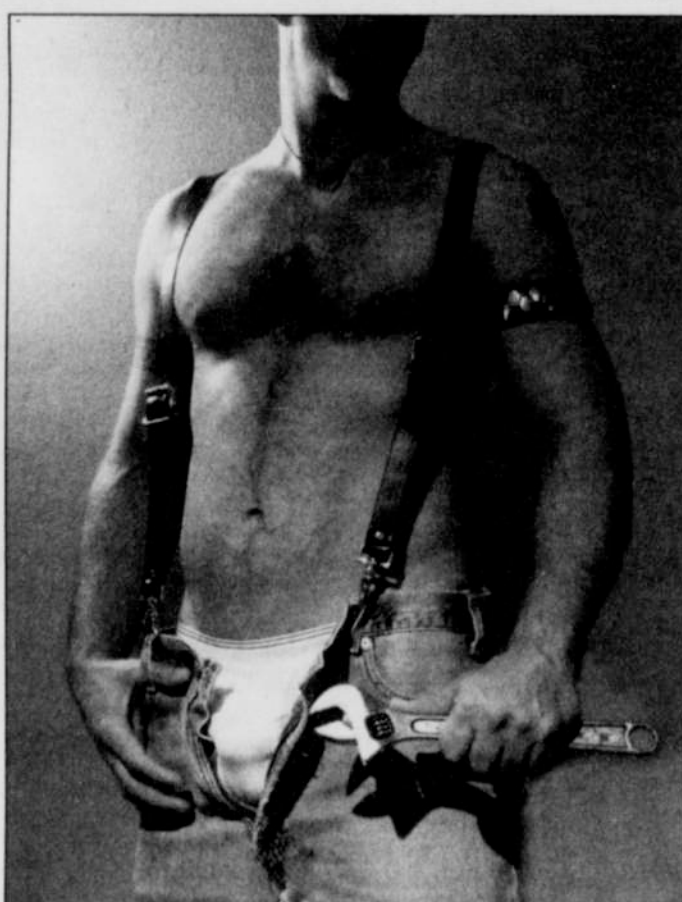
Cupcake, a monthly dance party for fat folks and allies, presents **Pajama Jam Benefit** with DJs Sappho and Harmony at Holocene. Come dressed in your favorite jammies and shake your boo-tay! Bring new unwrapped undies, socks or bras for all ages, sizes and genders for a \$1 discount. Proceeds benefit Bradley-Angle House and FatGirl Speaks. (5-10 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

The **Gay Pinochle Group** meets every Sunday at Hobo's. Come play cards and meet the gang. (6 pm. 120 NW Third Ave. Mike 503-641-7224.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present **Beat the Blues**, a men's depression peer support group that meets every first and third Sunday. (6-8 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

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

**Rory Stitt**—described as a cross between Stephen Sondheim, Freddie Mercury and Joni Mitchell—brings his



The Eagle celebrates the battle of the bulge in a 2007 calendar by Portland photographer Terry Moschella.

## Eagle Presents Best Basket Calendar

Who doesn't like to get a nice basket for their birthday, a holiday or other festive occasion? Thanks to Portland photographer and leatherworker **Terry Moschella** and the Eagle, there will soon be no need to wait for a special day—because basket lovers will have a different one to admire each month of the year.

When **Karl Wilgus**, the "masculine men's bar" owner, suggested that some of the hot pix hung on the walls during the past year's Best Basket contest might look good on a calendar, Moschella agreed. Moschella, whose creative work is available at [www.tarsusstudio.com](http://www.tarsusstudio.com), has spent the past year capturing the winners of the monthly contest on film and is enthusiastic about the calendar, which he says will be available both at the Eagle and via his Web site.

"For the first calendar, we're going for sexy," he says. "In the future, we have a few other ideas where we can get a little more playful and bring in some background scenery, as well."

Based on the evocative black-and-white images Moschella showed me, "sexy" is an excellent word to describe the 2007 **Eagle's Best Basket Calendar**. He has done a splendid job of capturing his models' unique masculine beauty, including, but not limited to, their award-winning baskets.

Sometimes exposed, sometimes concealed, the 12 models include a bartender, a past court prince, a Sister of Perpetual Indulgence, two out-of-towners and life partners Mr. August (Rory O'Neal) and Mr. October (Birch), newcomers to Portland from much warmer Austin, Texas.

O'Neal, keen to supplement the couple's income while they searched for jobs, decided to check out the Eagle's contest in hopes of securing the \$100 prize money. Much to his delight, he won—and returned home not only with a fist full of cash, but new friends and an opportunity to show off his many tribal tattoos.

"I had a good time," O'Neal recalls. "I made friends, nobody was exploiting me—and maybe, in a tiny little way, I've helped promote the Eagle in a 'come and make a friend' kind of way. And who knows, maybe I'll be a footnote somewhere in the overall history of something."

The Best Basket Contest takes place from 8 p.m. to midnight on the second Wednesday of every month at 1300 W. Burnside St.

—Theresa "Darklady" Reed

hot-blooded, high-collared piano pop to Mississippi Studios. (7 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$13 from 503-288-3895.)

## MON • NOV. 20

Come watch **Monday Night Football** on the big screen at the Egyptian Club. Munch on cheap hot dogs and enter a drawing for giveaways on Super Bowl Sunday! (5:30 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

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



Grease your wheels during **Gay Skate Night** presented by Just Out every third Monday at Oaks Park. Bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to Friends of People with AIDS. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

## TUE • NOV. 21

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present **Men Touching with Heart**. This month a licensed massage technician will teach a simple, powerful technique to experience deep relaxation and stillness and perhaps release habitually trapped emotional energy. (7-10 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

Emmy-winning talk show host Rosie O'Donnell hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian newsmagazine **In the Life** on OPB. "Family Ties" celebrates the rich and diverse world of the family. (11 pm.)

## WED • NOV. 22

Sexual minority seniors and their friends are invited to **Elder Resource Alliance Games Day** at Volunteers of America Oregon Lambert House East. Play cards, checkers and more while snacking on light refreshments and socializing! (2-4 pm. 2600 SE 170th Ave.)

The **Portland Lesbian Choir** rehearses at Ainsworth United Church of Christ with its talented new director, Ray Elliott. (6:30-8 pm. 2941 NE Ainsworth St. 503-727-3306. [portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com](mailto:portlandlesbianchoir@hotmail.com).)

## THU • NOV. 23

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

Q-LAND presents the **Men's Wellness Allies** program every second and fourth Thursday. Learn how to help others clarify and realize their wellness visions, challenges and resources. (7-9 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.lovetribe.org/menspirit](http://www.lovetribe.org/menspirit).)

Taste, the Egyptian Club's free weekly nonsmoking dance party, hosts **Tastegiving**, a *Fear Factor*-style contest to test the limits of your strong stomachs and win E Room cash! DJs Wildfire, Epitome and Nada spin the night away. (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

## FRI • NOV. 24

Hip Chicks Do Wine host three other wineries during their **Turkey Weekend Extravaganza** celebration through Nov. 26. Enjoy yummy food and wine pairings, some tasting of limited-edition wines and live music. (11 am-9 pm Friday and Saturday, 11 am-6 pm Sunday. 4510 SE 23rd Ave. \$15 includes logo glass.)

Do all your shopping for the season during the **Seaside Holiday Gift Fair** through Nov. 26 at Seaside Convention