

guests. Proceeds benefit Doernbecher Children's Hospital. (8 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$15 from TicketsWest.)

MON • NOV. 27

Learn to open from the inside out during a free **Thanksgiving recovery men's core strength yoga class** presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribes. (6:30-7:45 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

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.)

TUE • NOV. 28

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present the **Men's Meditation Group** every second and fourth Tuesday. Relieve stress, feel calmer and more focused, and be more creative and connected to your natural flow. (7:30-9:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

WED • NOV. 29

Show your stuff during **Elder Resource Alliance Bowling Day** at AMF Pro 300 Lanes. Beginners and all skill levels welcome! (2-4 pm. 3031 SE Powell Blvd. \$6 includes three games and shoes. RSVP to Rachel at 503-224-2640.)

Reach your wellness goals and self-treat chronic ailments during the free **Thanksgiving recovery men's therapeutic yoga class** presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribes. (6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

THU • NOV. 30

House of MOCHA—a group of young African-American queer men who are committed to HIV prevention, mentoring and building community—throw a **'70s Party**. (Kourtnei 503-417-7991.)

In *Other Words* unveils the **We'Moon 2007** calendar and datebook. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Ian McDonald of CityGuys presents **Vaccines and Microbicides: The Future of HIV Prevention?** at the Men's Wellness Center. Come hear about these two new, exciting tools that might help prevent the spread of HIV in the future. (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Electropop musician **Logan Lynn** performs with **Twinklits** at Hawthorne Theatre. (8 pm. 1507 SE 39th Ave. \$6.)

Ashleigh Flynn, who has carved out a reputation for writing story-songs with Southern roots and hip sensibilities, opens for **Edie Carey** at Mississippi Studios. Flynn's live shows are energizing and engaging, fueled by an onstage persona that bristles with charisma and the voice of a fallen angel. (8 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from 503-288-3895.)

Mother's Velvet Lounge and Cafe welcomes drag queens and drunks to the grand premiere of **Cabaret Karaoke**. This month's theme is "Coming Out." Wear a tiara! (8 pm-1 am. 212 SW Stark St. www.cabaretkaraoke.com.)

Are you *adorkable* enough? Taste, the Egyptian Club's free weekly nonsmoking dance party, hosts **Nerd Night** featur-

ing gifts, prizes and a costume contest for the geekiest attire! (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

FRI • DEC. 1

Community Alliance of Tenants, Oregon's only grassroots renters rights organization, raises money during its fourth annual **Cheap Art Party** featuring drinks, food and live music. (5-11 pm. 818 NW Flanders St.)

Out Dancing's **beginning swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in December at Ankeny Street Studio. **Intermediate salsa** class follows. (7-8 pm swing [\$30 for month], 8-9 pm salsa [\$40 for month]. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

Literary Arts celebrates the state's finest accomplishments in poetry, fiction, literary nonfiction, drama and young readers literature during the 20th annual **Oregon Book Awards** at Portland Art Museum's Fields Ballroom. Host Barry Lopez (*Arctic Dreams*) will sign books after the ceremony. (7:30 pm. 1119 SW Park Ave. \$15 from www.literary-arts.org.)

DJ BJ opens for **P.M. Dawn** at Holocene. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from Brown Paper Tickets.)

Michelle Malone performs her high-spirited, stripped-down blend of rootsy acoustic slide, gritty electric blues and explosive vocals at Mississippi Studios. Her live sets can make the biggest venues seem as cozy as a campfire and can make an intimate venue feel like the center of the universe. (9:30 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$10 from 503-288-3895.)

SAT • DEC. 2

Purchase one-of-a-kind ceramics, works on paper, holiday cards, ornaments, jewelry and many other beautifully handmade arts and crafts during the third annual **Kenton Firehouse Holiday Sale**. (11 am-6 pm. 8105 N Brandon St.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present **Find Your Great Job**, a practical, fun and affirming workshop where men support one another in figuring out their right livelihood. (4-10:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

Kick off the season with the **Rose City Swing Holiday Affair Dance** at Ambridge Event Center. Join this 16-piece big band and vocalists as they serenade you through an evening of swing, Latin and other ballroom styles. Share a night together, meet friends, find your secret love! Featuring a raffle and special performance by Daniel Hutchison of Out Dancing and Rachel Lidskog of Dance with Joy. (7 pm group lesson, 8 pm dance. 300 NE Multnomah St. \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance from www.rcgfb.org.)

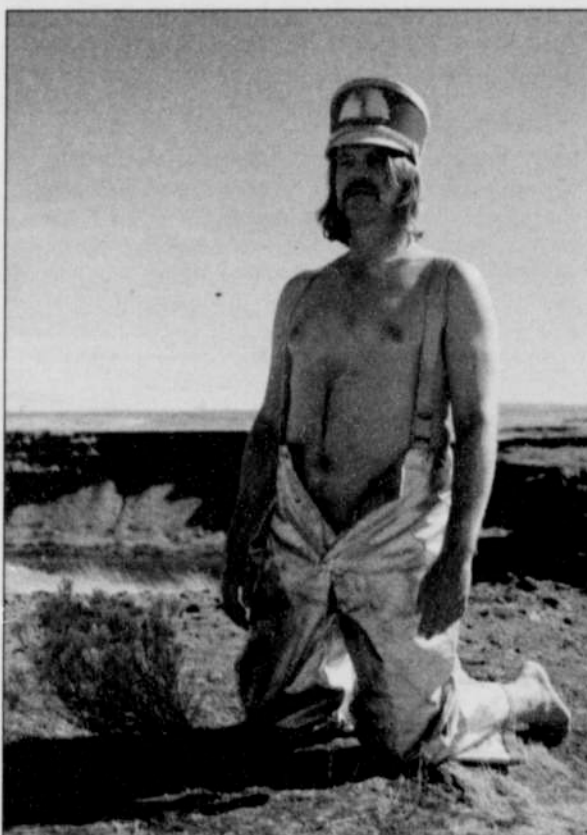
Celebrate years of spontaneous hilarity with Eugene's longest-running improv group during **Wymprov's 15th Birthday Show** at Wildish Community Theater in Springfield. Bring an unusual wrapped birthday gift and they'll incorporate it into the show! (8 pm. 630 Main St. \$15 from Mother Kali's Books.)

SUN • DEC. 3

Q Center presents **Family Playdate** every first Sunday. (Noon-2 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Purchase green, local and recycled treasures—goods and services with artistic and international flair, antique and vintage items—during the **Season of Peace Sale** at Friends Meetinghouse. Proceeds benefit the education and community programs of the Quaker Meeting. (2-5 pm. 4312 SE Stark St. 503-232-6167.)

Get lucky during the Fox & Hounds' **Monthly Charity Bingo**. (3:30 pm. 217 SW Second Ave.)



Marne Lucas snapped Portland artists Paul Green (left) and Trish Grantham for her latest series.

Strike a Pose

Queer photographer Marne Lucas gets by with a little help from her friends.

Her latest exhibit, **Sitting City: Portland Artist Portraits**, spotlights 20 of her creative colleagues, shot entirely on location, with the subjects represented by elements that reflect their style of work, mediums or personal inspirations. The series aims to serve as a historic snapshot of the city's active art scene and give people a chance to see it by one of the simplest means: by putting a face to a name.

"The portraits were conceptualized with a very intuitive approach to my instincts about the artist's personality, whether I was well acquainted with them or not," Lucas says. "The portraits feel honest to me and have a touch of a sense of humor about them. In 'Portrait of MK Guth,' who is originally from Wisconsin, she is depicted ice fishing—a childhood memory—at an ice hockey rink. **Paul Green** himself is cast as the proud but fragile figure from his oil painting 'Harvest,' and in 'Bruce Conkle, Redwood Forest,' the artist becomes one of his own 'melting snowmen' installations."

Sitting City was made possible by a project grant from the Regional Arts & Culture Council. "I see this show as a community-based effort; many artists and businesses have graciously helped me to realize this project," Lucas says.

The exhibit will be on display from Dec. 1 to 30 at Mark Woolley Gallery, 128 N.E. Russell St., along with **Only for Seeing**, **Arnold Pander's** watercolor paintings and drawings influenced by Japanese pop culture, and **Denizens: Screenprints and Drawings** by **Casey Burns**, a well-known rock poster artist throughout the South.

An opening reception will take place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 1, followed by an artists talk 2 p.m. Dec. 2. The closing party, featuring a live art event by Pander, runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 29. For more information visit www.marnelucas.com.

—Jim Radosta

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