



Think Gilda Radner does *Coffee Talk*, with a twist of Sonny and Dame Edna: Holocene presents *The Mitzy Muffbaumer Christmas Special* Dec. 13.

THU • DEC. 14

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. (1-3 pm. 736 SE Grand Ave.)

In Other Words welcomes **29th St. Writers**, a group of women, some of whom have met together for more than 15 years, exploring the pleasure, power and limits of language. (2-4 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

The 100th Monkey Studio, a community space that encourages creativity in all people, hosts an **HIV/AIDS support group night** every second Thursday. (6:30-7:45 pm. 110 SE 16th Ave. \$6 members, \$12 nonmembers.)

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.)

FRI • DEC. 15

Almost as good as being in Las Vegas: The Men's Wellness Center presents a special holiday edition of **Chicos Latinos Bingo**. Savor a cup of hot cocoa and a delicious holiday cookie as Miss Mylar bellows out N-49! (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Portland Baroque Orchestra, led by renowned lesbian violinist Monica Huggett, joins forces with **Cappella Romana** to present Portland's only professional performances of two holiday masterpieces—Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *Magnificat*—through Dec. 18 at First Baptist Church and Reed College's Agnes Flanagan Chapel.



Don't miss the Northwest premiere of Triangle Productions' *Plaid Tidings* through Dec. 23.

(7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 909 SW 11th Ave. 3 pm Sunday and 7:30 pm Monday, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$25-\$48 from www.pbo.org.)

GO OUT The hundred voices of the **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** fill Reed College's Kaul Auditorium with *Goodwill to All* through Dec. 17. Traditional favorites "O Tannenbaum" and "White Christmas" join holiday music embracing various cultures and traditions such as "Gloria" and "P.C. Christmas," a holiday spoof on political correctness run amok, along with an organ-accompanied sing-along! (8 pm Friday and Saturday, 2 pm Sunday. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$15-\$25 from www.pdxgmc.org.)

Holocene presents a CD release party for **Voices from the Siren Nation** featuring Virginia Lopez of the Mambo Queens, Heather Perkins, Kaia Wilson of Team Dresch and The Butchies, The Swallows and all-girl mini-bike dance troupe The Sprockettes! Proceeds benefit the Siren Nation Women's Music Festival scheduled for November 2007. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$8.)

SAT • DEC. 16

GO OUT **Aurora Chorus**, Portland's 90-plus women's chorus, presents its "nontraditional" traditional winter concert at Catlin Gabel School's Cabell Hall. A show guaranteed to bring a glow to your world, *Solstice!* features seasonal works from Vivaldi and David Conte; the rousing "Red and Green" with its Irish flair; a Wendell Berry poem, "To Go in the Dark," set to music by lesbian director Joan Szymko; and chants and haunting

refrains that define this ancient holiday. (4 and 7:30 pm. 8825 SW Barnes Road. \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance from 503-AURORA1.)

Cruise Control PDX, a social network for lesbians 36 and older, throws a holiday **Hot Flash Dance Party** at Embers featuring oldies to modern music, great bartenders and wall-to-wall women! (5-9 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$8.)

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

Your Place or Mine? Productions hosts **Eat My Martini**, a suave cocktail party where lesbians can mingle in an elegant and fun atmosphere in West Portland. Dress to impress! (7:30 pm. \$30 at the door, \$25 in advance from 503-481-9870 or www.yourplaceormineproductions.com.)

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.)

SUN • DEC. 17

GO OUT **Keshet** invites queer Jews as well as their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends (whether Jewish or gay or not) to a Hanukkah party featuring latkes, applesauce and sour cream. (5 pm. David 503-226-7074, ext. 14.)

Survey Says...A Gay Twist on a Classic Game Show

The classic game show *Family Feud* gets a new twist as several of Portland's most popular gay bars—Scandals, Silverado and C.C. Slaughters—take each other on in the first-ever **Family Feud Bar Wars 2006!**

The competition was the brainchild of Bolivia "Dawson" Carmichaels, who began hosting semi-weekly *Family Feud* games a few months ago at Slaughters using a simple set. She was then approached by Scandals manager Andy Miller, who suggested an inter-bar competition.

Each participating bar will assemble a team composed of employees and regular customers. The game will resemble the television show and use similar questions, but Carmichaels and her friends have built a snazzy, lighted set that is sure to enliven the festivities.

"We wanted to create a way for the bars to work together and have fun," says Carmichaels, a popular female impersonator who has an established following. "The initial concept really caught on, and people had a good time. Best of all, it was a way for everyone to work together and just have a good time."

The events will be co-hosted by Miss Gay Oregon XXXIV Mylar Black. Here is the official schedule:

- Dec. 3: Scandals vs. Silverado at Slaughters, 219 N.W. Davis St.
- Dec. 11: Silverado vs. Slaughters at Scandals, 1125 S.W. Stark St.
- Dec. 19: Slaughters vs. Scandals at Silverado, 1217 S.W. Stark St.

Competition begins at 9 p.m. Arrive early for best seating, and get ready to cheer when Carmichaels and Black exclaim, "Survey says!"



Bolivia Carmichaels hosts **Family Feud Bar Wars 2006** this month at Slaughters, Scandals and Silverado.

—Joshua Ryan

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