

out&about



Part farce and part whodunit, Theatre Vertigo's *Escape from Happiness* opens Jan. 12.

FRI • JAN. 5

Out Dancing's **intermediate swing** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in January at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning nightclub two-step** class follows. Note new times! (6:15-7:15 pm swing [\$32 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm two-step [\$24 for month]). Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

GO OUT In Other Words presents the premiere of **Dirty Queer**, an X-rated open mike to celebrate sexuality and strut your creative stuff! Hosted by writer, comic and dork-gone-wild Kelli Dunham and renegade writer and poet Sossity Chiricuzio, it promises to be an evening full of laughter and full-body shivers. (6:30-8:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. www.dirtyqueer.com.)

Shanghai Steakery presents **Club I.T.** every first Friday. This month's party features DJs Jimme Jamma and Othertempo and the debut of performance troupe PlayDead! (10 pm. 16 NW Broadway.)

The Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society hosts **College Night** Fridays at the Escape Nightclub featuring different music every week, \$3 off the cover with student identification and speed friend-making (like speed dating!) for the first hour. (10:30 pm. 333 SW Park Ave. gpiqs.info@gmail.com.)

SAT • JAN. 6

Portland Frontrunners take a 2.7- to 6.5-mile run along the Willamette River followed by brunch every Saturday. Meet

at the intersection of Southeast Main Street and the Eastbank Esplanade. (9 am. www.portlandfrontrunners.org.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribe present a new **Yoga for Stress** men's class teaching specific stretches and breath practices to deal with stress and its effects on the neck, shoulders, lower back, sleep and digestion. First class free! (10:30 am-12:15 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Urban cowboys and girls are in abundance during DJ Crystal's **country western dance** at the Portland Metro Club (PPAA). (9 pm-1 am. 618 SE Alder St. \$5.)

SUN • JAN. 7

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

GO OUT Gay gurus Bill Donnelly and Jeff Bader—aka the Spirit Trainers—host the yoga-creativity workshop **The Laugh-In** at Euphoria Studios to help participants increase self-esteem and confidence, laugh and unlock their own imaginative power. Get \$5 off by mentioning Q Center! (1:30-4 pm. 1235 SE Division St. \$20 from info@spirittrainers.com.)

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

GO OUT The Capitol Forum celebrates its 30th anniversary with a special fund-raiser show at Salem's Southside Speakeasy featuring a raffle, an auction, MCs Emperor II Bonnie and Miss Gay Salem 1984 R'Deena, the step-down of Ms. Capitol Forum 2006 Sandy and the election of 2007 titleholders. Proceeds

GO OUT appears next to events especially recommended by the Just Out arts staff.

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