

benefit the Metropolitan Community Church Building Fund. (6 pm. 3529 Fairview Industrial Drive. \$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.)

Aura screens the fourth season premiere of **The L Word**. Proceeds benefit the Human Rights Campaign. (7 and 9 pm. 1022 W Burnside St. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to jesicadolin@yahoo.com.)

The Egyptian Club screens the fourth season premiere of **The L Word** preceded by the third season finale. (7 and 10 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

MON • JAN. 8

Learn to open from the inside out during a free introductory **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.)

Pop icon **Barry Manilow**, the No. 1 adult contemporary artist of all time, performs at the Rose Garden. Proceeds benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. (8 pm. 1 Center Court. \$49.50-\$125 from ComcastTix.com.)

Lifetime debuts the dating show **Gay, Straight or Taken?** (8 pm.)

TUE • JAN. 9

Bettie Ford Lounge hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for men and women to socialize in a smoke-free environment. (7 pm. 1135 SW Washington St.)

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.)

Actor Anthony Rapp (*Rent*) hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian newsmagazine **In the Life** on OPB. "Breaking New Ground" takes a look at some extraordinary people in the community. (11 pm.)

WED • JAN. 10

GO OUT The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at MacTamaha's Taproom with a presentation by Kevin Yell, an ordained minister, and Michael Long of the Human Rights Campaign speaking

about the importance of marriage equality in the business world. (11:30 am-1 pm. 2730 NW 31st Ave. \$7-\$20 from www.paba.com.)

Reach your wellness goals and self-treat chronic ailments during the free introductory **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.)

Satori Men's Chorus invites men of all backgrounds to join their voices together for fun, fellowship and beautiful music-making. New singers are welcome to tonight's rehearsal as the chorus begins work for its March concert, *Elemental Connection*. (7-9:30 pm. 503-299-4454. www.satorichorus.org.)

THU • JAN. 11

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.)

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.)

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

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present **Create a Job You'll Love**, a practical, fun and affirming workshop where men support one another in figuring out their right livelihood. (7-9:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribes.org/menspirit.)

FRI • JAN. 12

Winner of 19 Australian Awards for creative achievement in and around her highly acclaimed band, Fruit, including eight awards for Most Outstanding



He writes the songs of love and special things: **Barry Manilow** raises money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Jan. 8.

Instrumentalist, **Mel Watson** continues to "push her edges" and evolve as an artist. Mississippi Studios presents a solo performance, breaking musical ground that crosses genres and unites new ideas with her outstanding ability, her breathtaking vocal range and her command of guitar, sax, trumpet and tenor horn. **Ashleigh Flynn** opens. (7 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$15 from 503-288-3895.)



Dañel Malán (left) and **Maya Malán-Gonzalez** play elder and younger incarnations of famed Mexican artist **Frida Kahlo** in *Frida, un retablo*.

Frida Be You and Me

Best known for self-portraits that often contained gruesome imagery, Mexican painter Frida Kahlo remains a popular and provocative personality more than 50 years after her death.

This month Portland's Miracle Theater stages a revival of its 2001 play *Frida, un retablo*. The show goes on tour after a brief run in Portland, with stops in Palm Springs, Seattle, New Mexico and other locations.

Written by **Dañel Malán**—who plays the older Kahlo alongside a younger version played by **Maya Malán-Gonzalez**—the drama opens with Kahlo's funeral and backtracks to several pivotal moments in her life.

Matthew Preston, 22, plays six characters, including Leon Trotsky and French surrealist André Breton. The production is bilingual, and the gay actor says he's grateful that most of his lines are in English. "I speak very little Spanish. But I can speak the Spanish alphabet."

Kahlo was openly bisexual, and she once had an affair with sexy expatriate Josephine Baker. Preston says the script only references her lady loving in passing. Instead the action centers on Kahlo's childhood, the bus accident that caused her lifelong suffering and her two marriages to Mexican artist Diego Rivera.

Originally from Hood River, Preston attended high school in The Dalles and helped operate a Gay Straight Alliance his senior year. He has studied theater at Mt. Hood Community College and hopes to complete a bachelor's degree in theater in the near future.

For now at least, acting is far more important to Preston than finding a more lucrative career. "I used to tell myself that I had to make money. But I realized that if I'm not doing this I'm not living."

Preston's recent credits include *Reefer Madness* at Stumptown Stages and *Beauty and the Beast* at Northwest Children's Theater. He has lived in Oregon all his life, and he'd like to branch out to Seattle, Chicago or New York City someday.

He admits he knew little about Kahlo before rehearsals started. "I don't know anything about art," he says. "I don't know about symbolism. But I think her work is very powerful and that it shows strong emotions and a lot of passion."

—Stephen Blair



Matthew Preston

Spread the Word

The Human Rights Campaign and Showtime are teaming up to host several events nationwide to celebrate the fourth season of *The L Word*, which premieres Jan. 7. This groundbreaking series is about a group of women in Los Angeles and their lives, careers and relationships.

"Visibility opens hearts and minds, and that's what *The L Word* delivers," says Cathy Nelson, HRC's vice president of development. "We're proud to work with Showtime to host these premieres. Not only are they a great opportunity for communities to come together around great entertainment, but they also provide a space for getting out the message about equal rights."

Ilene Chaiken, creator and executive producer of *The L Word*, adds: "This show challenges viewers to understand and celebrate differences between people. I believe in the importance of equality for all Americans and am honored to partner with HRC to reach millions of Americans with that message in their homes."

Portland's premiere will be held 7 and 9 p.m. at Aura, 1022 W. Burnside St. All party guests will receive an advance copy of the season's second episode on DVD, and premium drawing prizes will include an apparel item from the hot new *L Word* fashion line, the latest *L Word* soundtrack, posters and DVDs of the third season! The suggested donation is \$5. You're strongly advised to RSVP in advance to jesicadolin@yahoo.com, because this event was a huge hit last year.

If you can't get into that venue, The Egyptian Club will screen the fourth season premiere of *The L Word* preceded by the third season finale 7 and 10 p.m. at 3701 S.E. Division St.

—Jim Radosta



From left, **Marlee Matlin**, **Jennifer Beals** and **Cybill Shepherd** star in the fourth season of *The L Word*.