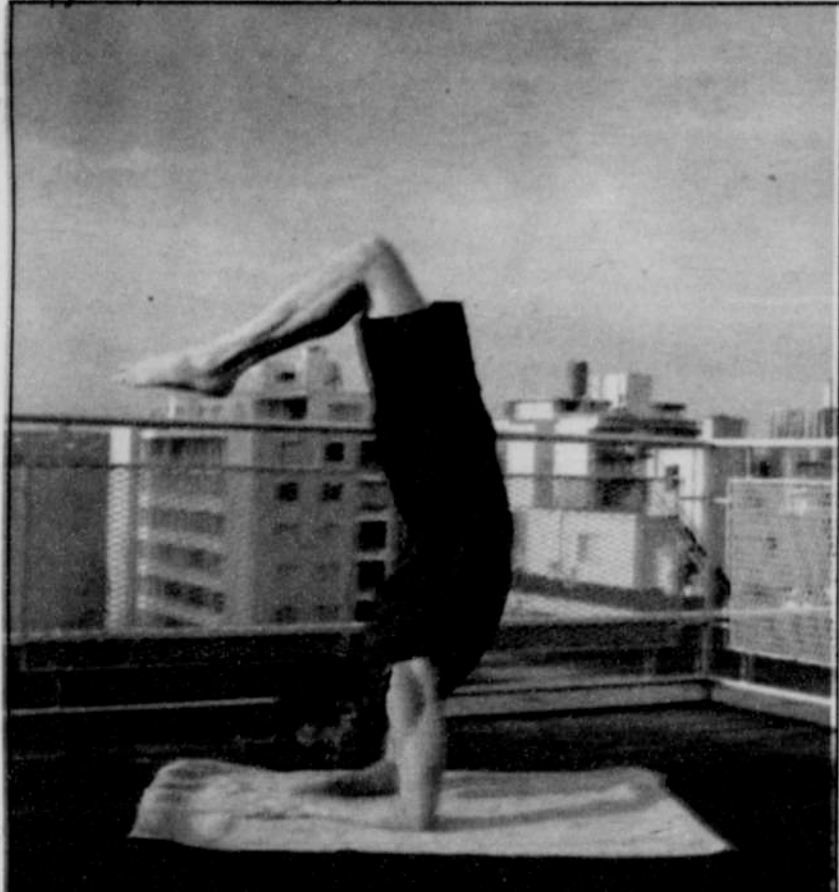




Queer yogi Derek Ralphs comes to town March 17 and 18.

Gimlets n' Garters every third Friday at Fez Ballroom. This premiere event will feature a DJ and a live burlesque show from Le Grande Q Revue. Stick around for '80s dancing upstairs! (6-10 pm. 316 SW 11th Ave. \$8.)

Minneapolis folk-rock singer/songwriter/guitarist **Ellis** performs at Mississippi Studios. (7 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from 503-288-3895.)

It's My Pleasure presents a **Polyamory Panel** facilitated by Ms. V. Learn the ups and downs of having multiple partners from people living the life. Discussion will include ethics, boundaries, jealousy, coming out to family and friends, safer sex and how to meet other nonmonogamous folks. Bring



An author is interrogated about a series of grisly child murders that seem to imitate his unpublished short stories in *The Pillowman* through March 18 at Portland Center Stage.

your questions! (7-8:30 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10. Register at 503-280-8080 by March 12.)

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Emerald Empire presents **Damsels, Divas & Dames**, a must-see event featuring some of the best drag queens and kings from around the state and beyond, at Soreng Theater in Eugene. Proceeds benefit HIV Alliance. (7:30 pm. 1 Eugene Center. \$25 from www.hultcenter.org.)

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The Adventure Group goes cross-country skiing at either Wind River or St. Helens. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Peter 503-314-6792.)

PaganFaire XVII features vendors, healers, readers, workshops, entertainment, food and a raffle followed by a spring equinox ritual at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center. This year's theme is "Look to the Rainbow." (10 am-5 pm faire, 7 pm ritual. 1825 SW Broadway. www.paganfaire.net.)

Queer yogi **Derek Ralphs** of Vancouver, British Columbia, teaches a special class through March 18 at Core Power Yoga. (2-4 pm. 2277 NW Quimby St. \$25 for one, \$45 for two.)

Former Portlander **Annie Dawid** participates in a group reading from the anthology *Growing Up Girl: Voices from Marginalized Spaces* at In Other Words. (3 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Do Jump presents *Thirty*, an anniversary ball and fun-a-thon celebrating the 30th season of one of Portland's most vibrant and enduring cultural institutions, at Echo Theatre. (4 pm fun-a-thon, 7:30 pm performance, 8:30 pm ball. 1515 SE 37th Ave. \$10-\$30 from www.dojump.org.)

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

Our House of Portland presents **For Love & Money**, its biggest fund-raising event of the year, at the Hilton Hotel. Silent auction and hosted cocktail hour followed by a gourmet dinner, live auction and even livelier entertainment. This year's theme is "The Emerald City," where there is no

place like home! (6-10 pm. 921 SW Sixth Ave. \$130 from 503-736-9276.)

Q-LAND and LoveTribe present **HeartSpace**, where men can share their favorite spring poetry and music. (7-10:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Sing Us a Song...

March 10 is a busy day for queer music lovers in Portland.

The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** performs 3 and 8 p.m. at Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Its program of music and dance is inspired by celebrated composers, singers and pop star icons who entertain audiences with outrageous costumes, arpeggios, candelabras, powdered wigs and haunting melodies. Franz Schubert, Elton John, Pytor Tchaikovsky, Fats Waller and Billy Joel are just a few of the *Piano Men* featured in this breathtaking tour de force. So whether you're a "Dancing Queen" in the "Copacabana" or you just feel the "Rhythm of Life" in Scott Joplin's "Real Slow Drag," don't miss this one-day-only celebration. Tickets are \$20-\$30 from www.pdxgmc.org.

On the other side of the river, the **Rose City Gay Freedom Band** presents its winter concert, *Dedication*, 8 p.m. at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium, 3203 S.E. Woodstock Blvd. The band dedicates classic works for wind ensemble to important people who have touched our lives in many different ways: Holst, Grieg, Gould, Reed and more. Prepare to enjoy a romantic evening of wind band literature and experience the personal side of music appreciation. Tickets are \$8-\$12 from www.rcgfb.org.

For those with a spiritual bent, **Metropolitan Community Church of Portland** presents *Elevation 54*, an evening of disco and solid-gold hits from the '70s, 7 p.m. at 2400 N.E. Broadway. Doors open at 6:30 for hors d'oeuvres. The concert will be followed by an "Angel Auction" of MCC people and their services. The suggested donation is \$10.

—Jim Radosta

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Satori Men's Chorus, Confluence: Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus

and the **Portland Lesbian Choir** celebrate our *Elemental Connection* to earth, air, fire and water and the four qualities they represent—balance, freedom, passion and peace—at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. Repeats March 18 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. (7:30 pm Saturday, 4000 Lancaster Drive NE. 4 pm Sunday, 1244 NE 39th Ave. \$12-\$15 from 503-299-4454.)

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.)

Adrianne, Kym Tuvim and Terra perform at Mississippi Studios. (10 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$8.)

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Aura hosts the first **Girls on Gay White Party** featuring professional go-go dancers, an incredible fondue table, white cotton candy, a renowned beat-mix DJ, a white balloon drop, incredible giveaways and tons of fun! (5-10 pm. 1022 W Burnside St. \$23 at the door, \$18 in advance from www.girlsongay.com.)

Growing Up Girl

An Anthology of Voices from Marginalized Spaces



Annie Dawid reads from *Growing Up Girl* March 17.

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