



Genderqueer duo Basic Fix helps raise money for Sissyboy's first tour March 30.



White Bird presents the U.S. debut of Conny Janssen Danst, one of Europe's most acclaimed dancers.

What's Your Number?

Ever wonder what synapses are firing behind your partner's baby blues, and why? Ever considered they might be wondering the same about you? Dale Rhodes, a Portland mentor and spiritual director, might have a way to help you find the answers.

Rhodes is passionate about his work helping gay and lesbian couples foster healthy, functional, loving relationships using an ancient system of insight called the Enneagram.

The Enneagram delineates the nine ways individuals see the world. People's Enneagram numbers reveal their source of motivation and the way they perceive the world. These nine "lenses," as Rhodes calls them, include the Perfectionist (fittingly, No. 1), the Epicure, the Romantic, the Observer, the Loyal Skeptic and the Mediator. Couples will learn their Enneagram numbers in Rhodes' upcoming workshop through written assessments and by watching videos of individuals describing their Enneagram viewpoints.

Once you know your and your partner's Enneagram number, you can learn more about how he or she views the world. Based on how your numbers correlate, you can see where the sources of harmony and conflict might arise. At its core, Rhodes says, the Enneagram is a strategy for understanding how each person in a relationship receives love. Then you can begin communicating in a way so each person truly feels loved.

As part of his upcoming workshop, Rhodes will be teaching individuals how to slow down and see the difference between how you *think* the world operates and how it *really* operates. Not everyone shares your lens—including, most especially, your partner. Realizing this fact can change your outlook (and your actions) immensely. So can seeing yourself through someone else's perspective and realizing that, in all your humanness, with all your faults, you are still loved.

Rhodes is working to foster loving, strong gay and lesbian partnerships because, as he says, there's support out there for men's health and women's spirituality, but little support for couples. Rhodes is working toward his vision of healthy couples acting as mentors to others now and in the future. And that's something we can all support.

Rhodes facilitates **Love & Relationships Workshop: A Weekend Offering Solid Skills and Support for Same-Sex Couples** from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 30 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 at Healthquest, 1330 S.E. 39th Ave. The cost, book included, is \$180 from www.glbtcounseling.com.

—George Winborn

Gather around the **Portland Polyamory Circle** for informal discussions of open relationships and commitment. (7 pm. Laury 503-285-4848.)

GO OUT Grease your wheels during **Gay Skate Night** presented by *Just Out* every third Monday at Oaks Park. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

C.C. Slaughters celebrates the DVD release of *Trapped*, an engaging thriller starring Alexandra Paul (*Baywatch*) as a lesbian Internet security expert struggling to balance work, her relationship and being a good mother to her temperamental teenage daughter. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

Tennis legend Martina Navratilova hosts this month's episode of the gay and lesbian newsmagazine *In the Life* on OPB. In honor of Women's History Month, "Leading Ladies" celebrates the lives and accomplishments of several extraordinary women. (11 pm.)

TUE • MARCH 20

Men Touching with Heart introduces you to Tui Na, a traditional Chinese healing touch system of simple brushing and rolling, rubbing and pressing, light pinching and grasping, and kneading and tapping. Presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribe. (7-10 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Learning to Fly

Johanna's musical career began after storming angrily to her room when she was 9 years old. "I stomped right into my room after getting into a fight with my mom. I wrote my first song and left feeling much better!"

Johanna didn't look back after that. Wrapping many talents into one powerful soul, the 25-year-old has been dipping into each of her creative pools—singing, songwriting and acting—to go above the norm.

Taking her talents to new heights, Johanna took the proactive approach to better songwriting by studying under lesbian music icons Cris Williamson and Tret Fure in Canada. Learning to compartmentalize how she approaches songwriting, Johanna was able to "free up the mechanical part of songwriting" and focus her attention on the creative side.

Her new CD, *Learning to Fly*, is an exploration of Johanna's many facets, implementing new instruments and even more life experience.

"A lot of my songs come from transformation, which then turns empowering. It's about taking life's experiences and learning to fly with them."

Exploring new sounds and styles are perhaps Johanna's greatest traits in this new album. Working with a revolving set of studio musicians, the depth of her talents are unabashedly exposed with a new energy not heard on her debut album, *Stolen Grace*.

"This album was fun because I got to see what I could really do. I really enjoy the juxtaposition of hard and soft sounds...my music really defies categorization. I'm always going to love just playing my guitar and piano."

Though Johanna identifies as queer, like her music, she's quick to note that even those with a category still can't always be defined.

"I don't believe people are 100 percent anything. I'm writing songs that show clarity as a woman and also about being a person of minority status."

Though she has some famous influences flanking her young music career, Johanna is keeping her roots in the ground: "My music isn't about stardom—it's just about the music."

For more information go to www.johannasings.com.

—West Duncan

WED • MARCH 21

Elder Resource Alliance screens *Oscar Wilde* at Friendly House. Light refreshments served. (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

Q-LAND's **Young Homos Group** kicks off its weekly social event for queer men on the vernal equinox at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. Network, chill, socialize, do needlework, swap recipes or music or even stories about the coming rapture. Anything could happen if you show up! (6-8 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave.)

Financial adviser Matthew Clarke hosts **Portland Area Business Association After Hours** in Suite 2600 at UBS Financial Services. (6-8 pm. 805 SW Broadway.)

In Other Words presents **Five Songwriters in the Round**, a night of original music with Brenna Sahatjian, Emily Picha, Christopher Buckingham, Paris McClusky and Tin Tree Factory. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Johanna performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub with Nicole Sangsoree. (9-11:15 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

THU • MARCH 22

What does the struggle for civil rights look like today? How might young black women draw on the legacy of the pioneers? How are they forging new ground? In Other Words

presents **The Shape of the Struggle: Black Women and Civil Rights in Portland**. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Lesbian comedian **Suzanne Westenhoefer** performs at Aladdin Theater. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$28 at the door, \$25 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

FRI • MARCH 23

GO OUT Affirmation, an organization for sexual minority Mormons, hosts a potluck dinner with partners, family and friends welcome. (6:30 pm. Jason 971-409-3463. jasonloyd@hotmail.com.)

Don't miss out on all the fun! Miss Mylar hosts **Chicos Latinos Bingo** at the Men's Wellness Center. This month the grand prize is a giant 70-ounce bottle of ID Glide. All guys welcome! (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

JoeyCub hosts the Oregon Bears' monthly **Double X Dance** featuring music by DJ Peter Calandra at C.C. Slaughters. (9 pm-1 am. 219 NW Davis St. \$2.)

SAT • MARCH 24

The Adventure Group takes an easy seven-mile hike at Silver Falls State Park, winding through forested canyons and visiting 10 spectacular waterfalls. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Dave 503-329-2369.)



Check out Johanna with Nicole Sangsoree on March 31 at Mississippi Pizza Pub.