

each participant's curiosity and desire for erotic fulfillment. (\$350 from 503-957-1914.)

The Adventure Group takes a moderate six-mile hike exploring the rugged Wauna Ridge, which overlooks Bonneville Dam right in the middle of the Columbia River Gorge. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Evan 503-701-7922.)

Hip Chicks Do Wine throws a **Pinot Gris Release Party** featuring a flight of six wines, appetizers and live music by the acoustic duo There She Goes. (6-9 pm. 4510 SE 23rd Ave. \$8 for one, \$15 for two.)

Hollywood Bowl presents **Monte Carlo Night**. Price includes three games, shoes and the opportunity to meet new friends! Proceeds benefit the Human Rights Campaign's Portland chapter. (6:30-10 pm. 4030 NE Halsey St. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from www.hrcactioncenter.org/actioncenter/events/portlandbowling07.)

Come groove with **Le Grande O Revue** as it shakes, rattles and rolls in *Dames, Dolls and Daddy-O's*, a tribute to the '40s, '50s and '60s at Soday Lounge. Joining the troupe will be erotic spoken word performer Riza, DJ Puppet and guest MC Splendor from Sissyboy. The first 20 people through the door get a gift bag! (8:30 pm. 125 NW Fifth Ave. \$7.)

SUN • APRIL 1

The Adventure Group takes a moderate six-mile hike at Lyle Cherry Orchard. Meet in Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Chris 503-329-3916.)

MON • APRIL 2

Win special prizes during **Q Center Bingo** with gay radio personality Mitch Elliott and Daria O'Neill of 105.1 FM The Buzz! (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5 includes bingo card.)

The **Bisexual Community Forum** hosts a casual discussion group every first Monday at 3 Friends Coffeehouse. (7:30 pm. 201 SE 12th Ave. 503-285-4848.)

TUE • APRIL 3

Radical Women kicks off the weekly roundtable discussion **Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice** at the Bread and Roses Center. (7-8:30 pm. 819 N Killingsworth St.)



Gay-owned Brian Marki Fine Art exhibits Madoka Ito's paintings through March 31.



Join the team March 18 at Rose City Softball's New Player Day.

Irina Rivkin, Joni Laurence and Anne Carol present the Rose Street Harmony Tour at Mississippi Studios. (7:30 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$8-\$10 from 503-288-3895.)

WED • APRIL 4

The Gossip performs at Wonder Ballroom. (8 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$10 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

THU • APRIL 5

The second annual **Power of the Purse** auctions off handbags conceived by local celebrities including Gus Van Sant and Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters, at Portland Art Museum's Grand Ballroom. Proceeds benefit Girls Inc. of Northwest Oregon. (5:30-9 pm. 1219 SW Park Ave. \$125 from 503-230-0054 or www.girlsincnworegon.org.)

FRI • APRIL 6

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

Ashleigh Flynn and Julie Loyd perform at Mississippi Studios. (7 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$15 at the door, \$13 in advance from 503-288-3895.)

Melao de Caña performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

SAT • APRIL 7

Swan Island, Diamond Cut Diamond, Team Gina and Athens Boys Choir perform at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (8:30 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

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 • APRIL 8

DJs Harmony, Beyonda and Saffronica lay down the hottest world, Latin, house and old-school beats during **Tart**, a monthly party for queer girls at Holocene. (5 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

The **Shee Bee Gees**, an all-girl Bee Gees tribute band, performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

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Power of the Purse will auction off handbags conceived by local celebrities including film director Gus Van Sant (above) and entertainer Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters.



Power of the Purse

Portland celebrities and community leaders are teaming up with local designers to create beautiful, one-of-a-kind handbags that will be auctioned off April 5 to benefit Girls Inc. of Northwest Oregon, a nonprofit that works to inspire girls to be strong, smart and bold.

The second annual **Power of the Purse** event raises money to develop and launch Girls Inc.'s Economic Literacy Program, which will teach girls to make sound economic decisions.

"The Power of the Purse event celebrates the value of economic independence in the lives of girls and young women," says Annette Klinefelter, Girls Inc. executive director. "By giving Oregon girls the skills to build and use the power of their purse, we'll prepare them to save money, avoid out-of-control credit card debt, make smart spending choices and lay the groundwork for a stable future. Community members can foster the next generation of girls by using the power of their own purse to support the program."

Local celebrities, or "purse-onalities," developing creative concepts for each handbag include film director Gus Van Sant; entertainer Kevin Cook, aka Poison Waters; philanthropist Arlene Schnitzer; Mint restaurant owner Lucy Brennan; state Sen. Avel Gordly, I-Portland; and US Bank president Malia Wasson.

Designers working directly with these celebrities in the construction of their handbags include Candice Nicole, Denise Kortess, Eta Borsetta and Minou-Minou. All the bags differ in shape, size and construction—from leather shoulder bags to elegant evening bags.

The purses will be auctioned off during a fashion show featuring girls who participate in Girls Inc. programs. The event will be hosted by KINK-FM radio host Rebecca Webb and sixth-grader Sydney Greenslate, who stole the show last year by declaring, "Invest in me because I can change the world!" Vicky Trabosh, a designer who participated last year, formed a bond with Greenslate and is now her mentor. Klinefelter says this kind of connection between successful women and Girls Inc. girls is an added benefit of the event.

Power of the Purse will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Portland Art Museum's Grand Ballroom, 1219 S.W. Park Ave. The dinner will be catered by Salvador Molly's. Tickets are \$125 from 503-230-0054 or www.girlsincnworegon.org.

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