



Queer roller girl Ava-Sk8trix raises money for Basic Rights Oregon at Rose City Rollers' May 19 derby.

A Shui Life, Portland's deaf and hearing all-women's dragon boat paddling team, raises money at Embers with speed dating, a kissing booth, a fashion show, an auction and more! (7-10 pm. 110 NW Broadway. \$5.)

GO OUT Darklady Productions presents the sixth annual **Masturbate-a-Thon** featuring a silent auction, door prizes, casting couch exhibitionism, a cloakroom, a potluck, an S/M play space and sensual Rubitorium, a massage table, a brand new sex machine and more. Bring a hygiene, dry goods or pet care donation for a \$5 discount. (7 pm-2 am. \$25 from darklady@darklady.com.)

Blue Lightning dance band celebrates its 15th anniversary with a song retrospective, five special guest appearances and free appetizers at the historic Ashland Armory. Proceeds benefit the Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center. (8 pm. 208 Oak St. \$15-\$25 sliding scale.)

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.)

Blow out the candles during **C.C. Slaughters' 26th Birthday Bash**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

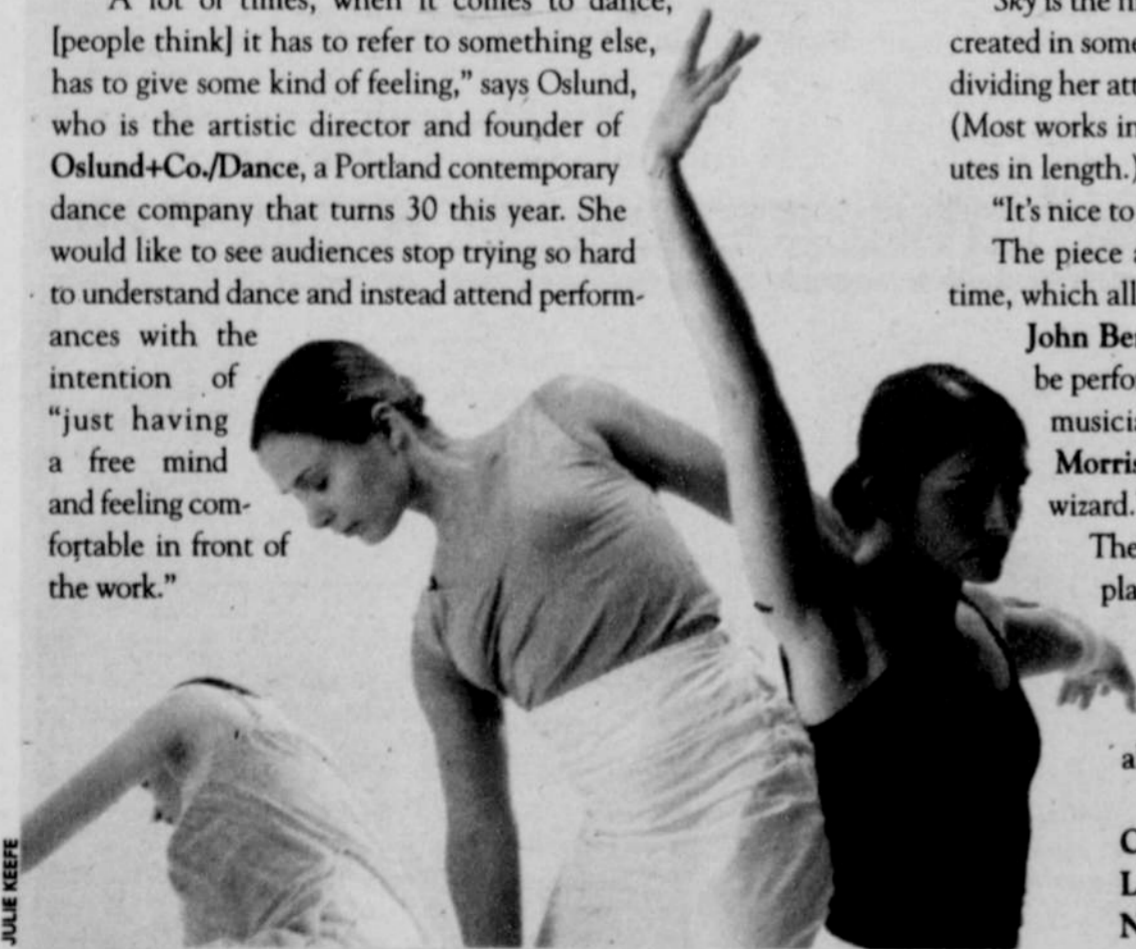
Mel Watson of the Aussie trio Fruit performs with **Ne've Marchandt** at Mississippi Studios. (10 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$15 from 503-288-3895.)

Spring Sky

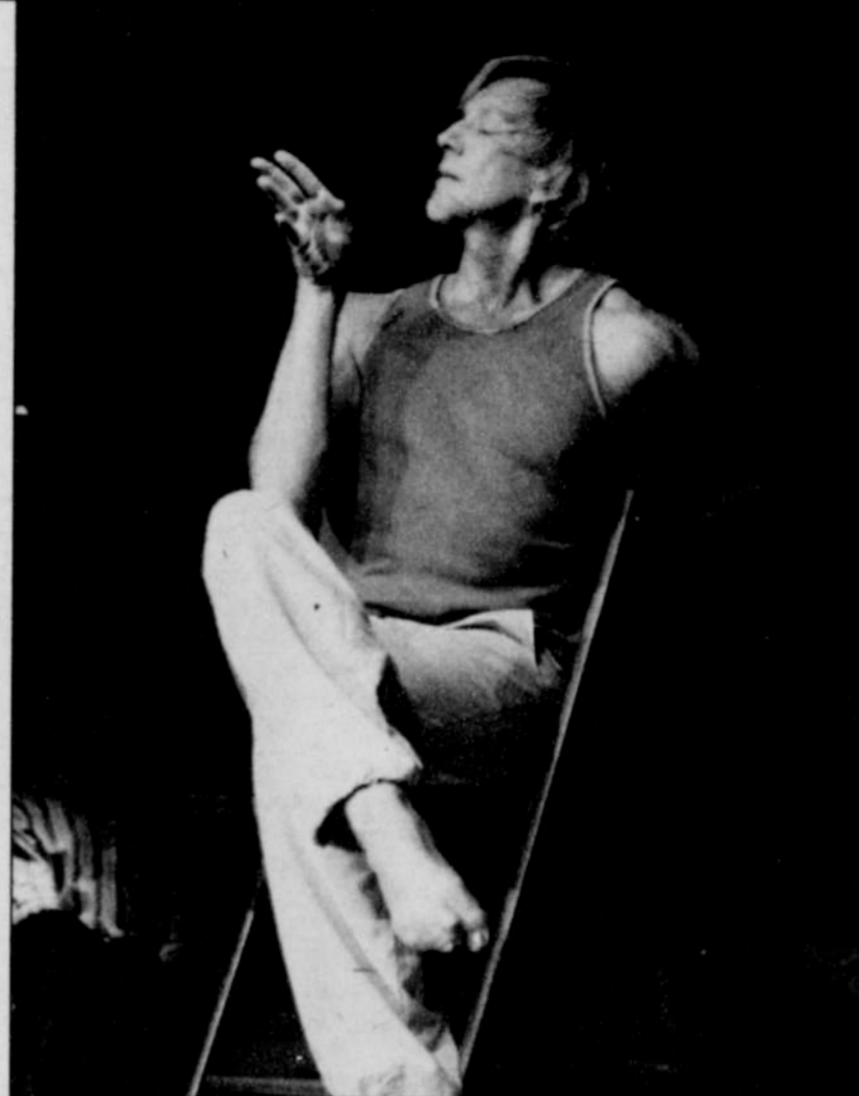
Do you have to intimately understand music theory to enjoy listening to a song? Of course not.

Choreographer **Mary Oslund** wishes people would feel as comfortable enjoying a dance performance as they do listening to music.

"A lot of times, when it comes to dance, [people think] it has to refer to something else, has to give some kind of feeling," says Oslund, who is the artistic director and founder of **Oslund+Co./Dance**, a Portland contemporary dance company that turns 30 this year. She would like to see audiences stop trying so hard to understand dance and instead attend performances with the intention of "just having a free mind and feeling comfortable in front of the work."



Oslund + Co./Dance premieres *Sky* through May 20 at Imago Theatre.



Queer choreographer Wade Madsen performs May 27 in the 13th installment of the popular series *10 Tiny Dances*.



"Glitter Decadence" is part of the group show *All That Glitters Is Good*, opening June 1 at Night Light Lounge.

SUN • MAY 20

Q-LAND and LoveTribes present the **Men's Eco-Hike**, a moderately strenuous exploration of many beautiful, rare and endangered wildflowers in the Columbia River Gorge. Bring a bag lunch, and stick around for a delicious Chinese dinner afterward. (10 am. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

GO OUT Not your typical drag show: **Bent Bar** showcases camp, comedy, showtunes and drag classics every Sunday with Miss Gay Oregon XXXV Terrika St. James, Miss Honey Bea Hart, Bolivia Carmichaels and special guest performers. (4 and 6 pm. 633 SE Powell Blvd.)

Gail's Dirty Duck presents **Pup's Kickoff to International Mr. Leather Brew Bust** featuring music, friends, bears, food and a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds benefit Cascade AIDS Project. (4-7 pm. 439 NW Third Ave.)

Outspoken lesbian **Rachel Zolf** drops in on Portland's Spare Room poetic collective at New American Art Union to read from *Human Resources*, a writing machine that looks at the politics of having a lesbian relationship within the contextual frame of the corporate world and industry. (7:30 pm. 922 SE Ankeny St.)

MON • MAY 21

Become more aware about natural strategies for pain management during a progressive, biodynamic for expectant moms, partners and families weekly

Readers can practice this open-minded approach to watching dance with the premiere of Oslund's latest work, *Sky*, which runs through May 20 at Imago Theatre, 17 S.E. Eighth Ave. Tickets are \$14-\$15 from 503-221-5857, ext. 3.

Sky is the first evening-length work (70 minutes) that Oslund has created in some time. Before starting *Sky* in September, she had been dividing her attention between choreographing multiple short pieces. (Most works in the company's repertoire run from seven to 35 minutes in length.)

"It's nice to have a single vision," says Oslund of her work on *Sky*.

The piece also benefited from a longer-than-usual preparation time, which allowed for a more in-depth collaborative process.

John Berendzen composed original music for *Sky*, which will be performed live for this run—from the balcony, in fact. The musicians are percussionist **Tim DuRoche**, singer **Ammon Morris** and Berendzen, whom Oslund calls the "electronics wizard."

The set, designed by **Christine Bourdette**, features a sloped platform and a 12-foot-high, curved wall. "It's not your typical, rectangular way of viewing dance," says Oslund.

Award-winning lighting designer **Jeff Forbes**, with whom Oslund has worked for many years, is also contributing his talents.

Sky will be danced by **Amber Baker**, **Rinda Chambers** (who also designed the costumes), **Faith Levine**, **Keely McIntyre**, **Jim McGinn**, **Elizabeth Nalley**, **Eric Nordstrom** and **Michelle Rogers**.

—Rebecca Ragain

through June 25 at In Other Words. (6 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. To register e-mail saratretter@gmail.com.)

Bradley-Angle House and It's My Pleasure facilitate **Hot Sex and Healthy Relationships**, a free workshop for women and those who love them, at Q Center. Learn about giving and receiving pleasure, establishing healthy personal boundaries and everything you ever wanted to know about sex toys! (6-8:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

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. Enter a raffle to raise money for the Rose City Softball Association! (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$5 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

TUE • MAY 22

Elder Resource Alliance presents **Healthy Living**, a free class taught by Dan Pierce at Friendly House encouraging you to live your best life now through moderate changes in diet and hydration. (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

The Adventure Group takes an easy 10-mile bike ride on the Willamette Loop. Meet on the Eastside Esplanade under the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge. (5:30 pm. Jim 503-754-4804.)

Vibrators, dildos and harnesses, oh my! Learn how to pick out, use and care for your precious devices during **Sex Toys 101** taught by the lustrous Brandy at It's My Pleasure. Lubrications, safer sex and clit-stimulating gels will be discussed at length. Bring your questions! (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10 from 503-280-8080.)

Comedian **Carol Leifer**, the real-life inspiration for Elaine on *Seinfeld*, performs at Darcelle XV Showplace. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette's Sexy Tuesdays, a weekly event to build a new generation of supporters and advocates for choice. (7 pm. 208 NW Third Ave. \$20-\$25 at the door, \$15-\$20 in advance from 503-280-6150.)

WED • MAY 23

Q Center presents an **LGBTQ Parenting Workshop** confronting the common issues faced by queer parents. (6:30-8 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5 donation.)

The **Dirty Queer Book Club** discusses the best in pervy, kinky porn at In Other Words. Let loose, express your deepest and dirtiest desires, and maybe even collect some digits. Sexy selections are discounted 10 percent, too! (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$1 donation.)

Oregon Bears teach American Sign Language to queers and all interested people during **Sign Night** every second and fourth Wednesday at the Fox & Hounds. (7-9 pm. 217 NW Second Ave. bearsasl@yahoo.com.)

Alberta Street Public House resurrects **Suck My Open Mic** hosted by Tamara J. Brown every Wednesday! (9 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St.)

THU • MAY 24

The Adventure Group takes a moderate five-mile walk along Portland hills in the Forest Park, Nob Hill and Kings Heights neighborhoods. Meet at Northwest 25th Avenue and Raleigh Street on the Wallace Park corner. (6 pm. Evan 503-701-7922.)

In Other Words screens **Good Work Sister: Pioneering Women in the Skilled Trades**, a documentary about female employees at Portland's Kaiser Shipyards during World War II, followed by speakers from Oregon Tradeswomen. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Mississippi Pizza Pub presents a **Women Build Benefit** with Little Sue and Flip Frisch. (7 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)