



Night Light Lounge hangs Tony LeTigre's homoerotic Egyptians as part of QuArt's group show *All That Glitters Is Good* through July 6.

SAT • JUNE 16

Bent Liquid Lounge & Bistro serves all-you-can-eat brunch followed by a Bones & Brew BBQ Party! (10 am-2 pm brunch, 4 pm barbecue. 633 SE Powell Blvd.)

Root for the Rose City Softball Association All-Stars as they take on the Portland Police Bureau during their 13th annual **Grudge Match** at Lents Park. Bring the kids or the folks and a lunch for a family picnic! Proceeds benefit Q Center. (11:30 am-3 pm. Southeast 88th Avenue and Holgate Boulevard. \$5 donation.)

C.C. Slaughters presents **Pride Weekend Beach Party 2007** hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels featuring music by DJ Alex Hollywood, hot male adult film stars and an exclusive *Hollywood Pride* CD giveaway! (3 pm-2:30 am. 219 NW Davis St.)

Meet the guy(s) of your dreams! Chicos Latinos present **speed dating** with hostess Miss Mylar featuring food and drink, giveaways and a low-calorie safer-sex buffet at the Men's Wellness Center. (4-6 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Hot Flash invites women of all ages to celebrate after the Dyke March by attending the **Retro Hot Flash Tea Dance** featuring go-go dancers, door prizes and fabulous surprises at Barracuda. (5-9 pm. 9 NW Second Ave. \$8.)

The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** presents *The Peacemakers*, the final concert of its 27th season hosted by former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts, at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Proceeds benefit Mercy Corps. (7:30 pm. 1037 SW Broadway. \$20-\$30 from 503-226-2588 or www.pdxgmc.org.)

Indigo Girls perform with **Brandi Carlile** at Aladdin Theater. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$42 at the door, \$39.50 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

Just Keep Singing

This year, the **Portland Lesbian Choir** turns 20.

Although reaching two decades is usually a momentous occasion, the choir's anniversary is made more significant by the fact that the group nearly didn't survive to celebrate the milestone.

Ten years ago, the choir was going strong, with upward of 60 members. Over time, those numbers dwindled. By spring 2005, just a handful of members remained.

To make matters worse, the group lost its director and changed its long-standing rehearsal night. Soon, membership was down to just three women.

"We sort of limped along while trying to find a director," says choir president and founding member Sparky Lindsay. "I think it was looking like we were going to have to potentially shut the thing down."

But the skeleton choir persisted. The singers kept the Web site up, held their usual fund-raiser and kept searching for a new director.

Then **Ray Elliott** moved back to town. He is a recognized choral director and founder of Confluence, the Willamette Valley's gay and lesbian choir. When the remaining members asked him to direct the choir, he agreed.

Things have been looking up ever since Elliott signed on last fall. "Ray's an excellent director: energetic, gifted and positive," says Lindsay.

She adds that Elliott's leadership has been a great "attractor" for the group; membership is back up to about 25 members. "We're way open for business," Lindsay declares.

In addition to performing 2 p.m. June 16 at Portland Pride's Coffee House Lounge, the group is celebrating its anniversary with a June concert titled *Feel Like Goin' On*. The retrospective program will include



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favorite songs from the choir's 20-year history, ranging from fun-filled, upbeat pieces to rich melodies. Alumni choir members will be invited onstage to sing with the group during several songs.

The choir will also continue its tradition of holding a post-concert dance party. Lindsay expects DJ Lauren, who spins at Hot Flash parties, to play "a movin' blend of styles."

Women who like what they hear at the concert are invited to join the choir. All skill levels are welcome. Experienced singers are all but guaranteed solos in future concerts, says Lindsay, and novices will find the choir to be a safe place to develop their singing.

Portland Lesbian Choir performs *Feel Like Goin' On* 7:30 p.m. June 23 at Bridgeport United Church of Christ, 621 N.E. 76th Ave. Tickets are \$12 from In Other Words, It's My Pleasure or Music Millennium.

—Rebecca Ragain

Shanghai Steakery presents its **Gay Pride Show** hosted by Miss Shanghai 2 Gigi Foxx. (8 pm. 16 NW Broadway.)

BearBust at Gail's Dirty Duck. (8-11 pm. 429 NW Third Ave. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

Acme presents **Queer Rebellion** with DJs Puppet (Booty), Boy (Church of Girl), Corban (Soda) and Mr. Charming (Gaycation). Let your freak flag fly outside in the fresh air! (9 pm. 1305 SE Eighth Ave. \$5.)

Girl4Girl Portland presents **All Women's Pride** featuring a live performance by God-des & She of *The L Word* fame, groovin', giveaways and go-gos galore at Wonder Ballroom. Clip out the coupon in this issue for a \$2 discount! (9 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance from www.girl4girlportland.com.)

The Egyptian Club throws its biggest party of the year, **Pride Dance 2007**, featuring wall-to-wall women, a buffet, prizes, dancing, karaoke, continental breakfast at 2:30 am and an after-hours dance and karaoke until 4! (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. \$10 at the door, \$5 in advance from the E Room.)

Tara Jane O'Neil performs with Jana Hunter, Michael Hurley and M Billy at Someday Lounge. (9 pm. 125 NW Fifth Ave. \$6.)

Steam Portland, the Rose City's newest bathhouse, celebrates Pride 2007 with a special guest, award-winning porn star Matt Cole. (10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)

SUN • JUNE 17

Bent Liquid Lounge & Bistro serves all-you-can-eat brunch followed by an Eat Cheap BBQ! (10 am-2 pm brunch, 4-8 pm barbecue. 633 SE Powell Blvd.)

Watch the Portland Pride Parade with a guest commentary MC at **Shanghai Steakery** followed by gala festivities and fabulous drink specials! (11 am. 16 NW Broadway.)

C.C. Slaughters presents **Pride Weekend Beach Party 2007** hosted by superstar divas Bolivia Carmichaels, Ginger Lee and Miss Honey Bea featuring music by DJ Robb, special guest Lawanda Jackson, a bloody mary bar and DVD giveaways of *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert!* (11 am-2:30 am. 219 NW Davis St.)

Boxxes throws the third annual **Stark Street Block Party**. This year's theme is "Come Together" featuring a special appearance by the Ginch Gonch boys; club divas Suzanne Palmer and Debby Holiday; a performance by the cast of the D-Word; M-Lo's hip-hop dance troupe; the Sweethearts of Portland drag queen dunk tank; and DJs Douglacious, FSO, Leonetti, Tronic, Joey Cub and Seth Hutton. Proceeds benefit Q Center. (Noon-10 pm. 1035 SW Stark St.)

After standing two hours watching the Portland Pride Parade, dancing like a muscle boy on a float or simply being overcome by the heat coming off all the hard bodies, come by the **Men's Wellness Center Pride Lounge** to enjoy slices of fruit, iced tea, soft leather sofas, chill-out music and safer-sex buffet complete with hair-netted "lunch ladies." (1-5 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)



Girl in a Coma, featuring lesbian bassist Jenn Alva (right), performs June 20.

For the diehard Pride enthusiast, the Egyptian Club presents the **It's Not Over 'Til I Say It's Over After the Parade Party** featuring a body-painting contest and Lollipop Karaoke at 9 pm. (4 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

Daddies & Papis—a group of gay, bi and trans men raising children—presents its third annual **Father's Day Picnic** featuring a potluck, fun games for kids and discounted ride bracelets at Oaks Park. (4-7 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$10 donation a family.)

Darcelle XV, Showplace celebrates the completion of **Queens of Heart: Community Therapists in Drag** with two free screenings of the documentary about the female impersonators at the oldest surviving drag club in the United States. Donations benefit Equity Foundation. (4 and 7 pm. 208 NW Third Ave.)

The Portland Lesbian & Gay Film Festival throws **The After Pride After Party** at newly opened, gay-managed hot spot The Chesterfield featuring DJ Wan spinning the coolest electroclash hits as well as giveaways including movie passes, T-shirts, DVDs and gift certificates. Stop by the Pride booth for a goodie bag! (5-10 pm. 1101 E Burnside St.)

Gender terrorist troupe **Sissyboy** and **SlowMo Erotic** come together for one scorching night to reignite The Embers! (8 pm *SlowMo*, 10 pm *Sissyboy*. 110 NW Broadway. \$6.)

MON • JUNE 18

In Other Words, the country's only nonprofit feminist bookstore, celebrates its seventh annual **Literary Feast** at Mississippi Ballroom featuring performances by gypsy torch trio Myshkin's Ruby Warblers and sultry twilight duo Felina, readings by Jessamyn Rae and Renee Mitchell, a radical feminist film by PMS Media and a spectacular silent auction. (6 pm. 833 N Shaver St. \$25-\$75 sliding scale from sue@inotherwords.org.)

Gay financial adviser Marc Delphine presents a **long-term care seminar** at MacTarnahan's Taproom to explain risks, costs and solutions for long-term health care insurance. Dinner will be served! (7-8:30 pm. 2730 NW 31st Ave. RSVP to 503-684-8091 or mdelphine@isimail.com.)

Sundance Channel presents the U.S. television premiere of **Paper Dolls**, a documentary sensitively chronicling the on- and offstage lives of a transgender Filipino drag troupe based in Tel Aviv, Israel. (9 pm.)

Logo premieres **Curl Girls**, a sudsy reality series that follows the loves and lives of six lesbian surfers both on and off the beach. (10 pm.)

TUE • JUNE 19

Rochell D. "Ro Deezy" Hart reads from *What Else Did You Think I Would Say: Poems About Politics, Passion, Resistance and Love* at In Other Words. Postponed because of a publisher printing snafu. (6:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Learn healing touch, breath work and energetic techniques to open your heart chakra so you can love and be loved more fully during **Men Touching with Heart** presented by Q-LAND and LoveTribes. (7-10 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

WED • JUNE 20

Attorney Chris Costantino presents **Happily Ever After...Protecting Your Domestic Partnership** at Buckley LeChevallier law offices in Lake Oswego. Lunch will be provided. (11:45 am-1:15 pm. 3 Centerpointe Drive. RSVP to Lakisha at 503-906-2254 or lcw@buckley-law.com.)

Emily Herring performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (6 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

Westcafe hosts **Portland Area Business Association After Hours** with Sean Concannon. (6-8 pm. 1201 SW Jefferson St.)

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources presents **Because Reading Is Sexy: The Dirty Queer Book Club** on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Riding the wave of Dirty Queer, Portland's only X-rated open mike, the group will let loose to discuss the best in queer, perky, kinky porn—with 10 percent off sexy selections! (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$1 donation.)

Girl in a Coma performs at Tonic Lounge. (9:30 pm. 3100 NE Sandy Blvd. \$5.)

THU • JUNE 21

The **Adventure Group** takes an easy walk on Portland hills, around Columbia River basalt and through a maple forest to a gate house for a missing reservoir, then on to Portland State University. Meet in front of Vista Café. (6 pm. 2440 NW Vista Ave. Evan 503-701-7922.)