



Modern Garage Movement presents *This Dance Is Called Gree. It Is from BedStuy.* through July 9.

New York indie folk-pop musician **Steven Alvarado** opens for **Myshkin's Ruby Warblers** at Alberta Street Pub. (9:30 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St. \$7.)

Blues musician **Margo Tufo** performs at the Portsmouth Club. (9:30 pm-1 am. 5264 N Lombard St.)

**SUN • JULY 8**

**The Adventure Group** takes a moderate nine-mile hike through old-growth forest and giant rhododendrons—many still in bloom—to an old lookout tower at the top of Salmon Butte. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Ron 503-737-4177.)

**NoHo Trans/Gender Queer Group**, for folks who are not on hormones, meets every second Sunday at Q Center. (2-4 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

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.)

Award-winning gay writer (and former *Just Out* columnist) Marc Acito performs with author Steve Almond during

**Singin' the Blues**

For 20 years, Portland has hidden a surprising personality. Behind the hip exterior is an older, wiser musical vein Stumptown tapped into long ago—that of the blues music scene.

Local lesbian blues singer **Margo Tufo** is helping keep this part of Portland's heritage alive every Tuesday night in July at the Candlelight. Featuring an all-female lineup of talented blues vocalists, the series invites two formerly underground communities into the limelight.

A transplant from the San Francisco blues community, Tufo has brought her love and talent for blues music to Portland. Heavily influenced by Etta James, her tenacity reflects her years of struggle to find a place where her identity and her skills can coexist.

"My first true love is music, and that's what ends up coming through. After that comes my identity as queer."

Tufo couldn't be more ecstatic to be part of the line of great musicians who hail Portland as one of the top cities for blues music in the country. Featured in the Waterfront Blues Festival, Tufo is also taking on the challenge of working her way into what is usually a male-dominated career, where butch dykes are truly a minority.

"I've called myself a man without a country, because this [blues music] was a man's world. There weren't that many places to play, except for Portland," says Tufo. "I'm such a fan of women in music, and the blues is always so cross-generational, too. I love this series because so many of the artists who come through are my friends."

With the Candlelight being a friendly place for all, Tufo and her ladies of blues descend upon the smoky bar with only one goal: to keep the blues alive for all in Portland.

Tufo performs with **Sonny Hess** July 10, **Rae Gordon** July 17, **Lady Kat** July 24 and **Carlee Smith** July 31. The music runs from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at 2032 S.W. Fifth Ave.

—West Duncan

**True Stories** at Mississippi Studios. Proceeds benefit the OPB radio variety show *Live Wire!* (7:30 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$20 from 503-288-3895.)

**GO OUT** Attention all queers, deviants and freaks! Fez Ballroom presents **Queeruption**, an awesome evening of drag, burlesque, DJs and dancing featuring DJ Harmony, Jodi Bon Jodi and Pillowcake Pumpkintants, Chance and Aster, Mr E, Ricky Z Star and more! (9:30 pm. 318 SW 11th Ave. \$5-\$10 sliding scale.)

**MON • JULY 9**

**Pride Foundation**, which awards grants and scholarships and cultivates leaders among Pacific Northwest queers, seeks new ideas and fresh faces to support the Columbia-Willamette's sexual minorities community. Meetings are held every second Monday at Albina Press Coffee Shop. (6:30 pm. 4637 N Albina Ave. Cody Bambino 503-313-3636. cody@pridefoundation.org.)

The **Human Rights Campaign**—which advocates for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in the state—holds volunteer meetings every second Monday at Q Center. Get involved! (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)



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Broadway Rose Theatre Company presents *Singin' in the Rain* through July 15.

**TUE • JULY 10**

Holdens hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for men and women to socialize in a smoke-free environment. (7 pm. 524 NW 14th Ave.)

Looking to meet new friends? Tired of the same old games? Try some new ones during Q Center's drop-in **Game Night** every second Tuesday. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Logo premieres the six-part animated series **Rick & Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in All the World**. (10 pm.)

**WED • JULY 11**

The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at MacTarnahan's Taproom with a presentation about Lyle's Myles, a grassroots event benefiting Cascade AIDS Project, Martha's Pantry and Africa Global Partners. (11:30 am-1 pm. 2730 NW 31st Ave. \$7-\$20 from www.paba.com.)

**THU • JULY 12**

**Elder Resource Alliance** invites older members of the sexual minorities community to meet each other, share common interests and enjoy fun conversation every second Thursday at Niki's Restaurant. (1-3 pm. 736 SE Grand Ave.)

Muddy's Coffeehouse presents **Ladies Open Mic** every Thursday. Come share your talents! (6-7:30 pm. 3560 N Mississippi Ave.)

Q Center hosts **Gender Query** meetings every second and fourth Thursday for all genders that toe the line, sit somewhere between, vacillate, fluctuate or otherwise. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

**GO OUT** Michael Servetus Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Vancouver, Wash., screens the premiere of **Inlaws and Outlaws**, a fabulous movie showcasing different relationships and just what it means to be "married." Proceeds benefit Pride Foundation. (9 pm. 4505 E 18th St. \$10.)

**FRI • JULY 13**

In Other Words presents **Dirty Queer**, an X-rated open mike to celebrate sexuality and strut your creative stuff!

Hosted by renegade writer and poet Sossity Chiricuzio, it promises to be an evening full of laughter and full-body shivers. (6:30-9 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. www.dirtyqueer.com. \$1.)

Looking for something soft to sink into? Want to feel good when you spend your money? Mr. Oregon State Leather 2006 Tom Ayres hosts the **Camp Starlight Quilt Auction and Raffle** featuring unique quilts, designer pillows, original artwork, a special bear bust and snack food at Eagle Portland. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for body measurement—so bring your long-legged friends! (9 pm-midnight. 835 N Lombard St.)

**GO OUT** DJs Girlfriends and Linoleum spin during the queer party **Thin Pink Line** every second and fourth Friday at Rotture. Tonight's event is goth-themed! (10 pm. 315 SE Third Ave.)

**SAT • JULY 14**

**The Adventure Group** goes whitewater rafting on the Deschutes River. (Evan 503-701-7922.)

Gay-owned Paolo Design Group presents **Remodel Mania Morning**, a free public service workshop with money-saving tips on major remodels and the complexities of condo living. Complimentary breakfast included! (9 am-noon. 1110 NW Marshall St. RSVP to 503-222-1757, ext. 11, or ryan@paolodesigngroup.com.)

**GO OUT** Q Center presents **Cars 101: Basic Auto Maintenance**. All you ever wanted to know about maintaining your car. (10 am-noon. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Want to make a difference in the lives of queer youth? The **Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center** presents its summer volunteer training through July 15 for outgoing and energetic adults 24 or older who want to work in its drop-in center. (10 am-5 pm. 2100 SE Belmont St. RSVP to Zan Gibbs at 503-872-9664, ext. 27, or zan@cascadiabhc.org by July 9.)

Come out and play during **Saturday in the Park** featuring free, fun and family-friendly vendor and information booths, music and entertainment at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, Wash. (Noon-6 pm.)



"I told Gwenn I didn't really think that I had changed that much, except for maybe my hair was grayer. She said she could see changes." Gwenn Seemel's portraits of pre- and post-menopausal lesbian Mary Anne Gard are on display this month at Littman Gallery. For details, turn to Page 46.

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