



(left) Sept. 28!

Artists Rep does double duty with the interlocking plays *House and Garden* through Oct. 14.

Rotture presents **Play Dead** with DJ Jimme Jamma. Repeats Sept. 29 with special guest Fannie Mae Darling of Sissyboy! (9 pm Wednesday, 8 pm Saturday. 315 SE Third Ave. \$7.)

THU • SEPT. 27

Crush presents the final installment of Portland's longest-running queer night, **Booty: Queer as Ye Be**, featuring eight rogue DJs and free beer! (6 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St. \$3 before 10 pm, \$5 after.)

Increase energy, relaxation and spiritual connection during **Men's Kundalini Yoga** presented by Q-LAND. First class free. Repeats Oct. 4. (6:30-7:45 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

The Men's Wellness Center presents **Meditation Night: Letting Go!** Learn meditations that can help you start to let go of your baggage, day-to-day tension, anxiety and resentment. Empower yourself to be more clear, relaxed, open and present. (7-9 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Q Center hosts **Gender Queery** 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.)

Discover your passions during **Men's Financial Abundance and Create a Job You'll Love Workshop** presented by Q-LAND. (7-9:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

Lambda Literary Award finalist **Lucy Jane Bledsoe** reads from her fourth novel, *Biting the Apple*, at Powell's on Hawthorne. Eve Glass,

once an Olympic sprinter and now a motivational speaker, finds her endurance is waning and her confidence in her expertise on-grace is paling. Even worse, her kleptomaniac tendencies are intensifying, and a friend from her childhood has begun stalking her. (7:30 pm. 3723 SE Hawthorne Blvd.)

Nashville songstress **Amelia White** brings her moody, literate roots-pop to Mississippi Studios with **Joe Rathbone** and **Sarah King**. (8 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$10 from 503-288-3895.)

Mother's Velvet Lounge presents **Cabaret Karaoke**. This month's theme is "Laundry Day," a chance to air out all your dirty laundry before winter arrives! (8 pm-1 am. 212 SW Stark St.)

Office opens for **Earlimart** at Doug Fir Lounge. (9 pm. 830 E Burnside St. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from TicketsWest.com.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a CD release party for **Che'nelle**. (11 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

FRI • SEPT. 28

Q-LAND presents **Fridays After Work** to discuss "How are you struggling with and embodying balance and harmony in play/creativity/recreation?" (6-8 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

In Other Words showcases local female musicians during the monthly **Luna Music Series** featuring Theresa Demarest, Rebecca Sanborn and Shelly Rudolf. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$1-\$5 donation.)

GO OUT Hey, boys! Are you single and looking for love or making new friends? Then

come to the Men's Wellness Center for a night of **Speed Dating**. Engage in scintillating conversation without having to buy the other guy dinner! (7-9 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Urban Grind coffee shop hosts a **silent art auction** featuring great art, live music and door prizes. Proceeds benefit WellBeing, which serves meals and support to people with HIV/AIDS every Sunday afternoon. (7-9 pm. 2214 NE Oregon St.)

Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus performs at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem. (7:30 pm. 5090 Center St. NE. \$12-\$15.)

Free Marz String Trio presents *Constellations: Recent Music from the Outer Limits...* at the Community Music Center featuring a tribute to the late Russian cellist/conductor Mstislav Rostropovich, a powerhouse work by gay composer Benjamin Britten and free food! (8 pm. 3350 SE Francis St.)

Siren Nation hosts the family-friendly **Harvest Hoedown: Square Dance and Cake Walk** featuring musical entertainment by the Round Peak Girls at Liberty Hall. (8-11 pm. 311 N Ivy St. \$5.)

Ashland Historic Armory presents the **Black & White Ball 2007** featuring musical guests Blue

Lightning and DJ Jes. Proceeds benefit the Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center Association. (8 pm-midnight. 208 Oak St. \$10-\$25.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** is every last Friday at Ankeny Street Studio. Lesson and refreshments included. (8:15 pm. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$8.)

Someday Lounge welcomes back our favorite harlot, Sissyboy drag star **Fannie Mae Darling**, with her favorite Portland musical/performance art: **Splendor, Fall of Snow, DJ Jimme Jamma, Oracle and Felina's Arrow**. (9 pm. 125 NW Fifth Ave. \$5.)

C.C. Slaughters presents the Oregon Bears' monthly **Double X Dance** featuring music by DJ Peter Calandra of Studio 54 fame. (9 pm-1 am. 219 NW Davis St. \$2.)

SAT • SEPT. 29

The Adventure Group takes a moderate five-mile hike to the cliff-edged Cape Lookout followed by a stop in Tillamook for ice cream! Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Evan 503-701-7922.)

Boxxes launches **Vamp**, a quarterly dance for single lesbians, featuring DJs Lauren and Puppet. (5-9 pm. 1035 SW Stark St. \$8.)

Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus performs with **Women with Wings** and the **Rogue Valley Peace Choir Ensemble** at Ashland's Congregational Church. Proceeds benefit the Abdill-Ellis Lambda Community Center. (8 pm. 717 Siskiyou Blvd.)

GO OUT The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** presents *Evening with Friends* at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium featuring some of the most popular numbers from the past four seasons and cameo appearances from Susannah Mars and Jennifer Gill. (8 pm. 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd. \$15-\$25 from 503-226-2588.)

SUN • SEPT. 30

The Adventure Group takes a relaxed base-to-peak walk on Rocky Butte toward a 360-degree view of five mountains, a river and a gorge followed by repast/food. (10 am. Northeast 92nd Avenue at Skidmore Street. Evan 503-701-7922.)

Want more depth and connection in your love-making? Sexpert Pamela Madison teaches women how to integrate sexuality and spirituality through ancient techniques during a **lesbian tantra workshop** at Bodywise Studio. (10 am-4 pm. \$135 from www.qtantra.com.)

Confluence: The Willamette Valley Mixed GALA Chorus performs at Umpqua Unitarian



J Puppet bids farewell to Booty on Sept. 27 at Crush.

Office Space

For the band **Office**, every day is Friday. Showing up to work is not exactly like pulling teeth for the underground rock-pop band. With its upcoming label debut, *A Night at the Ritz*, it'll be punching the clock in Portland to kick off an 18-date tour with **Earlimart**—and the group might just put in some overtime.

"I feel like this is the start to something bigger," says band frontman **Scott Masson**. "I've been doing music since I was 7, and this time feels like the ultimate test."

Slaves to the grind since 2004, **Office** is a catchy blend of mainstream commuter pop with the lo-fi sounds of basement rock bands borne of water-cooler schemes. Band members Masson, **Jessica Gonyea**, **Alissa Noonan**, **Erica Corniel** and **Tom Smith** have quickly built a musical résumé from their hometown of Chicago that makes them eligible for radio play and tour dates throughout the country.

"We're pretty proud of [the band], but there's still an element of fear. Music is so much about the promotion these days and not really about the art," says Masson. "We feel like we're doing a great job writing good music for what is kind of a competitive sport."

The new album is a self-proclaimed compilation of the band's "greatest hits that nobody's ever heard," spanning the past few years' worth of songs to create a solid, catchy record.

"I don't think there is only one defining sound on the album, but it's still unified. We really wanted this album to be the best introduction to a bigger audience," says Masson.

As if these guys haven't already qualified for Employee of the Year, they are also unabashedly for, and by, the queers. Masson, an openly bisexual man, admits that their queer following isn't exactly the size of a corporate mailing list, but it's certainly growing. "We've never been exclusive with the queer scene, but we are definitely open to more!"

Loosen up your ties and take a coffee break with **Office** on Sept. 27 at Doug Fir Lounge. For more information and tour dates, check out www.reachoffice.net.



Office frontman **Scott Masson** (second from left) hopes to draw queer fans to the band's Portland gig.

—West Duncan