

year's theme is "Once Upon a Mattress: A Night in the Monarch's Bordello." (5 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$45-\$50 from Ticketmaster. For a complete schedule of related events, visit www.rosecourt.org.)

In contrast to Gwen Stefani's "harajuku girls," In Other Words presents **Ain't No Harajuku Girl!** showcasing Asian-American women who actually have something to say. Queer musician



Jenna Riot joins the Gaycation crew Oct. 20 at Holocene.

Nicole Sangsuree, Teri Untalan, Annie Dang and other artists and activists will inspire you with their music, poetry and readings. Proceeds benefit Sangsuree's farming internship in Thailand. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$7-\$10 donation.)

Folksinger/songwriter/guitarist **Arlene Hale** performs at Muddy Waters Coffeehouse. Repeats Oct. 27. (7:30 pm. 2908 SE Belmont St.)

The Eagle PDX presents the sultry new dance night **How Rude! Pants Off Dance Off** featuring DJs Danny Damage, Olek, Ill Camino, Bdrm Eyes and guests. (8 pm. 1300 W Burnside St.)

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.)

Holocene presents **Gaycation** featuring resident DJs Mr. Charming, Automaton and Snowtiger along with special guest Jenna Riot of San Francisco, whose lyrics indulge in views of modern feminism, best friends forever, traditional vs. modern, femme paradises, butch/femme dynamics, raunchy and glam. (9 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$3.)

Someday Lounge throws the dance party **Golden** featuring experimental disco/house/electronic quartet Atole, Copy, Arohan and DJs Linoleum and Mike Williams. (9 pm. 125 NW Fifth Ave. \$5.)



Ken struggles with depression in *Does Your Soul Have a Cold?* premiering Oct. 22 on IFC.

Documentary Explores Depression in Japan

Stark white letters carry a message across the screen: "Glaxo Smith Kline was the first western company to sell anti-depressants in Japan." Almost scary, this haunting sentence sets up the crux for the documentary *Does Your Soul Have a Cold?* Much like the rest of the film, these words are slow and awkward to leave the screen, yet leave a lasting impression of the poignant state of affairs of mental health in Japan. Turns out depression in Japan, unlike here in the United States, is a new concept and didn't exist outside of psychiatric circles prior to 2000. Thanks to U.S. company Glaxo Smith Kline, that has all changed.

Does Your Soul Have a Cold? focuses on the day-to-day livings of five modern-day Japanese citizens and their struggles with depression. The camera's gaze is relentless on their lives, as it follows them at home, at work and as they repeatedly take their anti-depressants for hope of sanity. This is a sad film that creeps along at a snail's pace. However, the lacking speed is balanced by the severity of its content. Director **Mike Mills** (*Thumbsucker*) informs its viewer of the travesties introduced by the imperialistic intrusions of Glaxo Smith Kline while allowing a personalized view of how the introduction of anti-depressants has affected these individuals.

Most vivid and memorable of these subjects is **Ken**, who shines the brightest out of the pill-popping un-Brady bunch. Openly identifying as bisexual, he makes a point to strut his stuff around Japan in high heels and short denim shorts. The distance exposed between these two articles of clothing illustrates the wonder of this man who willingly self-medicates with sadomasochistic practices. One could only sit with wonder as the camera follows Ken to a rope class where he is bound and hung up by a rope master. The euphoria Ken exudes after being untied and literally let down is a highlight of the film.

Does Your Soul Have a Cold? premieres 10 p.m. Oct. 22 on the Independent Film Channel.

—Wayne Bund

The Egyptian Club presents Body Movin with DJ Mancini and karaoke with Tamra. (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

SUN • OCT. 21

Weather permitting, **The Adventure Group** takes a moderate hike among the mossy groves of 7-foot-thick Douglas firs at Trapper Creek. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Evan 503-701-7922.)

The Egyptian Club invites you to play Scrabble followed by a night of Mad Lib Karaoke! Repeats Oct. 28 with Pictionary. (4 pm board games, 9 pm singing. 3701 SE Morrison St.)

Q Center hosts **Tranz Guys**—a group for trans men and intersex, genderqueer and questioning people who were assigned female at birth—every third Sunday. (6 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Learn practical strategies for dealing with Seasonal Affective Disorder and other depression issues during the **Beat the Blues** men's support group presented by Q-LAND. (6-8 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822, ext. 1, or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

MON • OCT. 22

The Egyptian Club screens *Monday Night Football* followed by the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament and karaoke. Repeats Oct. 29. (5:30 pm football, 7 pm poker. 3701 SE Division St.)

In Other Words presents the Spanish class **Español Sin Fronteras!** Repeats Oct. 29. (6:30-8 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$5-\$10.)

Q Center hosts the **Queer Trying to Conceive** discussion group for people interested in conception and pregnancy every fourth Monday. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Independent Film Channel premieres *Does Your Soul Have a Cold?*—a documentary that takes a meditative look at the lives of five Japanese people (including a bisexual sadomasochist) battling depression and overcoming the stigma and shame associated with mental illness in the country's ancient culture. (10 pm.)

TUE • OCT. 23

Holocene throws an **Art Spark Party** to update Portlanders on a strategy to support the evolution of the city's creative community. Performers include Assemble the Empire, Logan Lynn and a special guest! (5-8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. www.creativecapacity.org.)

Vault Martini Lounge presents the monthly queer social mixer **Q-T**. Enjoy a cocktail from a selection of 44 exotic libations or take advantage of exclusive drink specials benefiting Basic Rights Oregon. (6-8 pm. 226 NW 12th Ave.)

Sneakin' Out performs at Jimmy Mak's. (6:30-7:30 pm. 221 NW 10th Ave.)

WED • OCT. 24

Elder Resource Alliance plays bingo at Friendly House. Drink warm, delicious beverages, enjoy savory snacks and win surprises, including a cash jackpot! (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave. 50 cents/card.)

Help make Central Oregon safer for queer and trans youth! Human Dignity Coalition hosts a bimonthly **Community Gay Straight Alliance** meeting featuring free food, good friends and strong

allies at Planned Parenthood in Bend. (6 pm. 2330 NE Division St.)

Address winter blues, weight challenges and back pain during a free **Men's Therapeutic Yoga** class presented by Q-LAND. (6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822, ext. 1, or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

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, pervy, kinky porn—with 10 percent off sexy selections! (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$1 donation.)

The Egyptian Club plays Texas Hold 'Em followed by Shotzee Karaoke! (7 pm cards, 9 pm singing. 3701 SE Division St.)

Me'shell Ndegeocello performs at Eugene's WOW Hall. (7:30 pm. 291 W Eighth Ave. \$23 at the door, \$20 in advance from TicketWeb.)

Chris Pureka performs at Mississippi Studios. (8 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Ave. \$14 at the door, \$12 in advance from 503-288-3895.)

THU • OCT. 25

Charge up your energy for the coming winter during a free **Men's Kundalini Yoga** class presented by Q-LAND. (6:30-7:45 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822, ext. 1, or www.lovetribe.org/menspirit.)

The Childpeace Center presents a benefit feast for the **Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls** featuring a specially prepared dinner and dessert by Simpatica, a silent auction and a unique and rare performance by Carrie Brownstein of Sleater-Kinney. (6:45 pm music, 7:45 pm dinner. 1516 NW Thurman St. \$100 from www.girlsrockcamp.org.)

Gay-owned Clarklewis invites you to a six-course **COR Collars Wine Dinner** pairing delicious, food-friendly Bordeaux, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Gris from the Columbia Gorge with seasonal fare. (7 pm. 1001 SE Water Ave. \$80 from 503-235-2294.)



Grammy-nominated underground icon Me'shell Eugene and Oct. 25 in Portland.

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.)

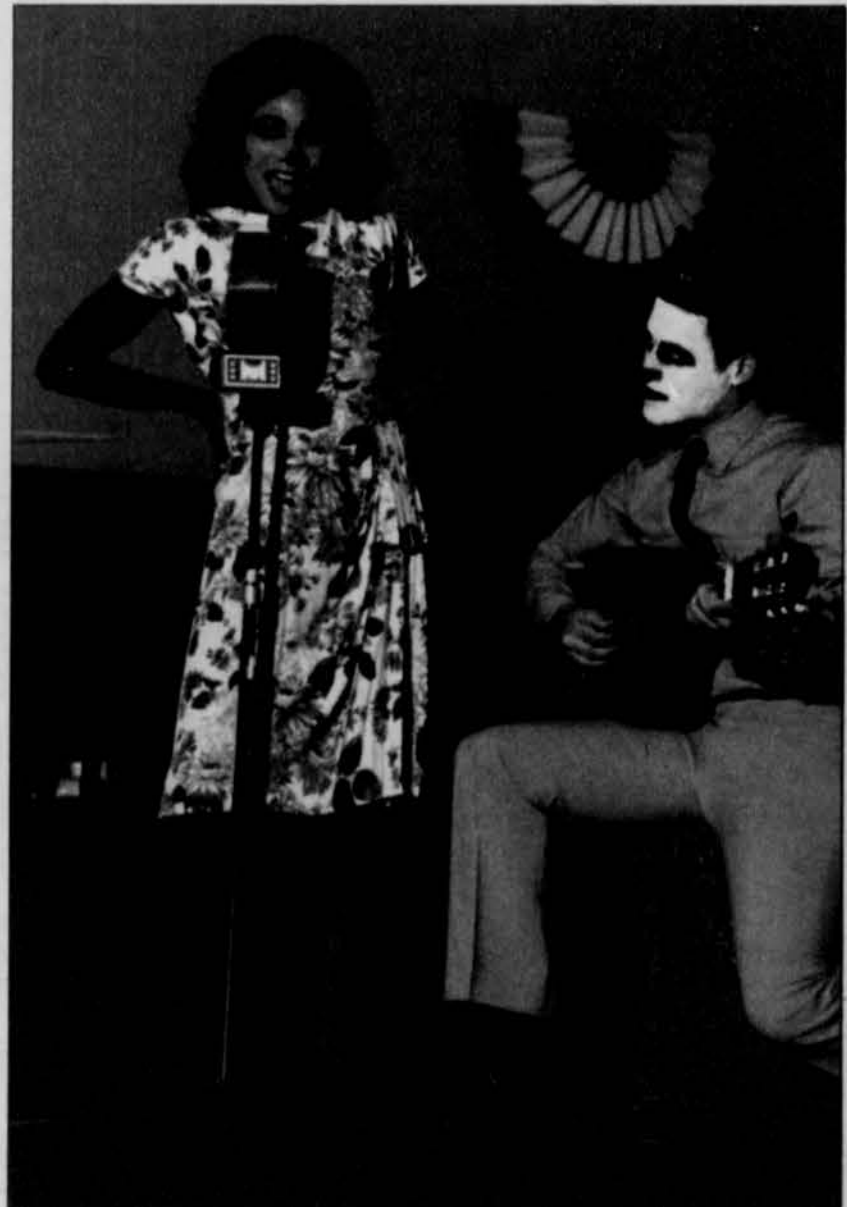
Transgender songwriter **Namoli Brennet** of Tucson, Ariz., performs music from her sixth self-released CD, *Singer Shine Your Light*, at Haven Coffee. Portland folk-rockers **Annie Vergnetti** opens. (7:30 pm. 3551 SE Division St.)

Holly Near performs with pianist **John Boswell** at Corvallis High School Theater. **Laura Kemp** opens. (8 pm. 836 NW 11th St. \$27 at the door, \$24.50 in advance from 541-750-7990.)

Me'shell Ndegeocello performs with **Kudu** at Roseland Theater. (8 pm. 10 NW Sixth Ave. \$20-\$30 from TicketsWest.)

Holocene presents the **Super Queer Lusty Fun Xtravaganza!** See Page 41 for details. (8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$15.)

Mother's Velvet Lounge presents **Cabaret Karaoke**. This month's theme is "Big Witches Brew-haha," so come in costume or come entombed! (8 pm-1 am. 212 SW Stark St.)



Miracle Theatre celebrates Day of the Dead with *La Carpa del Ausente*, opening Oct. 26.

Splendor and the Gender Fluids host the new weekly dance party **Queer Bait** at Crush. The last Thursday of every month is an open-invitation performance salon, so sign up now! (9 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St. \$3. For salon details e-mail loveleart@yahoo.com.)

Demimonde Slumber Party performs with **Drip Joy** at Diablo's in Eugene. (10 pm. 959 Pearl St. \$5.)

FRI • OCT. 26

Elder Resource Alliance meets at Peet's Coffee and takes a field trip to Powell's Books. What's your favorite flavor and genre? (2-4 pm. 1114 NW Couch St.)

In Other Words showcases Portland female musicians during the monthly **Luna Music Series**. (7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

The Men's Wellness Center presents **Chicos Latinos Bingo**. It's Halloween, and Miss Mylar isn't the only one playing dress-up. Great prizes for those with the best costumes! (7-9 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

Catie Curtis and **Chris Pureka** perform at Eugene's WOW Hall. (7:30 pm. 291 W

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