



Armistead Maupin reads from *Michael Tolliver Lives* May 27 at Powell's in Beaverton. Turn to Page 42 for the scoop on *Tales of the City: The Musical*!

A pair of jealous lovers throw *The Wild Party*—a dark tale of lust and passion presented by Live Guardino Gallery unveils ceramic sculptor Takemi Tsuruta (Don't forget to vote May 20!)



Mr. Oregon State Leather 2007 Ben Brown Jr. hosts **Eagle PDX: Back to Basics**, an event for men in the leather/levi/bear community featuring raffle prizes and boot blacking by Shell, every third Friday. Proceeds benefit Central City Concern and Blackout Leather Productions. (9 pm-midnight. 27 NW Sixth Ave. \$10 beer or soda bust; \$1 off wells if shirtless.)

SAT • MAY 17

The **Adventure Group** goes kayaking in Scappoose Bay. Meet at Montgomery Park. (10 am. 2701 NW Vaughn St. Evan 503-701-7922.)

The **American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon** holds its annual membership meeting featuring the panel discussion "Privacy & Technology: How Much Are We Giving Away?" in Gerding Theater at the Armory. (1-3 pm. 128 NW 11th Ave.)

In Other Words presents **Jill Kelly** reading from her new memoir, *Sober Truths: The Making of an Honest Woman*, and leading a mini workshop about how telling our stories and sharing them contributes to healing and opens up possibilities for reinventing who we are. (2 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

Hot Flash presents **Stardust**, a ladies dance for women 21 to 101 featuring DJ Lauren playing swing, Latin and music from the '40s through the '70s at Boxxes. (5-9 pm. 1035 SW Stark St. \$10.)

Gerding Theater at the Armory presents the **Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center 10th Anniversary Fund-Raiser**, an evening of music, food and wine followed by a short presentation and silent auction. (6 pm. 128 NW 11th Ave. \$50-\$75 from www.smyrc.org.)

Welcoming and reconciling congregation Longview United Methodist Church in Longview, Wash., screens the documentary *For the Bible Tells Me So*. (7 pm. 2851 30th Ave.)

Chris Pureka and **Andrea Gibson** perform at Mississippi Studios. (7 and 10 pm. 3939 N Mississippi Studios. \$17 at the door, \$15 in advance from 503-288-3895.)

Soromundi: Lesbian Chorus of Eugene presents its spring concert at Eugene's Soreng Theater featuring lively and engaging music from all over the world as well as familiar pop and folk songs. (7:30 pm. 1 Eugene Center. \$15 from www.hultcenter.org.)



Aladdin Theater presents a taping of OPB's radio variety show **Live Wire**. This month's guests are author and former *Just Out* columnist Marc Acito reading from his new book, *Attack of the Theater People*; author, comedian and commentator Will Durst; improv and sketch comedy goddess Shelley McLendon; and musicians Quasi and The Builders and the Butchers. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$15 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

The Hippodrome Center presents **Freakshow-a-Go-Go**, a night of vaudevilian genderfuck featuring drag performers, burly burlesque, acro-balance artists, hula-hooping homos, tattooed and bearded ladies, creepy clowns and a dance party with DJs Mr. Charming and Kinetic. (8-10 pm show, 10 pm-2:30 am dance party. 315 SE Third Ave. \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance from Brown Paper Tickets.)

Sneakin' Out performs at the Growing Gardens Veggie Ball. (8:30-10:30 pm. 2537 NW 29th Ave.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a promotion party for **Broke Straight Boys**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

BearBust at the Eagle Portland. (9 pm-midnight. 835 N Lombard St. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

Sick tips its hat to Armed Forces Day with a military-themed dance party at Brax featuring DJs Jimmie Jamma, Megadeath, Burn, Stormy and Caedmonster. (10 pm. 320 SE Second Ave. \$3.)

SUN • MAY 18

The **Adventure Group** takes a moderate hike from Wahkeena Falls to Multnomah Falls with scenic slopes and awesome viewpoints along the way. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (10 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Steve 503-758-2544.)

In Other Words presents **Homorobics** every Sunday, physically strengthening our community in a feminist, queer and body-friendly environment with an emphasis on enjoyment, not weight loss! Bring a towel and hand weights if you've got them. (11 am. 8 NE Killingsworth St. \$2-\$4 donation.)

Hollywood Library presents **Writers Talking** featuring *Just Out* gardening columnist **LeAnn Locher** discussing her three-year experience of creating and growing her popular blog, "LeLo in NoPo," how it began as a personal journey and what she found along the way. (2-3:30 pm. 4040 NE Tillamook St.)



The 80-plus women of **Aurora Chorus** celebrate the power of a woman's life in *Sing to the Universe* Who We Are featuring music by lesbians Joan Szymko, Ferron, Holly Near and more at St. Mary's Academy Theatre. (4 and 7 pm. 1615 SW Fifth Ave. \$20 at the door, \$18 in advance from www.aurorachorus.org.)

The **Portland Gay Men's Chorus** performs at Longview United Methodist Church in Longview, Wash. Light refreshments follow. (6 pm. 2851 30th Ave.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a CD release party for *Rockferry* by **Duffy**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

MON • MAY 19

Playfully explore the city by bike with other men during **Wanderlust** presented by Q-LAND/Manifest. Meet at Wild Oats. (6:30 pm. 3535 NE 15th Ave. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.qland.org/calendar.)



Grease your wheels during

Gay Skate Night presented by *Just Out* at Oaks Park. (7-9 pm. 1 SE Spokane St. \$6 plus canned food items for Esther's Pantry.)

Interested in preserving local queer history? **Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest** meets at Q Center. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

TUE • MAY 20

The **Adventure Group** takes an easy urban bike ride on the quiet street and trails of Portland. Meet at the fountain on the Eastbank Esplanade. (6 pm. West end of Southeast Madison Street. Laurent 503-880-8900.)

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.)

Tuesday Twilight Tastings, a newly formed gay and lesbian group, meets every third Tuesday to taste five course platters and six wines at West Cafe. This month's event will feature Columbia Gorge wines. (7 pm. 1201 SW Jefferson St. \$35. RSVP to 503-784-4807 or eat@westcafeportland.com.)

Marc Acito reads from *Attack of the Theater People* at Beaverton Borders. (7 pm. 2605 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.)

One of Portland's most glamorous divas, the divine Rose Empress XXXVI Maria, and the fantastic members of the Imperial Sovereign Rose Court host **Q Center Bingo!** (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5.)

Making a MARC

As our country appears headed for uncertain times—with gas prices soaring, further economic recession on the horizon and a great deal of political turbulence looming—it makes all the more sense to strengthen our local communities. This is a sentiment that would appeal to the young, earnest folks behind the **Music Art Resource Center (MARC)**, an aspiring nonprofit community project that aims to provide "a creative path to healing."

"Our goal is to establish a place to put together free workshops for all those in the community who want to get involved in healing through art and music," says 26-year-old **Laura Mascheroni**, known professionally as DJ Yeah Yeah, who handles outreach and promotions for the collective. "We want to offer classes on instrument making, book binding, screenprinting, painting, playing music and more."

MARC also plans to offer Alcoholics Anonymous-style meetings or "listening circles"—something the collective's co-founder and mastermind, **Djay**, feels passionately about, as she is a recovering addict herself. She says the point is not just to stop being self-destructive but to start being creative. "You come together with other people

Living Out/Loud

The largest queer women's music festival in the Northwest is back, and this year **Out/Loud** promises to titillate audiences with performances ranging from spoken word to '80s dance music at Eugene's WOW Hall. What started as Lesbopalooza several years ago has become a hip two-day festival that draws audiences from around the state and reaches people of different ages and tastes.

The festival will kick off May 16 with a local favorite, **Drama Kings**, a gender-fluid performance group that's radically entertaining, thought-provoking and hilarious.

Crys Matthews will offer an eclectic blend of funk, blues and jazz. The North Carolina native is influenced by artists as diverse as Otis Redding and Ani DiFranco.

Then **Andrea Gibson** will share powerfully political spoken word. She is a four-time Denver Grand Slam Champion and placed third at the Individual World Poetry Slam in 2006 and 2007.

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Chris Pureka, a nationally acclaimed musician, will end

the night with her moving folk music. With its themes of longing and loss, her new CD, *Dryland*, has been pulling at the heartstrings of her audiences; however, she also broadcasts a message of strength and resilience.

The next night of music and spoken word will be hosted

by clever and sincere advice columnists **Lipstick and Dipstick**, a duo voted No. 1 in *Curve* magazine.

The lineup begins with the **Von Foxies**. They will be followed by **Lipstick Conspiracy**, an all-trans sing-along ensemble from San Francisco that was recently named "Best Girl Band of the Year" by *The Bay Guardian*.

After jamming to the slam poetry of **Siche and Dakota**, audiences will be tickled with **Team Gina's** synchronized dance routines and matching outfits. The duo are based in Seattle and travel nationally with their "phat beats and hype rhymes."

"Out/Loud is an event that supports individuals of all sexual identities. It is both celebratory and motivational," says **Rebecca Sprinson**, queer coordinator at University of Oregon's Women's Center. "We hope that everyone walks away feeling proud of who they are and also energized to continue to fight discrimination and oppression of queer communities."

Tickets are \$5 for students or \$7 for nonstudents. For more information call 541-346-4095.



Team Gina performs May 17 at the queer women's music festival Out/Loud in Eugene.

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