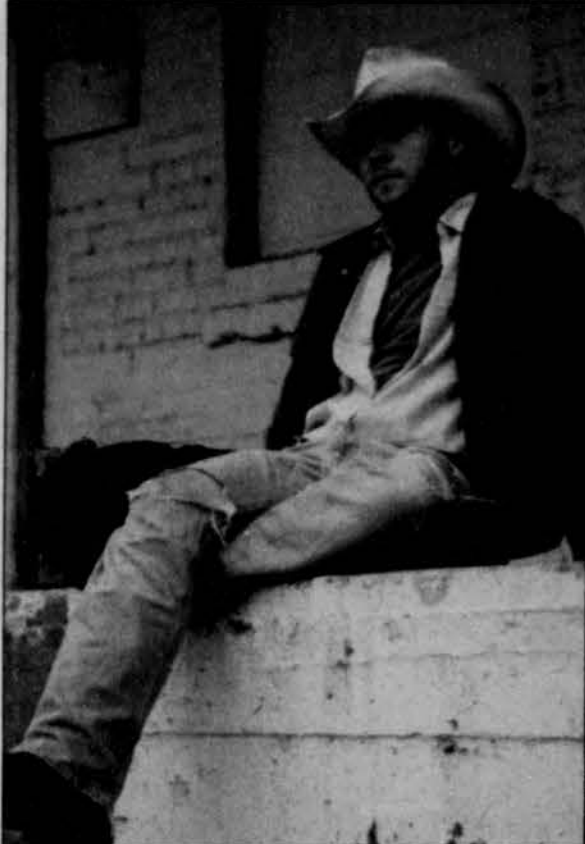
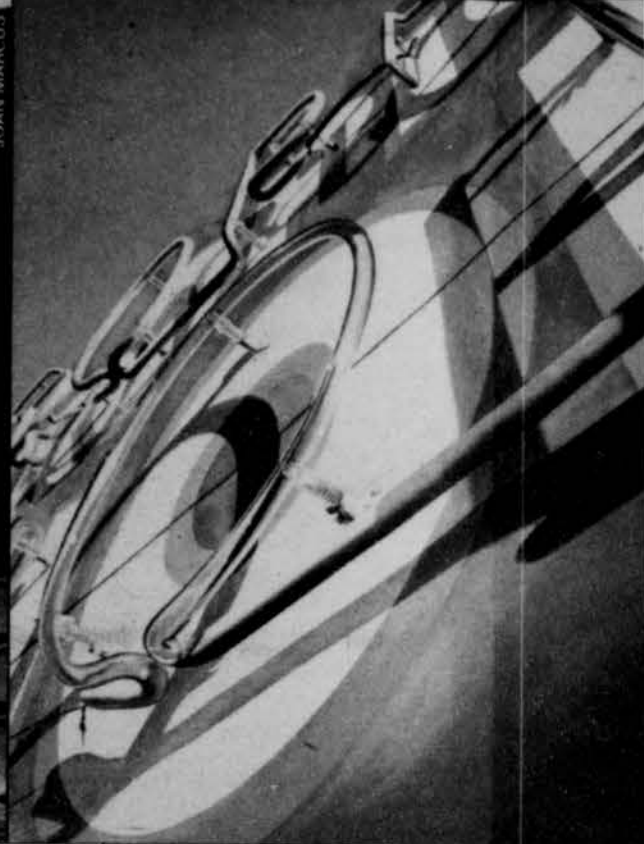




Trans singer/songwriter Joe Stevens performs May 30 and 31 with Coyote Grace.



Portland Opera's Broadway Across America presents High School Musical through June 1.



Kellie Talbot's typographic paintings, inspired by a visit to the Neon Sign Graveyard in Las Vegas, are on display through June 21 at Office.

Artist Couple in the Spotlight

Glass in its most basic form, the windowpane, is something that is looked through every day to the point of it no longer being noticed. Portland-based conceptual artist **Melissa Dyne** pulls attention back to it with her site-specific installation *Glass* running through Aug. 10 at Museum of Contemporary Craft, 724 N.W. Davis St.

The spare show consists of one large sheet of industrially produced skyscraper glass, commonly used in skyscrapers around the world, and two wall-sized photographs of the warehouse where the panes are made. But the seemingly static exhibition will literally change over time as a result of gravity. By mounting the pane of glass on the wall, Dyne will allow it to bend under its own weight, allowing the light's reflection to change with it.



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obscura, was commissioned by the Museum of the City of Mexico and installed in the Museum of the Palace of Fine Arts.

While *Glass* is bending, Dyne's partner, Portland-based artist **Khaela Maricich**, will be performing across town. Her one-woman band formed in 2004, *The Blow*, has made its journey the pursuit of the perfect pop music blend. The *Blow*'s tunes cross from folk to electronic music with a buoyancy and hook that could pull anyone on the dance floor. The band's newest album is *Paper Television*, released on Olympia's K Records.

Maricich is a musician, visual artist and performer who moves between these spaces in her work. In addition to touring as *The Blow*, she has performed her monologue-based solo opera, *Blue Sky Versus Night Sky*, across the United States. She has also been an artist-in-residence at the Portland Institute for Contemporary Art.



The Blow will spin its pop magic June 13 in Eugene and June 14 in Portland.

Coyote Grace performs at Nine Muses Tavern. (6-7:45 pm. 2715 SE Belmont St.)

Q Center presents a **Portland Prides Community Mixer** to serve as a meet-and-greet for Pride Northwest board members and their community partners: Black Pride, Latino Pride, Equity Foundation, Pride Foundation and Our House of Portland. (6:30-8:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Darklady hosts the seventh annual **Masturbate-a-Thon** at Mt. Tabor Theater. Transsexual porn sensation Hot Wendy Williams presides over "an evening of solo-sexual satisfaction" featuring post-porn standup comedy, an S/M play room, a silent auction, jugglers, porn stars, bawdy tunes and massage tables. Proceeds benefit Esther's Pantry and the Free Speech Coalition. (7 pm-2 am. 4811 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$50 street clothes, \$25 burlesque, fetish or formal attire. RSVP to darklady@darklady.com.)

Satori Men's Chorus presents *Celebrating Life* at The Old Church featuring music by Stephen Sondheim (*Sweeney Todd*), Cy Coleman (*Sweet Charity*) and Jonathan Larson (*Rent*). (8 pm. 1422 SW 11th Ave. \$7-\$12 from 503-242-4244.)

House of Cunt entertainer Amber Martin hosts the third annual **Dolly Parton Hoot Night** at Mission Theater featuring performances by Swallows, The Mighty Ghosts of Heaven, Michael Jodell, Spigott, The Clapitt Family, Emily Herring, Lana Rebel (Juanita Family), Pilar French, Alexa Harmon, Shelley Short and more. Proceeds benefit the Siren Nation Women's Music and Arts Festival, which will take place Nov. 3 to 9. (9 pm. 1624 NW Glisan St. \$15 at the door, \$12 in advance from www.sirennation.com.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a CD release party for *Crayons* by **Donna Summer** with music by DJ Alex Hollywood. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

SUN • JUNE 1

The Adventure Group takes an easy hike to Beacon Rock and Rodney Falls through second-growth Douglas Fir forest. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (10 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Evan 503-701-7922.)

Women seeking women: JustOut-Personals.com presents a monthly single women's **Bunco** night at Q Center! (5:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5 plus canned food donation for Esther's Pantry.)

TreeTop Gallery and Up in the Air Studio celebrates the opening of the exhibit *High Adventures of Molly Jochem*—featuring paintings, photos and prints from the queer artist—with a **Roaring '20s Costume Party**. Think the Charleston, the fox trot, old scratchy records, Dorothy Parker and *The Great Gatsby*, minus the giant fountain. Bring your own barbecue food. (6 pm. 301 NE Monroe St.)

MON • JUNE 2

Lents School Auditorium screens **12 Tiny**

Dances: The Movie featuring one-minute-long solos, duets and trios for a 4x4 stage created by fifth-grade students under the direction of gay choreographer Mike Barber. Popcorn provided. (6:30 and 8:45 pm. 5105 SE 97th Ave.)

How many couples do you know who have struggled in their relationship? Every couple will hit some rough spots along their path and could benefit from a regular "tune up." Samaritan Counseling Centers presents a **Relationship Enrichment Series** every Monday through June 30 at First Unitarian Church focusing on communication, conflict and intimacy, all within the context of what it means to create and sustain queer family in our current social climate. (7-9 pm. 1011 SW 12th Ave. \$50 a person, \$75 a couple from 503-281-3318 or register@sccpdx.org.)

TUE • JUNE 3

Q Center presents **Board Game Night**, a great social evening of informal competition. Come alone and make friends, or come with a group. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Crystal Ballroom presents **Pink Martini's Fund-Fest 2008** with special guest **Portland Cello Project**. Proceeds benefit Friends of Trees. (8 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

Singer/Songwriter Turns Emotions into Stories

After hearing **Katie Sawicki's** third studio release, *Time Spent Lost*, it's not hard to picture her driving to another bar gig, road weary, in an old Buick with empty coffee cups and lyrics-scrawled napkins littering the floor. Her songs are memorable postcard images that reflect the existential angst of love lost, love found and the cigarettes, red wine or whiskey foibles that happen in between. Sawicki's voice has an earthy lilt, and her songs have an openness and sincerity that resonate with people. When she gets on stage, she becomes the affable girl next door who tells it like it is.

In her song "Hanging On," Sawicki sings, "I'm not gonna lie, it's been a shitty day, with more bad ones on the way." She explains, "I try to turn emotions into stories in a way that are accessible to others." Sawicki admits that loneliness is a core theme of *Time Spent Lost*: "I think it's the loneliness that comes when you are really reflecting on your life, your decisions, your accomplishments and failures, past and present loves."



Sawicki performs June 12 at Alberta Street Pub.

Chris Pureka (who adds some *Spent Lost*), **Melissa Ferrick**, **Edi** Fans of these indie folksters will

WED • JUNE 4

The Freedom Socialist Party kicks off a nine-week **Rebel Reading Circle on Viva La Raza** at the Bread & Roses Center. Discover the stolen history of defiant organizing by farmworkers, students, feminists, gays and lesbians in this newly published book that tells the dramatic story of the national Chicano movement. (7 pm. 819 N Killingsworth St.)

Cinemax premieres the Oscar-winning documentary short **Freeheld**. (7:30 pm.)

Crystal Ballroom presents **Pink Martini's Fund-Fest 2008** with special guest **3 Leg Torso**. Proceeds benefit KBOO Community Radio. (8 pm. 1332 W Burnside St. \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

Red Cap Garage presents Stark Street's only drag show, **The D Word**, starring Miss Gay Oregon XXXV Terrika St. James, Rosebud XXXI Sable Scities, LaFemme Portland 2004 Tommy Grrrl and new cast member Brita Filta. Special guest performers every Wednesday! (10 pm. 1025 SW Stark St.)

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