GO OUT Q Center kicks off the queer reading series **QLiterati!** hosted by Diane and Jacob Anderson-Minshall, authors of the *Blind Eye* mystery series. This month's meeting will feature Marc Acito (*Attack of the Theater People*), Kathy Belge and Gina Daggett (*Lipstick & Dipstick's Essential Guide to Lesbian Relationships*), gourmet snacks, raffle prizes and an open mike for emerging and underground writers and spoken word artists. *(7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)*

THU • JUNE 12

Unity Project of Oregon presents the sixth annual **Portland Black Pride Celebration** through June 15. *(For a complete schedule visit www.brotobropdx.org.)*

Jenny Block reads from *Love, Sex and Life in an Open Marriage* at In Other Words. *(7 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)*

Q Center presents **Wig Out!**, an evening of over-the-top coifs with prizes including "Best Buns" and "Biggest Bouffant." Wigs and styling accouterments will be available for purchase. *(7-10 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)*

The Egyptian Club presents a **Gender Bender Variety Show** featuring the debut of the E Kings with special performances by Rose City Sirens, River City Riders and Burlesquire. *(9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. $5.)*

Katie Sawicki performs at Alberta Street Pub. *(9 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St. $8.)*

FRI • JUNE 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 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St. $1 donation. www.dirtyqueer.com.)*

Portland Monthly presents the fourth annual **Portland Celebrity Singles Auction & Party** at Luxe Autohaus. Enjoy drinks, food, music, dancing and raffle drawings as you bid on a dream date packages with the city's hottest singles, including fashion designer Adam Arnold and Mayor-elect Sam Adams! Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House. *(6:30-11 pm. 410 NE 17th Ave. $55 at the door, $45 in advance from 503-222-5144, ext. 164.)*

Q Center presents Key Productions' ***The Well of Horniness***, a wry, campy and irreverent film noir/soap opera/detective spoof involving a Sapphic murder mystery in the cliffhanger style of an old-time radio show. Preceded by a wine and pastry fund-raiser. *(7 pm fund-raiser, 8 pm show. 69 SE Taylor St. $10-$20 from 503-234-7837 or info@pdxqcenter.org.)*

GO OUT **Confluence: Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus** performs *Transitions*, featuring songs reflecting the passage of life from birth to death, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Repeats June 14 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. *(7:30 pm Friday, 1244 NE 39th Ave. 7:30 pm Saturday, 4000 Lancaster Drive NE. $12-$15 from www.confluencechorus.org.)*

Michelle Shocked performs with **The Devil Makes Three** at Britt Pavilion in Jacksonville. *(7:30 pm. 216 W Main St. $15-$29 from www.brittfest.org.)*

The Blow performs with **Point Juncture, WA** at Eugene's WOW Hall. *(8:30 pm. 291 W Eighth Ave. $12 at the door, $10 in advance from TicketWeb.)*

Wonder Ballroom presents **Queer Pressure**, an outrageously sexy variety show featuring Splendora and the Gender Fluids, CJ and the Dolls, Burlesquire and DJ Stormy. *(9 pm. 128 NE Russell St. $13 at the door, $10 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)*

C.C. Slaughters kicks off Pride Weekend with a **Filthy Friday Party** featuring Jen Folker and DJ Robb hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels. *(9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)*

The Egyptian Club's **Pride Kickoff Dance** features a new show by the Rose City Sirens and Pride gear giveaways. *(9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. $5.)*

Islands, featuring gay drummer Aaron Harris, performs at Hawthorne Theatre. *(9 pm. 1507 SE 39th Ave. $15 at the door, $12 in advance from TicketsWest.)*

Mr. Oregon State Leather 2007 Ben Brown Jr. hosts **Leathermen's Cigar Social**, an event for men in the leather/Levi/bear community featuring raffle prizes, every second Friday at Gail's Dirty Duck. Proceeds benefit Central City Concern and Blackout Leather Productions. *(9 pm-midnight. 439 NW Third Ave. $10 beer or soda bust.)*

SAT • JUNE 14

Portland Lesbian Network presents the first-ever **Gay Pride Photo Scavenger Hunt** at 1000 Acres Park in Troutdale. Bring sturdy shoes, a sense of adventure and a fully charged digital camera. *(8:30-11 am. $10 from pdxlesbiannet@yahoo.com.)*

Pride Northwest presents **Portland Pride 2008** through June 15 at Waterfront Park. This year's theme is "Pride. Bring It." *(Noon-6 pm. $5 plus canned food donation for Our House of Portland. For a complete schedule visit www.pridenw.org.)*

Thirst Wine Bar's **Summer Art Show** features several gay artists, fine photography, jewelry, ceramics and contests to win art and prizes! *(1-6 pm. 0315 SW Montgomery St.)*

Barracuda presents the **Hot Flash Portland Pride Dance Party** for seasoned lesbians 36 and older featuring music from the '70s to today, a great dance bar and wall-to-wall sexy, gorgeous women! *(3-9 pm. 9 NW Second Ave. $8.)*

Celebrate good times! Embers presents **L4L PDX** for lesbians 35 and older every second Saturday. Dance to '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s music in a nonsmoking environment. *(5-9 pm. 110 NW Broadway. $5.)*

The **Portland Dyke March** steps off from the North Park Blocks and ends at Waterfront Park. *(7 pm. Northwest Park Avenue and Davis Street.)*

The Blow performs at Aladdin Theater. *(8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. $14 at the door, $13 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)*

Wonder Ballroom presents **Girl4Girl's Portland Pride Celebration** featuring DJ Beyonda, Seattle go-go dancers, Pride beads and more! *(9 pm. 128 NE Russell St. $12 at the door, $10 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)*

The Egyptian Club's **Pride Dance 2008** features wall-to-wall women, go-go girls, a buffet, breakfast at 2:30 a.m. and after-hours dancing and karaoke until 4. *(9 pm. 3701 SE Division St. $10 at the door, $5 in advance.)*

Bolivia Carmichaels hosts the fifth annual **Pride Beach Party** at C.C. Slaughters featuring a CD release party for Cyndi Lauper's *Bring Ya to the Brink* and CD giveaways for DJ Alex Hollywood's *Gay Pride 08*. *(9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)*

SUN • JUNE 15

The **Portland Pride Parade** steps off from the North Park Blocks and ends at Waterfront Park. *(11:15 am. Northwest Park Avenue and Davis Street.)*

Bolivia Carmichaels, Honey Bea Hart and Ginger Lee host the **Superstar Divas Gay Pride Show** at C.C. Slaughters. *(8 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)*

The Egyptian Club presents the **"It's Not Over 'Til I Say It's Over" After the Parade Party** featuring a body painting contest and karaoke. *(9 pm-2:30 am. 3701 SE Division St.)*

Portland Ballet Celebrates Modern Dance Pioneer

When ballet instructor **Carol Shults** made a dance called "Reverie du Soir" for three female students at Portland's NW Academy, she thought the work would be performed only once. After all, it was created for a specific occasion: a Portland Art Museum exhibit featuring **Claude Monet**'s water lily paintings.

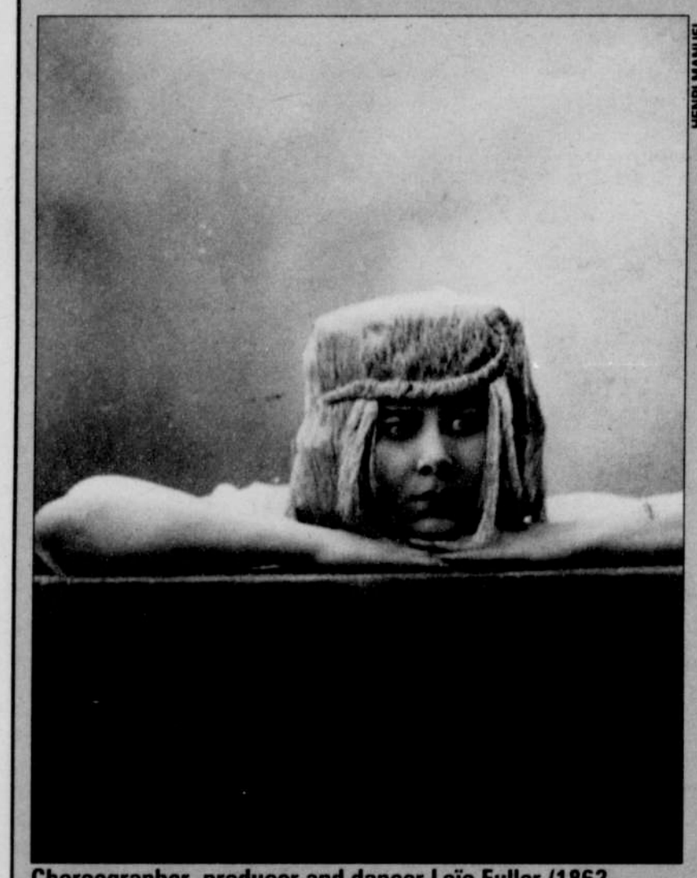
"Reverie du Soir" is a tribute to modern dance pioneer **Loïe Fuller**, who combined movement, swirling silk fabric and colored spotlights into dramatically named stage productions (*Fire Dance*, *Serpentine Dance*) that were highly innovative for the era.

Although she was a U.S. citizen, Fuller became a star in Paris, where she lived for decades as an out lesbian. A darling of the Art Nouveau movement, she was acquainted with artists such as **Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec** and **Auguste Rodin**.

Fuller was also a founder of Maryhill Museum of Art, which is housed in businessman **Samuel Hill**'s mansion overlooking the Columbia River Gorge. Her friend, **Queen Marie** of Romania, dedicated the building in 1926.

So Shults is understandably excited that Portland Ballet will perform her Fuller tribute June 21 at Maryhill Museum, as part of a daylong event called **Dancing with Loïe**, which also includes presentations, family activities and other dance performances.

It's important to note that "Reverie du Soir" is inspired by, rather than a re-creation of, Fuller's dancing. Shults also incorporated imagery from Monet's paintings and was influenced by the music of **Claude Debussy**.



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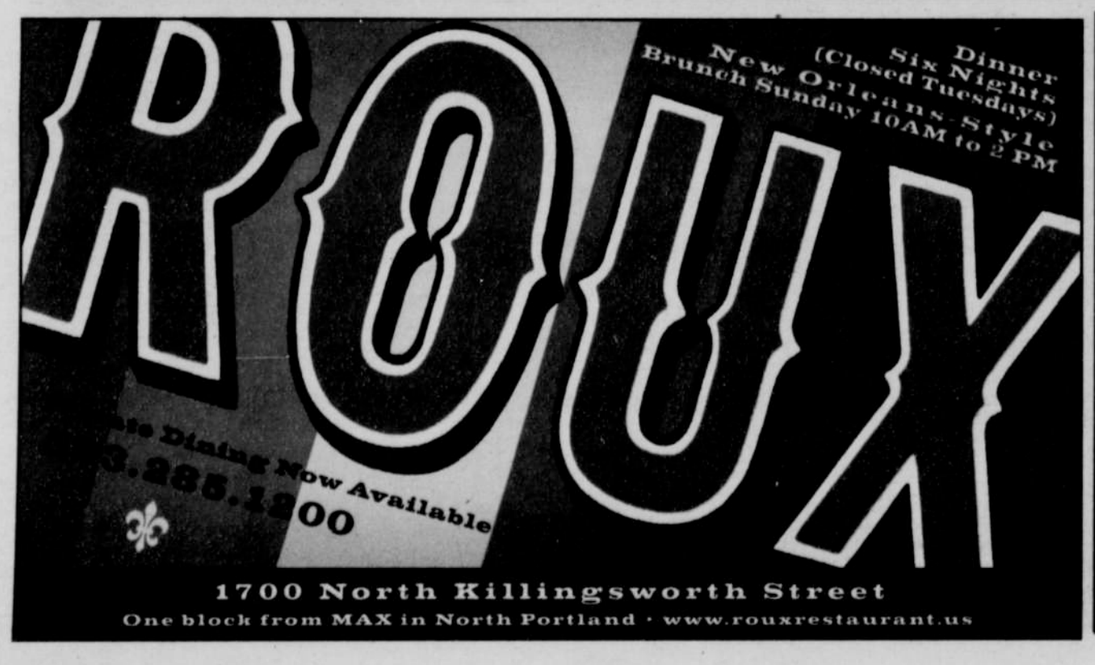
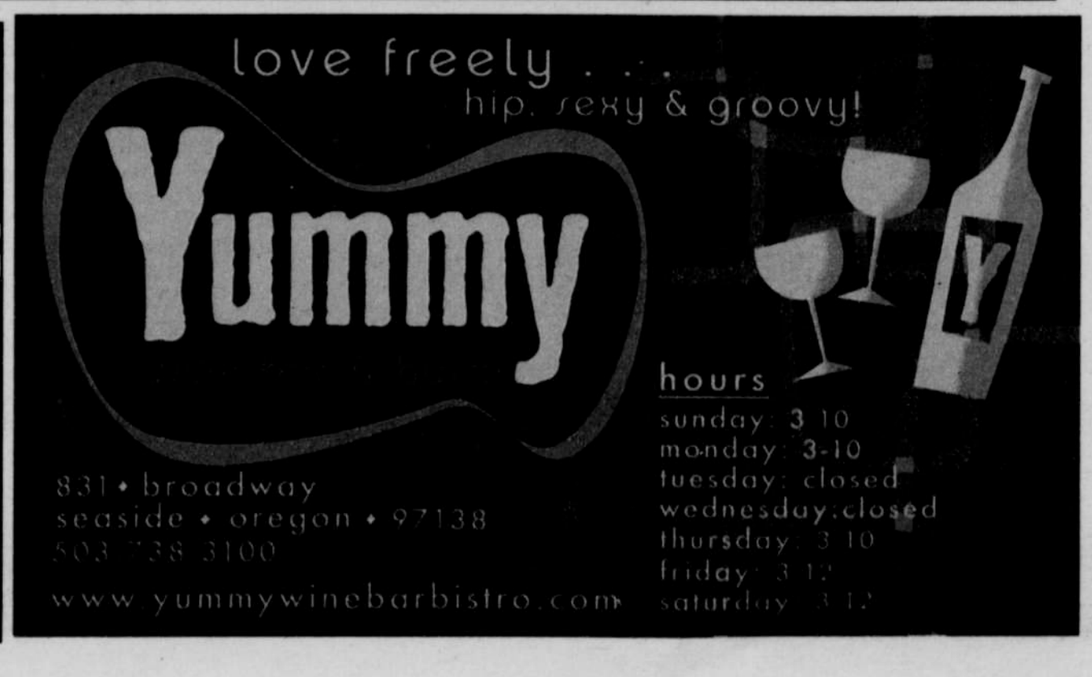
Choreographer, producer and dancer Loïe Fuller (1862-1928) became a star in Paris, where she lived for decades as an out lesbian.

According to Shults, the dance is most valuable as a student performance. Because "Reverie du Soir" is different from the classical practice that consumes young ballet dancers' rehearsal hours, she explains, "It allows them to learn about another era and dance in a way that they simply don't do today, with very little technical demand."

Shults hopes some Portlanders can make the hour-plus drive to "the little temple to the arts" that is Maryhill Museum. "Making a pilgrimage is a marvelous thing," she says.

Audiences can also see "Reverie du Soir" as part of **Portland Ballet**'s annual spring performance 7:30 p.m. June 6 and 7. (Tickets are $25 from 503-452-8448 or Brown Paper Tickets.) The program also includes works by local choreographers **Alexandrous Ballard** and **Rachel Tess**.

—*Rebecca Ragain*

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