



Boxxes welcomes porn star Aden Jaric during the Fluid dance party June 14.

"Living lesbian legend" Gretchen Phillips performs June 21 and 23.

Islands, featuring gay drummer Aaron Harris (third from left), performs June 13 at Hawthorne T

A Cliffhanger of a Dance

Forming and maintaining a dance company is no small feat. For every artistic decision to be made, there are several less glamorous but equally important tasks that need doing: raising money, finding rehearsal space, recruiting board members, arranging ticket sales for performances and much more.

Jason Ohlberg, a choreographer based in Seattle, has been there and done that. About 10 years ago, he finished dancing with the renowned company Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and then founded his own small dance troupe, called Same Planet Different World Dance Theatre.

Ohlberg remembers how much effort it takes to direct a dance company. "Running a nonprofit is a hard thing to do, especially if your love is making dance, because there's a lot involved...that has nothing to do with the artistic process," he says.

So Ohlberg knows what he's talking about when he says he is incredibly impressed with Bouand DanceCompany, which Portland dancer, teacher and choreographer Alexandrous Ballard started here in 2005.

Ohlberg recently traveled to Portland to work with Bouand in preparation for the company's performances this month; his dance "Precipice" is on the program. "Precipice" is frantically paced, athletic and demanding for the dancers to perform, but Ohlberg says the Bouand dancers "bit into the challenge."

"Alex has some great dancers with a lot of varied skills," says Ohlberg.

Ohlberg has enjoyed his dance-related visits to Portland from Seattle, which he picked as his home five years ago when it became time "to move somewhere where I wanted to live, rather than to live for work." (Seattle

is also where Ohlberg met his first nondancer partner, John.) "It's interesting to see how different cities' companies look; they have a different

flavor and vibe," says Ohlberg.

Bouand DanceCompany, for instance, is aiming for a European flavor. According to its Web site, part of the company's mission is "producing and presenting works choreographed by young artists from the European Union and beyond."

In keeping with that goal, the June program includes a new work from Deanna Carter, an award-winning choreographer who has made dances for a number of European companies. Two dances created by Ballard round out the program.

Bouand DanceCompany performs three shows June 27 and 28 at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall, 1620 S. W. Park Ave. Tickets are \$15-\$19 from 503-725-3307.

—Rebecca Ragain



Bouand Dance Company's June program includes gay choreographer Jason Ohlberg's "Precipice."

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 Splendor 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.)

Red Cap Garage presents a special Pride edition of **Overflow**, its weekly hip-hop party with DJs FSO and Adam West. Next door at Boxxes, check out hot fashions on hot models during the **UnderU4Men Fashion Show** with DJ Harmonix. (9 pm Overflow, 10 pm UnderU4Men. 1035 SW Stark St.)

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

The Rose City Softball Association presents its annual **All Star vs. Portland Police Charity Softball Game** at Farragut Park. Bring the whole family, a blanket and a picnic, or purchase snacks from the Portland Police Academy. Proceeds benefit Q Center. (11:30 am-3 pm. North Kerby Avenue and Farragut Street. \$5 donation.)

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.)

The Men's Wellness Center presents a special Pride Weekend installment of **Chicos Latinos Bingo** featuring food, beverages, big giveaways and hostess Miss Mylar. (3-4:30 pm. 928 SW Stark 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.)

DJs Copy and Manny Lennox of Do-n-Dudes present their monthly underground dance party **Supernature** at Braxx featuring special live guests Solenoid and Arohan. (9 pm. 320 SE Second Ave. \$5.)

Shake it up and shake it down during the **'90s Pop Video Dance Party** at Fez Ballroom. (9 pm. 318 SW 11th Ave.)

Boxxes presents **Fluid** featuring hot tracks, hot boys, porn stars Aden and Jordan Jaric, and Tyler Saint of Hot House dancing in the showers while you tear up the dance floor! (9 pm. 1035 SW Stark St.)

The Rose City's only gay bathhouse, Steam Portland, presents **Pride 2008: All Male Experience** featuring autographs and DVD giveaways with porn star Josh Vaughn (*Bottom of the 9th*). (10 pm. 2885 NE Sandy Blvd.)

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.)

Boxxes presents the fourth annual **Stark Street Pride Block Party** with hostess Hekina, creator of San Francisco's *Trannyshack*; performances by Kevin Aviance, Stacey Q, The Wet Spots, The D Word, Rose City Sirens and Burlesquire; and music spun by FSO DJ, Harmonix, DJE and Seth Hutton featuring Alvin Black. (2 pm. 1035 SW Stark St.)

Bolivia Carmichaels, Honey Bea Hart and Ginger Lee host the **Superstar Divas Gay Pride Show** at C.C. Slaughters, followed by a movie pass giveaway for *House of Usher* and *Kiss Me Deadly*. (8 pm divas, 9 pm movies. 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.)

MON • JUNE 16

Manifest/Q-LAND invites men to playfully explore the city by bike during **Wanderlust** featuring a walk at Oaks Bottom Wildlife Preserve. Meet at Wild Oats. (6:30 pm. 3535 NE 15th Ave. \$5-\$15 sliding-scale donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.qland.org/calendar.)

Gay singer/songwriter **Ryan Mintz** performs with **Kelly Brightwell** at Chaos Cafe & Parlor. (8 pm. 2620 SE Powell Blvd.)

Framed Delights Hide Below Fremont B

Tucked below giant bridge struts and shadowed by brown building known as River Street Studios houses keepers. In the building's southwest end you will find **Cross Unique Framed Fabrics Art Gallery**.

These framings by **Marvin L. Chiles** feature Laura from Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Mali, Japan, China and Egpressive framings bring out colors and textures of the vi with the help of his partner, **Larry Cross**.

Chiles has a full-time job that isn't art-related, so he items during the workweek. The gallery, located at 820 from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and weekdays by appointment. 503-233-1780. The gallery will celebrate summer solstice wine and Chiles' one-of-a-kind framed fabrics from 1 to

Fabric framing is not an unknown art—and it is a prints and items formerly used in other contexts (lik ing in a few of the framed works) and turns them into the original designs and prints, and recasting them with Chiles' framing techniques make the designs, the colors fabric stand out.

The variety of the fabrics and the presentation th often reflect approaches used in abstract expressionism. color and texture. For instance, Cross says, "Kinta cloth inches, then stitched together with such skill, one can connected."

Likewise, the silk sections cut from the obi sash focu ing on one bird, human or other animal, and enhance the framing.

Chiles and Cross opened the gallery to the public easy to find, but easily accessed once you have the bas adventure to find the gallery—a different world, a dif pleasing to the eye.

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