

What to do about anti-gay ballot initiatives? Find out and share your ideas on strategies to defeat these threats with **Radical Women** at the Bread and Roses Center. Light meal with vegan option available. (6:15 pm. 819 N Killingsworth St. \$5-\$8 sliding-scale food donation.)

Learn presence, compassion and nonverbal communication by exchanging **breema healing touch** sequences with other fully clothed men. Free introductory class presented by Manifest/Q-LAND. (8:15-9:45 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.qland.org/calendar.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a CD release party for *One of the Boys* by **Katy Perry**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

Gretchen Phillips performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9-11 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

TUE • JUNE 24

Relieve stress, feel calmer and improve creativity during **Men's Meditation Group** presented by Manifest/Q-LAND. (7-9 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.qland.org/calendar.)

Dexter's Famous Spoken Mic gives writers "rock star status" by bringing beginners and more established readers together for inspirational rants and performances every last Tuesday at In Other Words. (7:30 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

WED • JUNE 25

GO OUT Are you an elder who writes or likes literature? Want to read your writing aloud for a friendly audience or share writing by another author who is special to you? Elder Resource Alliance invites readers to **Seniors Sharing Stories, Companions on the Road** at Friendly House. (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

Cinemax premieres **When I Knew**. (4:30 pm.)

Crush celebrates its seventh anniversary by kicking off the weekly event **Gaym Show Bingo** featuring wheels, doors and suitcases full of cash and prizes. Gay owners Mitch and Woody will strap on the pumps and wigs, just like the good old days, to host as Sharmai and Carlotta. Afterward some of Crush's favorite former employees will DJ—even the ones who got fired! (7 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St.)

OPB airs **Emile Norman: By His Own Design**. (11 pm.)

THU • JUNE 26

Holocene presents **A Benefit for Umbrella** featuring Sad Horse, Sarah Winchester, Sarah Dougher, Janet Pants, Mattress, Rush-n-Disco, Tara Jane O'Neil and DJ Mike McGonigal. Proceeds also benefit Planned Parenthood and the Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls. (8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5-\$10 sliding scale.)

GO OUT The Men's Wellness Center presents an informational workshop about **community acupuncture**.

an affordable and accessible practice model that can improve the quality of life in mind, body and spirit. Free sample treatments will be offered. (7-8:30 pm. 928 SW Stark St.)

C.C. Slaughters throws a CD release party for *Love the Woman* by **Chante Moore**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St. \$4.)

The Eagle PDX presents **Queer Bait's Freestyle Soul** with appearances by drag monsters Splendor and Fannie Mae. DJs Olek and Jack will be playing mostly freestyle hits from the '80s (Lisa Lisa, Exposé) along with some Italo and high-energy disco. (10 pm. 27 NW Sixth Ave. \$3.)

FRI • JUNE 27

The Adventure Group takes a moderate hike on Eagle Creek trail. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Patrick 406-544-4143.)

Gay poet, spiritual teacher and Portland Classical Chinese Garden volunteer docent **Daniel Skach-Mills** reads from *The Tao of Now* at Q Center. (7 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

GO OUT **Indigo Girls** perform at Secret House Vineyard in Veneta. (7 pm. 88324 Vineyard Lane. \$36 at the door, \$33 in advance from Ticketmaster.)

Out Dancing's monthly **Dance Social** is every last Friday at Ankeny Street Studio. Lesson and refreshments included. (8:15 pm. Southeast Ninth Avenue and Ankeny Street. \$8.)

theme is "Behind the Velvet Rope at Studio 54...A '70s Explosion!" Proceeds benefit the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, Q Center and the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund. (6 pm. 615 SE Alder St. \$20.)

Indigo Girls perform with **Cowboy Junkies** at Oregon Zoo. (7 pm. 4001 SW Canyon Road. \$25 from Ticketmaster.)

Hey, what's your vice? Holocene presents **Double Down**, the fab queer party where the player always wins, every fourth Saturday. (8 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

Sacha Sacket performs at Alberta Street Pub. (9:30 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St. \$8.)

Mr. Oregon State Leather 2007 Ben Brown Jr. hosts a **Fourth Saturday Party** for the men's community featuring boot blacking by Shell at Eagle Portland. Come in your favorite leather/Levi/bear attire. Free raffle tickets to anyone who brings in canned goods for Esther's Pantry. Proceeds benefit Central City Concern and Blackout Leather Productions. (10 pm-1 am. 835 N Lombard St.)

SUN • JUNE 29

The Adventure Group takes a moderate hike to Upper Creek Falls. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Rachel 503-789-1428.)

GO OUT Explore old-growth trees and four amazing waterfalls during an easy **Solstice Waterfall Eco-Hike** presented by Manifest/Q-LAND. (10 am. \$7-\$15 sliding-scale donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.qland.org/calendar.)

The Adventure Group goes kayaking for beginners on the Tualatin River. Meet at the Alder Creek Kayaking Store in Tualatin. (10:30 am. 5855 SW Nyberg Lane. Landon 503-709-3750.)

Daniel Skach-Mills reads from *The Tao of Now* at Moonstruck Chocolate Café in Lake Oswego. (6:30 pm. 45 S State St.)

TUE • JULY 1

Leslie Jordan presents *My Trip Down the Pink Carpet* at Newmark Theatre. (8 pm. 1111 SW Broadway. \$37.75-\$48.75 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

FRI • JULY 4

GO OUT The Rose City Softball Association presents the **Cascade Cup** tournament through July 6. (For a complete schedule visit www.rose-citysoftball.org.)

Out Dancing's **intermediate salsa** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in July at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning cha-cha** class follows. (6:15-7:15 pm salsa [\$40 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm cha-cha [\$32 for month]. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

SAT • JULY 5

DJs Jack and DannyDamage play a mix of dance hits, '80s pop, new wave, no wave, new stuff and old stuff during **Pleasure Boys** every first Saturday at the Eagle PDX. (9 pm. 27 NW Sixth Ave.)

Sacket to Me

Sacha Sacket is really fucking damn sexy.

OK, great: Now that that's out of the way, the Los Angeles-based singer-songwriter hopes you'll look past his bedroom brown eyes, lean physique and tousle of dark hair and see something a little more complex—a promising young gay pop musician with something to say.

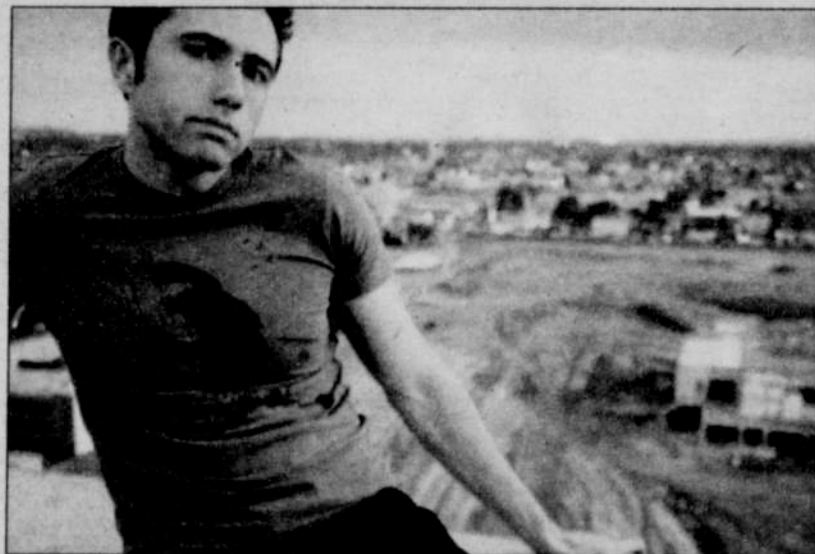
"You have an opportunity to say something" as a pop tunesmith with a stage as soap-box, Sacket says. "Where I'm at right now is—what am I here to say? And I think I'm interested in pushing buttons, too."

The pushing buttons part comes pretty easy to Sacket, a 29-year-old artist on the ascendant whose third album, *Lovers and Leaders*, he's showcasing on a solo tour that touches down this month in Portland. Growing up at

the classical keyboard on a steady diet of Beethoven sonatas and scale exercises, Sacket pretty quickly began asserting himself, rejecting formal piano lessons ("I always hated what I was being taught") and playing his own way.

"I just teach myself nowadays," he says. "I have a problem with authority."

That's an understatement: His sense of personal and professional identity is so strong that for a long while it kept him from seeking out a relationship. "I guess I equated love with losing power, losing my aspirations," he says. But after falling for a gent a few years back, things started to change: "I had never wanted to fall in love, and I wasn't in control of that, and I wanted to express that." And so *Lovers and Leaders* was born.



Sacha Sacket performs June 28 at Alberta Street Pub.

The tour features Sacket playing solo, leaving behind the uniquely all-female backing band that's part of his special cache, and he promises tunes from his recent and next albums mixed with some interesting covers—Britney Spears, U2, The Doors. But as much as he says the gay press has "over-

sexualized" his smoldering image, he'll be keeping his shirt on.

"I like sex, sex is great, and I don't mind people thinking I'm attractive," he says. "But I don't want to do anything in public unless I'm truthful to myself."

—Stephen Marc Beaudoin

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