



BLAINE COVERT



JOAN MARCUS



Dance Project presents its fifth annual *Showing by Dance*

Portland Opera's Broadway Across America presents *The Phantom of the Opera* Aug. 13-Sept. 7.

The Aug. 8 episode of OPB's *In the Life* features a conversation between iconic social critics Camille Paglia (left) and Sandra Bernhard.

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Serena Barton's "The Implacable Anne Boleyn" is on display this month at Onda Gallery.

"I show traces of my process in my work, such as underlayers, underdrawing and visible brushwork. To me, this makes the work both more accessible and more interesting," she says.

Barton, a native Oregonian, and her partner moved to the Rose City in 1983.

"What I find stimulating about Portland is that there is a lot of art to look at and many opportunities to meet other artists, if you take the initiative to do it.... I didn't go to art school and I started quite late in life, so I've had to build my artist community from scratch. Portland seems like a great place to have done that. Lots of art is being made, viewed and taught. Portland has a strong DIY community and a grassroots love of creating and learning," she says.

In addition to her art, Barton teaches part time at Portland State University. She is also a licensed professional counselor. Her new book, *A Joyful Frenzy*, is a collection of work with text about inspiration and process.

*Driven to Extremes* is on display through Aug. 26 at Onda Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St. Barton will participate in a gallery talk at 3 p.m. Aug. 16.

—Kristin Steele

communication by exchanging **breema healing touch** sequences with other fully clothed men. Free introductory class presented by Manifest. (8:15-9:45 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.manifestpdx.org/calendar](http://www.manifestpdx.org/calendar).)

TUE • AUG. 12

**Elder Resource Alliance** takes a "Fun Bus" ride to Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden. Bring a sack lunch. Meet at Friendly House. (11 am-3 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave. \$5 donation plus garden admission. RSVP to 503-228-4391.)

Relieve stress, feel calmer and improve creativity during the **Men's Meditation Group** presented by Manifest. (7-9 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.manifestpdx.org/calendar](http://www.manifestpdx.org/calendar).)

**GO OUT** Vendetta hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for men and women to work, chat, socialize, flirt, dish and kibitz in a smoke-free environment. (7-11 pm. 4306 N Williams Ave. [www.salonqpx.com](http://www.salonqpx.com).)

**Joshua Klipp** performs at Mississippi Pizza Pub. (9 pm. 3552 N Mississippi Ave.)

WED • AUG. 13

The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub with a presentation by Larry Smith of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. (11:30 am-1 pm. 112 SW Second Ave. \$18-\$25 from [www.paba.com](http://www.paba.com).)

**GO OUT** Q Center presents **Q Literati**, a monthly queer reading series featuring emerging and underground writers and spoken word artists with an open mike, gourmet snacks, raffle prizes, multiple readings, audience Q & A's and the occasional literary superstar. (6-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Are you tired of the dating game or the same old arguments? Do you find yourself looking for love in all the wrong places or collapsing love with sex or convenience? Find out the secret to creating truly great relationships the last during **Causing**

**Love** at Touchstone Coffee House. (6-9 pm. 445 NE 70th Ave. \$34 from [www.causeit.org/events](http://www.causeit.org/events).)

Manifest presents a free introductory **men's therapeutic yoga class** to address specific wellness challenges or goals. (6:30-8:30 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or [www.manifestpdx.org/calendar](http://www.manifestpdx.org/calendar).)

THU • AUG. 14

The **Adventure Group** takes an intermediate

hike on the Siouxon Creek Trail at Mount St. Helens National Park. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Patrick 406-544-4143.)

**Elder Resource Alliance** invites older members of the sexual minorities community to meet each other, share common interests and enjoy fun conversation every second Thursday at Niki's Restaurant. (1-3 pm. 736 SE Grand Ave.)

Looking Glass Bookstore presents a poetry reading from **Daniel Skach-Mills** (*The Tao of Now*) and **David Hill** (*Consumed*). (7 pm. 7983 SE 13th Ave.)

### Lesbian Chef Comes to Bite of Oregon

Superstar chef **Cat Cora** is coming to town as one of the celebrity judges for the Iron Chef Oregon competition at the 2008 **Bite of Oregon**. Cora, a mother of two with her partner, Jennifer, was the first and only female challenger on the show *Iron Chef America*. In addition to running commentary during the finals of the competition in Oregon, Cora will whip up something at a cooking demo and be available to sign copies of her cookbooks.

Cora blasted onto the culinary scene after leaving her home in Mississippi to attend the Culinary Institute of America and then go on to work in France and Napa before ending up on several television shows. But it was the winning of *Iron Chef* that may have caused more ripples than the fact that her family has appeared in publications such as *People* and *Parents* magazine offering mainstream America tips on how two moms cook fun, balanced meals for two growing sons.

Cora is unabashedly focused on bringing her culinary skills to the people. Her newest book, *Cooking from the Hip*, offers stylish food solutions for those who don't have a lot of time and need to put something together without a ton of work. She also founded Chefs for Humanity to bring together culinary professionals to fight hunger and provide food nutrition education, emergency food relief and humanitarian aid worldwide.

Cora takes to the Oregon Chef Stage at Waterfront Park from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. and from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9. She then will judge the Iron Chef final on the same stage at 7:30.

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**GO OUT** 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. Rescheduled due to overflowing rivers. (8:30-11 am. \$10 from [pdxlesbiannet@yahoo.com](mailto:pdxlesbiannet@yahoo.com).)

Alton Baker Park hosts the 18th annual **Eugene/Springfield Pride** featuring performances by Joshua Klipp, Sistas in the Pit and Nicole Sangsuree. This year's theme is "Live, Love, Be." (Noon. [www.eugenepride.org](http://www.eugenepride.org).)

**Northwest Gender Alliance** meets at Q Center. (2-5:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Not your grandparents' dance troupe: The men of **Burlesquire** perform at the Egyptian Club. (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

C.C. Slaughters presents the **Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Party**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

SUN • AUG. 10

The **Adventure Group** takes an intermediate hike to McIntyre Ridge for great views of volcanic peaks. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Jeff 503-234-4800.)

**Katy Perry**, singer/songwriter of the No. 1 hit "I Kissed a Girl," performs during the Warped Tour at Columbia Meadows in St. Helens. (Noon. 63701 Columbia River Highway. \$31 from Ticketmaster.)

**Keshet** invites queer Jews as well as their spouses, partners, significant others and good friends and family, whether Jewish or queer or not, to a potluck barbecue lunch and the Oregon Air Show in Hillsboro. Bring a dish and a beverage. (1:30 pm. David 503-226-7079, ext. 14.)

Holocene presents **Pop Tart** for bois, dykes, ladies and the like every second Sunday. (7 pm-1 am. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

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