

nightlife

1 BOXXES/FISH GROTT/RED CAP GARAGE

1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171
Boxxes/Red Cap Garage is the only two-in-one gay club in the city.

2 CASEY'S

610 NW Couch St. • 503-224-9062
"All-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town.

3 C.C. SLAUGHTERS

219 NW Davis St. • 503-248-9135
C.C. Slaughters is a great hangout. Come feel like "Norm" or shake your booty all night long to the best sound, lights and laser shows in Portland.

4 CRUSH

1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150
Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu.

5 DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE

208 NW Third Ave. • 503-222-5338
World-famous female impersonators Dar-

celle XV & Company have been entertaining audiences from all walks of life for more than 37 years with Las Vegas-style cabaret revues of glitz, glamour and comedy.

6 THE EAGLE PDX

27 NW Sixth Ave. • 503-241-0105
Portland's original masculine men's bar.

THE EAGLE PORTLAND

835 N Lombard St. • 503-283-9734
Portland's masculine men's bar and leather bar. Home bar of the Oregon Bears.

7 EGYPTIAN CLUB

3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689
The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms.

8 EMBERS AVENUE

110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

9 ESCAPE

333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830
Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub.

10 FOX & HOUNDS

217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530
According to BarFly, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs."

11 GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK

439 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-8446
Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.

12 HOBOS

120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285
Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves outstanding cuisine from both its complete dinner menu and its lounge menu.

13 JOO'S

2512 NE Broadway • 503-287-4210
Enjoy a good time and make a new friend at this entertaining neighborhood bar!

NORTHBANK

106 W Sixth St., Vancouver • 360-695-3862
Southwest Washington's first and only gay bar. Now smoke-free!

14 SCANDALS

1125 SW Stark St. • 503-227-5887
Scandals, one of Portland's most established gay men's bars, has been a fixture on the ever-changing Stark Street for going on 30 years. It provides a cruisy streetside setting with a seasonal sidewalk cafe, great drinks and a "more than friendly" bar staff.

15 SILVERADO

318 SW Third Ave. • 503-224-4493
SOUTHSIDE SPEAKEASY
3529 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem • 503-362-1139
Southside Speakeasy is the place in Salem and the central Willamette Valley for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to meet and hang out.

16 STARKY'S

2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980

17 STEAM

2885 NE Sandy Blvd. • 503-736-9999
Portland's hottest all-male experience.



Next Stop, American Idol

Everyone knows the best karaoke nights in Portland belong to the gays. KJs Rocky Rhodes and Suzanne of Sailing On Productions entertain us homos four nights a week at various locations, while lesbian hotspot the Egyptian Room has nightly karaoke. I personally keep a playlist of potential karaoke songs I would sing on my iTunes just in case some opportunity presents itself. Sound a bit queer? Well, just last month on Southeast Division Street, Starbucks had a random sidewalk karaoke jam, leaving me to realize a startling truth: Karaoke can happen to anyone at any time. Like spontaneous combustion.

This epiphany has kept me on my toes for signs of sing-alongs and commercially funded public entertainment.

Now I know for a fact that I'm not a particularly good singer. I can tell from the way other people avoid looking at me when I'm drunk and mumbling the words to "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)" by R.E.M., but that doesn't stop me from hogging the spotlight. Why should drag queens and strippers get all the attention, anyway? I may sound like a mule with strep throat, but at least I have fun, damn it.

Speaking of fun and entertainment, Mondays at Silverado transform the regular meat market strip club into...well, let's be honest: A Shakespearean production couldn't make Silverado less of a meat market. The strippers might have the night off to shop for thongs and body oil, but the



KJ Rocky Rhodes spins music at four weekly queer karaoke nights.

crowd is just as hungry for male entertainment as it is during the rest of the week. It took balls for me to climb up those steps to sing "What I Got" by Sublime, but at least I didn't have to whip them out. Luckily, I made friends with the people who were laughing at everyone else, turning these Simon Cowells into Paula Abduls without actually having to sound good.

Here's where the queeraoke happens in Portland, starting at 9 p.m. in each venue:

- **Sundays:** Embers (www.emberspdx.net)
- **Mondays:** Silverado (www.silveradopdx.com)
- **Tuesdays:** C.C. Slaughters (www.ccslaughterspdx.com)
- **Wednesdays:** Boxxes (www.boxxes.com)
- **Thursdays:** Casey's (www.caseyspx.com)
- **Daily:** Egyptian Room (www.erompdx.com)

—Julius Calasicas

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Thurs. Sept 11
Fri. Sept 12
9-11:30pm

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