

TAMARA J. BROWN

that brought this duo together. Now based out of Portland, Poena Suddarth and Felicia Figueroa blend dynamic and ghostly vocals with intimate music played on an assortment of instruments to create an altogether unique soundscape. Their covers of old hits like "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" are respectful of history and full of a youthful energy. It's in the pairing of their voices, sometimes in contrast to one another and sometimes in complete harmony, where these women make their show. Felina's Arrow plays with Laura Veirs, Amelia, Laura Gibson and Scout Niblett 8 p.m. Nov. 8 at Wonder Ballroom. \$15.

Art

For the first time Siren Nation is including visual art in the festival, showcasing several shows across town that each combine groups of artists. Of particular interest is the *Personal Herstory* show, described as an "examination of the struggles, insights, epiphanies, inner turmoil, as well as celebrations that define women's lives, both historically and today." The slate of artists includes Georgette Eck, Kate Rannels, Deana Brown, Nikki Kress, Monica Nelson, Darcy Sharpe, Jennifer Schuberth, Jen Bracy and Nikol King. The free show will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 6 at Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St.

Also, the festival is holding a free art and craft sale for those looking to buy unique handmade offerings. The sale will feature 40 Northwest women artists from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 at Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

Workshops

• **Book Your Own Writing Career:** Not everyone who wants to write has access to a prestigious writing program or has a high-powered agent ready to shop around her manuscript. So, queer favorite author, editor, performer and all-around DIY girl Michelle Tea will share all the knowledge and experience she has about creating a writing career on your own. This is a workshop about how to get it done on your own terms. Topics include writing, publishing, literary community, open mikes, tours, promotion and more. The free



Felina's Arrow shares the stage with Laura Veirs, Amelia, Laura Gibson and Scout Niblett on Nov. 8.

workshop will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Kennedy School.

• **Get Your Dance On: A Workshop on Burlesque:** Burlesque artist Sahara Dunes will cover the history of burlesque, its current incarnations and a lesson on some basic moves for you to take home to perfect. The free workshop will be held from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Nov. 9 at Kennedy School.

Film

Siren Nation screens these independent films by women directors 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at Hollywood Theater, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Admission is \$5.

• **The Viva Voce Virus:** Imagine the parallel universes of a lesbian vampire B movie and a gay utopia of the '70s. A closeted modern-day actress, Ronnie, is acting in a gay bloodletting film while trying to keep her attraction to girls hush-hush. Meanwhile, she discovers a disease called the Viva Voce Virus that makes the actors of Hollywood's past remain silent about their same-sex love affairs.

• **Five Star Museum: Exotic World and the Burlesque Revival:** A burlesque researcher and trans rights activist, director Red Tremmel brings to town this in-progress documentary about the only museum in the United States dedicated to preserving the history of striptease and exotic dancing. Located in a former goat barn on a sparse section of Route 66, the Exotic World Museum houses burlesque photos, costumes and memorabilia. The museum's future is tenuous, as its aging curator, former burlesque dancer Dixie Evans, is facing the intersection of ailing health and a fading tourism industry that was the museum's lifeblood. 10

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