



White Bird kicks off its Uncaged Dance Series with the critically acclaimed Canadian company Kidd Pivot Nov. 12-15 at Reed College's Kaul Auditorium.



Artichoke Music presents award-winning queer singer/songwriter Erica Wheeler on Nov. 12.



Sacha Sacket heats up Alberta Street Pub on Nov. 8.

Author Brings Message of 'Opening Up' to Portland

It's been several years since sexuality author/director Tristan Taormino brought her pansexual message of relationship exploration and liberation to Portland, but locals will have three opportunities to hear and participate in it this month.

Although Taormino admits that "there is a substantial body of work on swinging and polyamory," she believes her new book, *Opening Up: A Guide to Creating and Sustaining Open Relationships*, has something that those previous have lacked: diverse recommendations by real-life people about how they make their nonmonogamous relationships work.

Taormino will read from the book and facilitate an open and in-depth discussion on the subject of opening up relationships and the many options available



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to those who wish to expand beyond the traditionally understood monogamy model 7 p.m. Nov. 13 at In Other Words, 8 N.E. Killingsworth St. For more information call 503-232-6003.

Kinky Possibilities: Open Relationships in the Scene will be the topic 7 p.m. Nov. 14 at Spartacus, 300 S.W. 12th Ave. According to Taormino, the free workshop for adults 18 and older is important because the power exchange aspect of some B/D/S/M relationships leads to "really specific issues that come up for kinky people but don't come up for nonkinky people." Call 503-224-2604 for more details.

Literally bringing up the end of Taormino's visit to the "amazing, amazing city" she

would move to "if there were a little more sun" is her seminal free workshop *Anal Pleasure 101*, based on her book *The Ultimate Guide to Anal Sex for Women*. She will provide information, tips and encouragement for both beginning and experienced anal enthusiasts from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16 at Fascinations, 9515 S.E. 82nd Ave. To register call 503-774-4345 or visit the store.

Having both walked her walk as well as quite literally writing the book on her subjects, Taormino is a respected expert on pansexuality and anal sex as well as a popular speaker throughout the country on these and other topics.

—Theresa "Darklady" Reed



Women seeking women: JustOutPersonals.com presents a monthly single women's **Bunco** night at Q Center! (6-8 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5 plus canned food donation for Esther's Pantry.)

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

Summer Heights High, an Aussie comedy series featuring creator/writer Chris Lilley playing all three lead roles, including a high-strung gay drama teacher and a haughty female exchange student, debuts on HBO. (10:30 pm.)

MON • NOV. 10

Elder Resource Alliance presents a **walking class** featuring instruction, warm-ups, handouts and a 30-minute walk at Friendly House. Repeats Nov. 17. (10-11 am. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

The Human Rights Campaign presents the workshop **Smart Estate and Financial Planning for Individuals and Families** at Q Center to educate queers on drafting of wills, durable power of attorney for health care and finances, living wills, domestic partnership and the Pension Protection Act. (6:30-8:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Manifest presents a free introductory **Men's Yoga** class to stretch and strengthen your muscles and heart, burn calories, improve balance and uplift your spirit. (7:30-9 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

Girl4Girl presents **Uhh Huh Her** featuring *The L Word* star Leisha Hailey at Wonder Ballroom. (8 pm. 128 NE Russell St. \$15 from box office or Ticketmaster.)

C.C. Slaughters presents a movie promotion for **Quantum of Solace**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

TUE • NOV. 11

Elder Resource Alliance presents **Gardening in the NW** at Friendly House. Repeats Nov. 18. (11 am-12:30 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave. RSVP to 503-224-2640.)

Manifest presents a roundtable discussion with insights from financial professionals about **Managing Your Finances in Turbulent Times** at Q Center. (6:45-8 pm. 69 SE Taylor St. \$5-\$20 donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

Casey's launches **Charged**, a monthly club night for HIV-positive men featuring a 50/50 raffle, go-go boys, drag queens, DJ Pony and a "Best Bush" competition! (7-10 pm. 610 NW Couch St.)

West Cafe hosts **Salon Q**, a monthly mixer for men and women to network, chat, socialize,

flirt, dish and kibitz in a smoke-free environment. (7-11 pm. 1201 SW Jefferson St. www.salonq-pdx.com.)

Logo presents the season premiere of the outrageous and edgy animated comedy **Rick & Steve: The Happiest Gay Couple in All the World**. (10 pm.)

OPB presents the queer newsmagazine **In the Life**. This month's episode, "Lifesavers," features people who have championed the vulnerable in our society: children, at-risk queer teens and the dying. (11 pm.)

WED • NOV. 12



The **Portland Area Business Association** holds its monthly meeting at Kells Irish Restaurant & Pub with a presentation by Just Out Publisher Marty Davis sharing 25 years of history and community. (11:30 am-1 pm. 112 SW Second Ave. \$18-\$25 from www.paba.com.)

Q Center presents **Q Literati**, a 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. (7-10 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Weather permitting, **The Adventure Group** takes a night hike to see the full moon at Angels Rest. Great trip for a date—short but steep. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (7 pm. 3030 NE Weidler St. Jeff 503-234-4800.)

Award-winning queer singer/songwriter **Erica Wheeler** performs at Artichoke Music. (8 pm. 3130 SE Hawthorne Blvd. \$12.)

THU • NOV. 13

Thinking about coming out? Looking for a photo-free space to consider whether now is the right time? Q Center presents **Coming Out: Discourses & Resources**, a new group led by a rotating team of trusted queers. Repeats Nov. 20. (6-7:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Reflect, write and share from your heart in an open, nonjudgmental space during **Men's Soul Talk**, a weekly writing group presented by Manifest. (6:30-8 pm. \$5-\$15 donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

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QDoc screens **Life in a Box**—a documentary about an old-fashioned, cross-dressing, country-singing duo who hit the road in a 20-foot trailer—at Q Center. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)



Comic Chris Lilley portrays a fey drama teacher and (inset) in *Summer Heights High*, debuting Nov. 9 on

High School Mockumentary Series Pass

Summer Heights High is the creation of Australian who wrote it and plays the three main roles. This mockumentary in a real Australian high school focuses on fey drama, obnoxious students, 14-year-old slacker Jonah and smug Ja'mie.

Lilley takes his characters and runs with them, a gag he carries him—and us—over the edge. There's no subtlety, no disabled kids and drug overdoses to molestation and incest. Not surprisingly, such dicey material has made the show a hit. Not surprisingly, such dicey material has made the show a hit. What makes it work are Lilley's characterizations and dialogue, the utterly realistic atmosphere and the way it appals us at the same time.

Mr. G at first appears like a typical theatrical type who imagines his limited talent knows no bounds. But the more his interactions with the students, the more hilarious he becomes. When he learns that one of the students has overdosed, he bothers to be sympathetic as he mines the tragedy for a *A Pill. One Hell of a Night*. The chorus: "She's a party girl, a habit for drugs. She's a naughty girl with a bad habit, I love her."

Classism comes under fire with the character of Ja'mie, an absorbed rich girl who talks about herself nonstop, prattles on ("I love disabled people!") and hooks up with the teacher, calling them "housing commission whores" to her rich parents. Her spew about the "public school trash" she's having to deal with is at the center of some of the show's most memorable moments, as when she initiates a tumultuous "romance" with a classmate. ("He's hot!") Behaviorally troubled Jonah, who is a counselor and teacher to a dizzying degree, wraps up the series.

Summer Heights High isn't Lilley's first series, but it is his most successful hit in the States. With it, he joins the *Little Britain* boys and girls in the highest ranks of cutting-edge comedy.