



Stenhoefer entertains Nov. 22 at



Queer painter Storm Tharp's *Arm & Arm* closes Nov. 29 at PDX Contemporary Art.



Candy Kane (left) and Sue Palmer raise money for Esther's Pantry on Nov. 24 at Starky's.

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and Jaffe have been familiar since 1998. Kirk and Skin-ox's world premiere, which Gregg Bielemeier Dance white Bird's subscription se-

cert showcases new choreog- inner and Kirk, with seamless different works. As the sec- engaged Dance Series, which at Portland State University, place in a less traditional ven- Studio Theater.

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—Rebecca Ragain

WED • NOV. 26

GO OUT Drag performers CJ and the Dolls co-host Bordella's **Gaym Show Bingo** featuring fabulous prizes at Crush. (9 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St.)

THU • NOV. 27

Need to escape the family? **The Egyptian Club** is open on Thanksgiving with karaoke! (9 pm. 3701 SE Division St.)

FRI • NOV. 28

Reduce your carbon footprint! Why drive all over wine country when you can come to **Hip Chicks Do Wine** and taste wines made from grapes sourced from throughout Oregon and Washington? Admission through Nov. 30 includes fine music, tasty wine, fabulous snacks and a logo glass. (11 am-9 pm Friday and Saturday, 11 am-6 pm Sunday. 4510 SE 23rd Ave. \$15.)

SAT • NOV. 29

The Adventure Group tours the exhibit *Wild Beauty: Photographs of the Columbia River Gorge* at Portland Art Museum. Meet in the gift shop. (10:15 am. 1219 SW Park Ave. Evan 503-701-7922.)

GO OUT Put a shine on your dancing shoes for the seventh annual **Rose City Swing Holiday Affair**—a memorable night out on the town with family and friends featuring a 16-piece band playing your favorite tunes of the swing era—at Ambridge Event Center. (7 pm group lesson, 8 pm dance. 300 NE Multnomah St. \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance from Brown Paper Tickets.)

The Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire presents **Fast Times at Raintree U**, an old-fashioned college pep rally at the Eagles Lodge in Vancouver, Wash. Bring three cans of food for a \$2 discount! Proceeds benefit the charities of Reign 34. (8 pm. 107 E Seventh St. \$7.)

Are you looking for a place to meet other college folks and play some games? Then **College Game Night** at Q Center is the place for you and your friends. (8-10 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

C.C. Slaughters presents the **Global Groove Tour Party** and a CD single promotion for "Don't Call Me Baby" by **Kreasha Turner**. (9 pm. 219 NW Davis St.)

SUN • NOV. 30

Weather permitting, **The Adventure Group** takes a moderate hike to Aldrich Butte, overlooking the Bonneville Dam area. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9 am. 3030 NE Weidler St. Jeff 503-234-4800.)

Clinton Street Theater presents **Lethal Lesbian 3: Israeli Lesbian Film Night** followed by a party at Holocene. (1:30-5 pm films, 2522 SE Clinton St., \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance from the box office, in *Other Words or Haven*. 5-11 pm party, 1001 SE Morrison St., free with film admission, \$5 without.)

Sarah Dougher performs with an exciting surprise guest at Valentines. (9 pm. 232 SW Ankeny St.)

MON • DEC. 1

Meet at Whole Foods for **Wanderlust: Men's Cycling Rideabout** presented by Manifest. In honor of World AIDS Day, several men will lead a storytelling ride to visit some of the important places where Portland first responded to AIDS. (6:30 pm. 3535 NE 15th Ave. \$5-\$15 sliding scale. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

GO OUT Medford Congregational United Church of Christ observes **World AIDS Day** with an interdenominational evening of remembrance, music and speeches culminating in a moving candlelight ceremony. This year's theme is "Facing AIDS." (7 pm. 1801 E Jackson St.)

Bisexual Community Forum hosts a casual discussion group every first Monday at Red and Black Cafe. (7:30 pm. 400 SE 12th Ave. 503-285-4848.)

TUE • DEC. 2

Q Center presents **Game Night**, a great social evening of informal board game competition. Choose from many options, or feel free to bring your own favorite and teach the group. (7-9 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

WED • DEC. 3

A youth librarian reads engaging stories and leads songs and movement activities for children up to 5 years old during the monthly **Storytime with Maria** at Q Center. (10-11 am. 69 SE Taylor St.)

GO OUT Friendly House hosts the **Elder Resource Alliance Holiday Open House** featuring fantastic friends, fabulous food, fun music, door prizes and a fanciful silent auction. (2-4 pm. 1737 NW 26th Ave.)

Q Theory discusses mind-expanding books by the leading thinkers of the past few decades at Q Center. (7:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

THU • DEC. 4

The **Portland Area Business Association**, which recognizes the rewards and challenges of being in the business world and seeks to support and promote its members' efforts, presents **PABA Biz Builders** at Q Center. (7-9 am. 69 SE Taylor St.)

GO OUT Design Within Reach hosts **On Deck**, a silent auction of skateboard decks that have been transformed into one-of-a-kind works by 50 artists, including queers TJ Norris and Marne Lucas. The free event will feature food and drinks by Provista Foods and Lord Beltane. Proceeds benefit Complete Skate, a Portland-based youth development nonprofit. (5-8:30 pm. 1200 NW Everett St. www.completeskate.org/ondeck.)

Thinking about coming out? Looking for a phobia-free space to consider

She Kissed a Girl... First!

First things first: Yes, it's true, **Jill Sobule** wrote "I Kissed a Girl," which was a huge hit with an accompanying video that was played ad nauseam on MTV circa 1995.

"That song was a double-edged sword for me," she says. "It was perceived as a novelty hit, but on the other hand it was the first song with an overtly gay topic to be aired on Top 40 radio. I am quite proud of that."

Secondly, the 2008 **Katy Perry** smash "I Kissed a Girl" is a different song; the little bitch stole Sobule's title. (Hey, my words, not hers. Sobule is a gracious soul who recognizes that all publicity is good publicity.)

Sobule is so much more than a one-hit wonder. More than 13 years later, she has become the left's favorite singing satirist and topical troubadour. She was a frequent guest on NPR's now defunct **Bryant Park Project** and on **Air America** doing musical op-eds on everything from the Christian right and campaign fatigue to Super Tuesday and, of course, Bush—lots of Bush.

Sobule's *pièce de résistance* is her song about a secret fantasy love affair with Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice**. Here is a choice line: "Condoleezza you've got me in a trance, Condoleezza take off those pantsuit pants." It might not make it onto the hit list, but she might now be on the FBI's watch list.

Sobule is also a featured blogger on **Arianna Huffington's** Web site, HuffingtonPost.com. Right before the election she attended a Yes on 8 rally in California with video camera in hand to capture some great "hate nuggets," leaving her "I Heart Rachel Maddow" shirt at home. You can watch this frightening video online.

Sobule's song list isn't all fun and games; there are some poignant, heartfelt tracks in her catalog like "Barren Egg" from the 1997 CD *Happy Town* and "Empty Glass" from an off-Broadway play called *Prozak and the Platypus*.

Dropped by two record labels and with two more that went under, Sobule decided to appeal to her fans to fund her seventh CD. She set up a Web site, **JillsNextRecord.com**, with the aim of raising \$75,000. In 53 days Sobule reached the goal; at press time she had raised upward of \$89,000. This nice Jewish girl from Denver has chutzpah, all right: Her fund-raising story was picked up by national media, and she received tons of press. Her upcoming disc is being produced by **Don Was** (Bonnie Raitt, Amos Lee) and promises appearances from **John Doe** of X and **Cyndi Lauper**.

Sobule is a smart cookie who would be a great companion for karaoke. Fans of **Sarah Silverman** and **Stephen Colbert** will eat her up with a spoon. Don't expect your typical "kumbaya" lesbian folksinger; she is an opening act worth showing up early for.

—Dale Schiff



Jill Sobule opens for Melissa Ferrick on Nov. 22 at Wonder Ballroom.