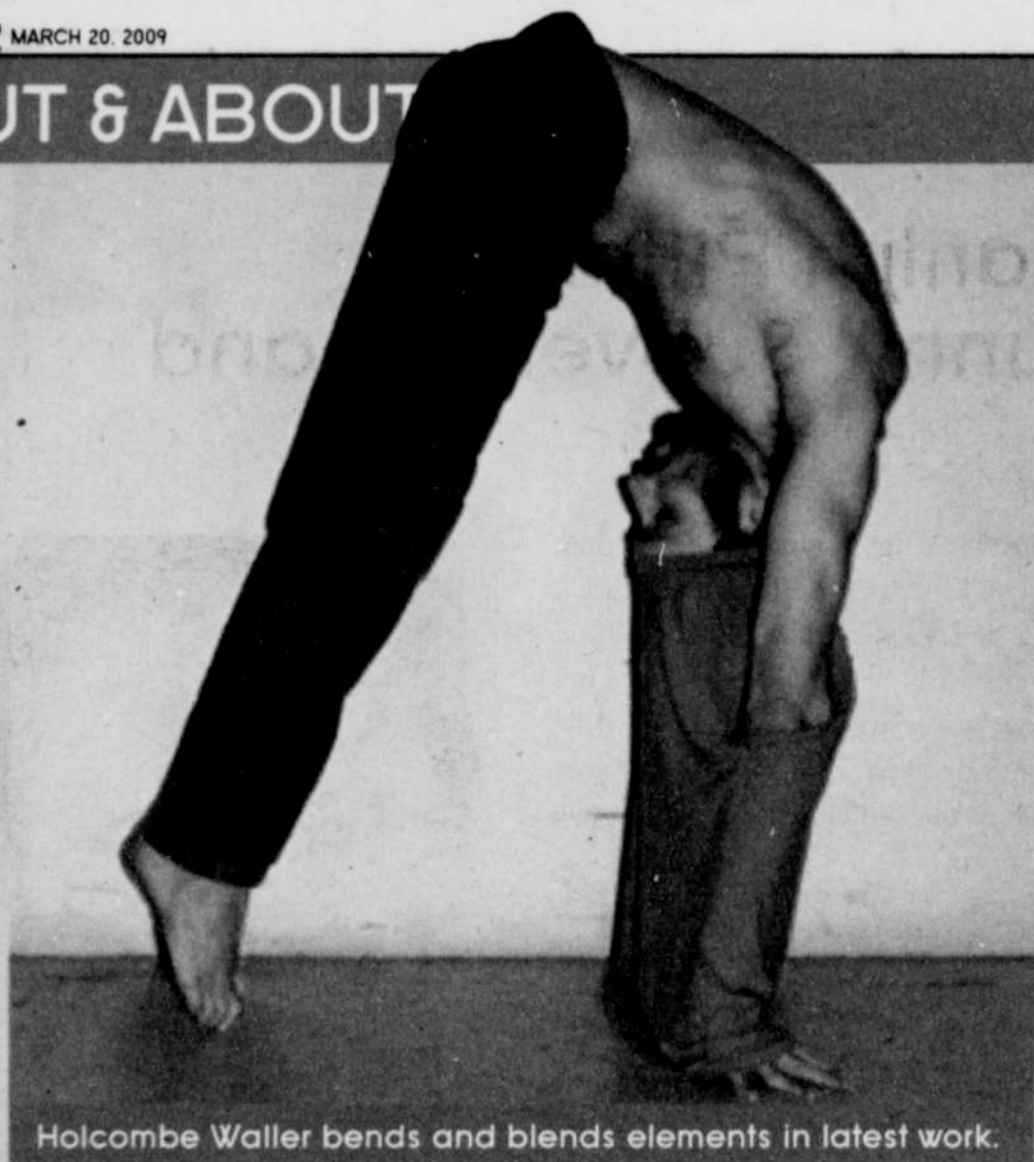


OUT & ABOUT



Holcombe Waller bends and blends elements in latest work.

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Portland queer singer/songwriter Holcombe Waller returns home to present *Into the Dark Unknown: The Hope Chest* with his band, The Healers. The piece is a performance of contemporary folk songs that blends theatricality, video and personal narrative in the form of monologues to explore the personal history behind the songs. All elements blend together in a potent mix that seeks to question what we know in these tenuous times and offers a sense of hope and renewal.

A longtime music performer, Waller started to take his work into a different realm that incorporated elements of theatrical performance in 2006 with his folk operetta based on the works of Townes Van Zandt and Patty Griffin and explored what it is to be a performer and a storyteller.

Into the Dark Unknown: The Hope Chest is the next progression in Waller's interdisciplinary work. Written and directed by Waller, he takes the audience through his original folk songs by weaving their lyrics with video and monologues to get at the stories behind the songs. Backed by The Healers playing a range of instruments like cello, violas, french horn, banjo, wurlitzer, guitars, melodica, glockenspiel, the stage is set for a sonic journey.

Waller first workshopped *Into the Dark Unknown* at the 2007 Time-Based Art Festival to critical acclaim. After receiving grants from the Regional Arts and Culture Council, the very competitive MAP Fund and a co-commission with PICA and Seattle's On the Boards, Waller brought a newly expanded version to Seattle, San Francisco as well as the 2009 Under the Radar Festival at the Public Theater in New York. PICA and Waller are thrilled to finally be bringing this fully developed piece back home to where it all began.

Into the Dark Unknown: The Hope Chest runs March 26 to 29 at Imago Theatre. Tickets are \$18 at the door or \$12-\$15 in advance from 503-242-1419 or www.pica.org. This is an all-ages show.

— Kristin Steele

Asher Loverdi and Caught in Candy's Mickey Pollizatto present Saturday Morning Cartoons at The Waypost. This month's theme is "Pirates Show." (1 pm. 3120 N Williams Ave.)

Humorist, author, singer and raconteur Marc Acito returns to Central Library to share stories and talk about his work as part of the "Writers Talking" series. (1-2:30 pm. 801 SW 10th Ave.)

Manifest's Fifth Anniversary Party celebrates the vernal equinox with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. (2-5 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822, ext. 1, or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

GO In Other Words presents Body Heat: Femme Porn Tour, a collective of fierce, sassy and irreverent spoken word, erotica, burlesque and other performance artists smashing femme stereotypes, including Kathleen Delaney, a high femme who performs queer hardcore porn spoken word; Meliza Bañales, the first Latina ever to win a poetry slam championship on the West Coast; and Jen Cross, a femme dyke incest survivor and smut writer. (4 pm. 8 NE Killingsworth St.)

BearBust at the Eagle Portland. (9 pm-midnight. 835 N Lombard St. \$8 members, \$10 nonmembers.)

»SUN • MARCH 22

Crush presents Tease Time. A Modern Burlesque Revue with host Miss Frankie Tease, every Sunday (5-8 pm. \$7 includes raffle ticket. 1400 SE Morrison St. www.girlpartiespdx.com)

GO The Imperial Sovereign Rose Court presents Closet Ball 2009, a great competition for someone wanting to try drag, at Darcelle XV Showplace. Contestants start as a man/woman, then have one hour to be transformed into a drag queen/king. Proceeds benefit the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund. (6 pm. 208 NW Third Ave. \$5 donation.)

Myshkin's Ruby Warblers performs with Led to Sea at Alberta Street Pub. (8 pm. 1036 NE Alberta St. \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance from Brown Paper Tickets.)

»MON • MARCH 23

Playfully explore the city by bike with other men during Wanderlust presented by Manifest. Followed by dinner and hot tubbing at Common Ground Wellness Center or Kennedy School. (6:30 pm. \$5-\$15 sliding scale. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar)

»TUE • MARCH 24

Crush presents "That's So Gay" trivia night every Tuesday. (7 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St.)

Double Tee Concerts presents KD Lang (8 pm., Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall)

In The Life Television, the Emmy nominated public television series documenting the gay experience presents Women Through the Lens: Representations of LGBT Women in Television and Film celebrating the pioneers who have brought unveiled and unapologetic lesbian characters to the screen. (11 pm. KOPB Portland, ch 10)

»WED • MARCH 25

Elder Resource Alliance presents Seniors Sharing Stories & Music Jam at Friendly House. (2-4 pm. 737 NW 26th Ave.)

Getting Bi PDX hosts a dinner meeting at Old Wives Tales Restaurant for women who are bisexual or questioning. (6 pm., 1300 East Burnside. www.gettingbipdx.com)

Rotture presents the band Shout Out Out Out Out (9 pm. \$7, 21 and over. 315 SE 3rd)

Crush presents Gayme Show Bingo every Wednesday. (9 pm. 1400 SE Morrison St.)

Hand2Mouth and Holocene present New York based queer icon Justin Bond best known as Kiki of Kiki and Herb. Opening that night is Faith Helma, performing from her solo show UNDINE. (9 pm., Tickets are \$15)

»THU • MARCH 26

Reflect, write and share from your heart in an open, non judgmental 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.)

It's My Pleasure presents Women and Orgasm. Learn to have multiple, extended, and full-body orgasms. Pre-registration is required. (7-9 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. 503-280-8080)

Darkcloud & Friends present Joystick a new weekly queer night at the Eagle PDX. Bring your favorite dance song on a CD and they'll do their best to play it! (10 pm-2am. 27 NW Sixth Ave.)

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