

OUT & ABOUT

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» TUES AUG 18 •

Martinis, anyone? Head on down to Vault for the weekly queer night. (9pm-close, Vault, 226 NW 12th Ave, www.vault-martini.com)

Join the Bears at Three Friends Coffee. Three Friends Coffee offers great coffee, mouth watering pies, food to fill any appetite and a wine and beer bar. So come on out and enjoy good times with fellow bears in a friendly, smoke-free, gay-owned Portland business. (7pm at 201 SE 12th, www.oregonbears.org)

Late Awakenings meets at Q Center. Late Awakenings is a support group for women who question their orientation or who come out and identify as lesbian later in life. That tends to be anywhere from 35 to 65, but anyone is welcome at any age. We are simply a group of women who have been through that experience and we share our stories and our myriad solutions with anyone who wants to know how we coped. (7-9pm, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Trans-Fem is a social group for all of our genderfabulous sisters (anyone identifying and/or presenting on the trans-feminine spectrum). We meet for fun, discussion, and support around what it means to be on the trans-fem side of things. (7-9pm, Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

Scandals presents: **T&N Def Tuesdays with Suzanne, Hosted by Miss Mylar.** (9pm - midnight, Scandals - 1125 SW Stark, www.scandalspdx.com)

CC Slaughters presents: **Charged! The club night for Paz men and friends.** Hosted by Zora Phoenix (10pm, 219 NW Davis, www.ccslaughterspdx.com)

Rose City Veterinary Hospital offers a free talk and demonstration on how to care for your pet's teeth. This event will be presented by Becky Smith, CVT. Registration required. (7pm, 809 SE Powell Blvd., 503-232-3105, www.rosecityvet.com)

Men's Wellness Center offers Free Rapid HIV Testing and STI Screening. First come, first served for men who have sex with men. (5-9 pm 928 SW Stark, cityguy@cascadeaids.org)

» WED AUG 19 •

FAME! North Portland's new queer dance night happening every Wednesday night! Cheap food and drinks, pinball and pool. (9:30 pm - close, Portsmouth Pub, 5262 N. Lombard St. Free!)

Personal Training Group. Learn with ACE Certified Personal Trainer David Scheer and a team how to turn your wellness goals into fun, easy exercise & nutrition. (7-8am, weekly, Mon, Wed, & Fri, manifestpdx.org/calendar)

Women Who Write welcomes you to a writing group at the Q Center for self-identified women writers of all levels and genres (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, screen play, children's lit, etc.) The goal of Women Who Write is to combine critique and a creative writing group, all within a supportive space. One meeting each month will be devoted to sharing individual work with the group offering constructive critiques. Guest speakers will be the highlight of the month's second meeting, providing an exciting way to motivate, educate and provide unique writing opportunities. (7-9pm, 4115 N. Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

The Rose Town Ramblers invite you to Club Night. Guest Caller, full mainstream & plus level dancing. (7:30-10pm, Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SW 22nd Ave., Milwaukie)

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» TIN PAN ALLEY OFFERS FREE PERFORMANCES OF TRIUMPH OF LOVE



RECESSION THEATER

Portland recessionistas will be out in force at Tin Pan Alley Theatre Company's free—yes, absolutely free—performances of the gender-bending romp *Triumph of Love* throughout the month of August.

A musical adaptation of Marivaux's French Restoration play, *Triumph* tells the story of a princess who disguises herself as a man in order to infiltrate the compound of an exiled prince she has longed for from afar—one who's secretly plotting to murder her and usurp her throne.

The company's decision to offer the play for free marks a protest against the economic pitfalls of modern theater. "It's a simple idea, but one that we have strong faith in," says Tin Pan Alley artistic director David Ruben. "I have seen half a dozen of our

finest American theatre companies close down right in front of our eyes this season, all in light of our recent economic demands.

"It's time to take a daring step. Perhaps the solution is to paint with bolder strokes so we can bring musicals back to their purist form—entertainment!"

Tin Pan Alley hopes to continue offering gratis musical theater in the future by requesting donations on behalf of the company on its website and at each performance.

—Nick Mattos

August 7-22, 7:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 2 p.m. matinee Sun., Aug. 15, Artists Repertory Morrison Street Theater, 1515 SW Morrison St., 503-708-7553 or www.tinpanalleytheatre.org.

» THURS AUG 20 •

Connect your breathing, body & mind with Beginner's Yoga. Bryan Rollins, Hatha Yoga Instructor. (6:15-7:30pm, THUR weekly, manifestpdx.org/calendar)

Head down to Diablos every Thursday for the **Queer Underground Dance Party!** (9pm, Diablos, Eugene, \$3, 21+, thequeerunderground@gmail.com)

The Adventure Group takes a moderate urban walk to Mount Tabor. Meet near the Stark Park entrance. (6:30pm at SE 60th & SE Stark St. (SW corner). Greg 503-963-4138)

The final week of Vancouver's Next Top Drag Queen competition. Hosted by Tree Empress XXXV Kitty De Valmont and Consort to Princess XXXV Card G. Prizes, surprises and fun for all. (9pm, Northbank, 106 West 6th St., Vancouver, donations accepted to benefit the charities of reign 35)

The Egyptian Club hosts Light in The Ropers - A Queer Live Band Country Dance Night. Portland's first ever live band queer country dance night. This event is open to everyone. (9pm, 3701 SE Division St., \$5)

Join Miss Gay Oregon Adrienne Alexander as she hosts the her weekly drag show "the A.A. Meeting." Drink Specials til midnight and a cast of beautiful, talented queens! (10pm, Embers - 110 NW Broadway, www.emberspdx.net)

Planning to Protect LGBT Families - Five Oregon Lawyers Speak Out on issues relevant to the unique needs of our families. You are invited to a special legal event here at Q Center where a handful of Portland's best and brightest LGBT lawyers (Cindy Barrett, Jim McVittie, Penny Davis, Monica Pacheco, and Beth Wolf-song) will come together to address issues specific to our community. Topics will include: Interstate Moves and Status Changes, Titling Your Assets and Tax Traps, Who Makes the Medical/Financial Decisions-Health De-

cine, Disability, & Public Benefits, Your Children, Second Parent Adoption, and Minor's Trusts. (6-9pm, 4115 N, Mississippi, www.pdxqcenter.org)

» FRI AUG 21 •

In Other Words Bookstore and the Feminist Film Society (FFS) will be screening Don't Need You: The Herstory of Riot Grrrl(2006). Join us as we continue to learn about the culture of riot girls in America. Travel back to the 1990s to the pinnacle of Riot Grrrl, a feminist movement and offshoot of punk music often referred to as "outsider art." The radical mix of punk, gay and feminist sensibilities is captured with archival images, concert footage and one-on-one. (7pm at 8 NE Killingsworth. \$1-\$5 donation but no one is turned away, languagewateredown@yahoo.com)

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The Adventure Group leaves Friday evening on a 2-day, very difficult hike and climb of South Sister Summit, in two groups: slower pace and faster pace. (RSVP to Evan 503-701-7922.)

Comedy night at CC Slaughters featuring comedians from New York City, Eddie Sarfaty and Aunt Joanna. Benefiting Basic Rights Oregon. (10pm, 219 NW Davis, \$10, www.ccslaughterspdx.com)

Sister Dixie's Guerrilla Gay Bar BarFly Bus Tour. Join The Sisters as they surprise many locals and descend on several not-so-gay bars, well, not yet anyway. Tickets available online. (6:45pm, portlandsisters.net for details.)

Men's Wellness Center invites you to Film Friday. Every Friday this month we will show Shel-

ter and discuss how your coming out experience has impacted your life. Join us for our community-building discussion group from 8-10pm. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided. (8-10 pm, 928 SW Stark St., cityguy@cascadeaids.org)

» SAT AUG 22 •

Capital Pride 2009 "Stonewall 40 Back to the Basics." Come enjoy vendors, music, food. There will be something for everyone! (11am-4pm, Cascades Gateway Park, 2100 Turner Road SE, Salem, www.capitolpride.org)

Hot Flash Dance "Sexy Back Party." This is the party for women who love to have a great time and are looking for a more mature dance scene. (5-9pm, Barracuda, 9 NW 2nd Ave, \$8)

Her Most Imperial Highness Imperial Princess XXXIX The Endearingly Surreal Tsunami Foxx invites you to An Imperial Back To School Showcase; A benefit for Schoolhouse Supplies. (6pm, Embers - 110 NW Broadway, \$5, www.rosecourt.org)

Saturday night is show time with Rose Empress Krystal Lynn Benoit! Join Krystal and friends for an evening of crazy fun as she hosts Embers' longest running drag shows. (9:30pm, Embers, 110 NW Broadway, \$5 after 8:45pm, www.emberspdx.net)

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GO The Portland Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence celebrate their 4th anniversary in style with a party soooooo pink it's PAAANK! They are also recognizing other charities with grants. This is definitely a party that you don't want to miss! (10pm, Red Cap Garage, Portlandsisters.net)

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