



Grrls Who Rock!

Sick of Sarah breathes new life into riot grrl punk genre

Tired of musicians who pose as punk rockers but really aren't? (Ahem, Avril Lavigne, anyone?) Fret no more, friends—meet **Sick of Sarah**.

Formed in 2005, Sick of Sarah is an all-female punk rock band based in Minneapolis whose lineup consists of Abisha Uhl (lead vocals and guitar), Jessie Farmer (vocals and bass), Katie Murphy (lead guitar and vocals) and Brooke Svanes (drums). The band's sound has been compared to Sleater-Kinney, Tegan and Sara and The Breeders, and fellow female rockers have piled on the accolades. After touring with them, Susanna Hoffs of The Bangles described the band as "girls who play irresistible punk-infused pop music." Heart's Anne Wilson praised them as "the real deal ... a true working band who sing, write and play for real."

Touring in support of their just released album *2205*, these rockin' chicks play Portland March 1 at Backspace. One listen to "Overexposure"—the first single off the disc—and I was instantly hooked. The music's catchy, the guitar riff infectious and Uhl's vocal stylings reminiscent of Shirley Manson of Garbage, my favorite girl rocker of all time. I found myself bopping my head up and down, much to my roommates' bewilderment. I assured them it was work related.

Give Sick of Sarah a try—you'll be boogie-rocking soon, too.

Tues, Mar. 1, 8 p.m.; Backspace Cafe, 115 NW Fifth Ave.; \$10; 503-248-2900 or backspace.bz.

—Bennie Tan

OUT ABOUT

If it's not in *Just Out*, it's not happening.

Asian Pacific Islander Pride Annual Lunar New Year's Banquet. Come celebrate a night of great food, performances, raffle prizes and dancing with our API Community! (6:00 p.m. buffet banquet, 9:30 p.m. dance party, Saucebox, 214 SW Broadway, \$10, api-pride.blog-spot.com)

GO Gaycation: The 5-Year Anniversary Showdown! Gaycation gives you all they got with DJs Chelsea Starr, Girlfriends, Freddie Fagula, Mr. Charming, and Snowtigger... and you won't want to miss Portland's baddest bitches, ChiChi & Chonga. (9:00 p.m., Holocene, 1001 SE Morrison, 21+, \$5, facebook.com/gaycation)

Chocolate City. Portland's only off-the-hook women's dance, featuring all R&B and Hip Hop. (9:00 p.m., Crush, 1400 SE Morrison, 21+, \$5)

GO DHOR Fundraiser Variety Show! Prizes and drag! Free food and drinks! All for Deaf and Hearing OutReach! (6-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxcqcenter.org)

BEAR BUST: Lend a Helping Paw. Shane Davis was stricken with diverticulitis last September. Join the Oregon Bears and come out to help one of their brothers. (9:00 p.m., Eagle, 835 N Lombard, 21+)

Foxye CD Release Party and Tour Kick-Off! You'll be gabberflasted as Foxye revs up her rave-mobile and cuts the cheese atop a pillowy mound of fresh new internet memes. (9:00 p.m., Tonic Lounge, 3100 NE Sandy, 21+, \$5, foxye.com)

Trekkie gnerds! You must already have your tickets to **An Intimate Dinner with George Takei**, right? If not, hurry up! It's a benefit for Oregon Nikkei Endowment! (5-7:00 p.m., Portland Marriott, 1401 SW Naito, \$100, oregon-nikkei.com)

Aquarius Party! Venture north of the border for dancing, karaoke, and special prizes all night long! (9:00 p.m., The Northbank Bar, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, 21+)

Jade Fair wants you to **Do the Right Thing** help fund her transcontinental voyage to The New School. Come drink, mingle, dance to the tunes of DJ Roy G. Biv, and cast your luck on a variety of incredible raffle prizes. (7:00 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth)

Maricon @ Matador is an (almost) weekly dance party, featuring DJs Moisti, Trans Fat, and Ill Camino. (10:00 p.m., Matador, 1967 W Burnside, 21+)

LIVE ART. Bring your camera or drawing materials and create live art from a selection of

spectacular local models. (1-3:00 p.m., Backspace, 115 NW 5th Ave., \$10)

The Adventure Group goes cross-country skiing on the Mt. Adams Big Tree and Hole in the Group Loops. Note: no dogs allowed, no rental shop stop on the way, so pick up equipment beforehand. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:00 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Landon at 503-709-3750)

The Adventure Group joins the Portland Frontrunners on an Esplanade walk with optional brunch afterwards. Meet by Vera Katz' statue (9:00 a.m., 1 SE Main, adventure-group.org)

GO UU Church of Vancouver presents the film *The Laramie Project* as a fundraiser for Clark County PFLAG & HRC. (7:00 p.m., UU Church of Vancouver, 4505 East 18th, Vancouver, \$5 suggested donation, uucvan.org)

PFLAG Portland Black Chapter meeting. (10:00 a.m., MCC, 2400 NE Broadway)

Daddies and Papas. A social group for GLBT men raising young children. (10:00 a.m.-Noon, Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxcqcenter.org)

Free Rapid HIV Testing for guys into guys. (5-9:00 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

SUN FEB 20

GO Steel DRAG-nolias. Part of the PDX Pride Reading Series, in a spoof on Steel Magnolias, six southern "ladies" come together to trade advice and hairspray in this hilarious parody. (7:00 p.m., Darcelle's XV, 208 NW 3rd, \$7.50, pdxpriide-series.com)

Holcombe Waller plays the Alberta Rose Theatre. Read *Just Out's* profile of Holcombe Waller on Page 20. (7:30 p.m., Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta, \$20 adv/\$25 dos, holcombewaller.com)

The Portland Japanese American Citizens League presents **Fighting for Civil Rights: The Japanese American and GLBT experience.** (1:00 p.m., PSU's Hoffman Hall)

GO Join Mimi Marinucci, author of *Feminism is Queer*, for a reading and discussion on feminism and queer studies. (4:00 p.m., In Other Words, 14 N Killingsworth, Free, inotherwords.org)

Dirty Porn Bingo, hosted by Chi Chi and Chonga. \$2.50 well drinks from open to close. (8-10:00 p.m., Boxxes, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

Repeat! **The Church of the Poison Mind** welcomes all sinners. Poison Waters presents the best hangover cure: no cover, free food, \$1 shots, beer bust, and a healthy dose of your favorite Silverado dancers. (4-9:00 p.m., Silverado, 308 SW 3rd, 21+, Free)

GO The Rose City Softball Association holds its New Player Meet and Greet for everyone interested in information about the RCSA 2011 Season. (4-6:00 p.m., Hobo's, 120 NW 3rd, 21+, Free)

Mary's Matinee. Hamburger Mary's shows films on all of their screens while you dine. (All day, Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

Femmes Unite! social group. (2-4:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxcqcenter.org)

Tranz Guyz discussion group. (6-8:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxcqcenter.org)

MON FEB 21

GO Just Out presents Gay Skatel! A night of the hokey pokey, backwards skate and putting on some serious mileage at Oaks Park. Proceeds benefit the *Just Out* Scholarship Fund. (7-9:00 p.m., 1 SE Spokane St., \$6 plus a food donation for Esther's Pantry)

HAVOC sez "all you boys, all you girls, it's time to DANCE." DJ Hookerface spins old and new electro dance and DJ Slutshine rocks the '90s, hip hop, Top 40s, and riot gRRRL. (10:00 p.m., Saratoga, 6910 N Interstate, 21+, No cover!)

GO It's **Queer Night** at Mississippi Studios! DJs Hufnstuf and Lunchlady spin it out, with a special performance from KOORTWAH. (9:00 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi, 21+, No cover!)

Burger night at Starky's! Come enjoy a delicious \$5 burger with your hostess Poison Waters. (6-9:00 p.m., Starky's 2913 SE Stark, starkys.com)

Mary-oke! (8:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)



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