

Lipz Cabaret lures you "up north" with the beautiful and talented Zora Phoenix as your host. (9:30 p.m., *The Northbank Bar*, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, 21+, thenorthbankbar.com)

Portland Jazz Festival. Visit pdjazz.com for a full schedule and lineup.

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 goes joins Northwest Forestry Service's Rangers for a maintenance party on Cripple Creek Trail. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (8:30 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Evan at 503-701-7922)

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)

Deaf and Hearing OutReach welcomes all LGBT ASL lovers to coffee night every fourth Saturday! (6:30 p.m., *Three Friends Coffee House*, 201 SE 12th, Free, <http://dhorpdx.blogspot.com>)

Freedom Socialist party presents a screening of the documentary *At the River I Stand*, as a part of Black History Month. (6:00 p.m. supper, 7:00 p.m. screening, *Bread and Roses Center*, 6834 NE Glisan, \$3, Southern supper provided for a \$7 donation. Work exchange and childcare available, if you call 503-240-4462)

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

SUN FEB 27

GO Pink Martini's **Thomas Lauderdale** is the soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto with the Oregon Symphony and guest conductor, Alondra de la Parra. (2:00 p.m., *Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall*, 1037 SW Broadway, \$25-95, *OrSymphony.org*)

Wy'east UU screens the *Laramie Project*, as part of a national youth-led effort to raise funds and awareness to stop bullying of gay teens. (Noon-2:00 p.m., *Hollywood Senior Center*, 1820 NE 40th, \$5)

GO **Hot Chocolate!** Poison Waters, Maria, Tiara Desmond, Kourtnei Capri Duv and Alexis Campbell Starr celebrate their sisterhood and mutual love of entertaining! (6:30 p.m., *Darcelle XV*, 208 NW 3rd, 21+, \$10)

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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+)

Repent! **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)

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.)

Women & Orgasm, a helpful class taught by experts provided by It's My Pleasure. (4:00 p.m., \$15. Must register and pre-pay, itsmypleasurepdx.com, 503-280-8080)

Open Relationships, a class and discussion provided by It's My Pleasure. (6:00 p.m., \$15. Must register and pre-pay, itsmypleasurepdx.com, 503-280-8080)

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

MON FEB 28

Pink Martini's **Thomas Lauderdale** is the soloist in the Grieg Piano Concerto with the Oregon Symphony and guest conductor, Alondra de la Parra. (8:00 p.m., *Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall*, 1037 SW Broadway, \$25-95, *OrSymphony.org*)

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.)

OUT Dancing presents dance lessons for the LGBTQ community. Different dance styles taught monthly. (6:30 p.m. advanced country two-step, 7:30 p.m. beginning quickstep, *Ankeny Street Studio*, 975 SE Sandy, \$15, outdancing.info)

LGBT affirming Pentecostals: express your charismatic style of prayer and worship in a safe, nonjudgmental environment at the LGBT In-Gathering. (7:00 p.m., *Caldwell's Colonial Chapel*, 20 NE 14th, Free)

GO "Love, Peace and Beautiful Bike Rides" meeting. Friends, comrades, compañeras, allies and fellow love revolutionaries are all welcome to come and share their most fascinating dreams that involve bicycles and all forms of carbon free transportation. (5:30-6:30 p.m., *Laughing Horse Books*, 12 NE 10th, Free vegan snacks!)

North Portland Wellness Center New Year's Open House. Come meet the practitioners and staff, and enjoy demonstrations, short talks, mini-treatments, refreshments and door prizes. (5-8:00 p.m., *NPWC*, 4922 N Vancouver, Free, northportlandwellness.com)

TUES MAR 1

GO **Sick of Sarah** brings their hot lady rock to Portland. (8:00 p.m., *Backspace*, 115 NW 5th, All ages, \$10)

Trans-Spiritual Gathering. An opportunity for transgender, two-spirit, gender-queer, gender-variant, intersexed people and allies to open a dialog for expressions of faith, understanding of their existence and the discovery of how the journeys of gender and spirit are intertwined. (6-9:00 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth,)

It's **game night!** Who doesn't love board games?

What? You say you hate them? Go back to your hole, then... (7-9:00 p.m., *Q Center*, 4115 N Mississippi, Free, pdqxcenter.org)

Ladies! Love to paddle? Check out the **Amazon Dragons** and get a good workout with them at Dry Land Training. (6:00 p.m., *Chief Joseph Elementary*, 2904 N Saratoga, amazondragons.org)

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

WED MAR 2

GO It's a **Queer Square Dance**, where the queers don't mind bein' called square, and the squares don't mind bein' called queer. (7-9:00 p.m., *In Other Words*, 14 NE Killingsworth, \$4-7, inotherwords.org)

Sarah King headlines a night of honky-tonk blues. (8:30 p.m., *Alberta Rose Theater*, 3000 NE Alberta, 21+, \$10)

Licious Karaoke. (8:00 p.m., *The Northbank Bar*, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, 21+)

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

Beginner Step classes. SWAGGER's body-positive dance classes are for all queers (and friends), regardless of dance skill or experience. (6:00 p.m., *Bamboo Grove*, 134 SE Taylor, \$5-\$7 sliding scale, theotherspacepdx.com)

Like to Sing? The **Portland Lesbian Choir** welcomes new singers. (6:45-8:45 p.m., *Ainsworth UCC*, 2941 NE Ainsworth, plchoir.org)

Inter-Personal Violence Support Group. (7-9:00 p.m., *Q Center*, 4115 N Mississippi, pdqxcenter.org)

Anawim Christian Fellowship. (6:30-8:30 p.m., *Q Center*, 4115 N Mississippi, pdqxcenter.org)

Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening for guys into guys. (11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., *Pivot*, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

THURS MAR 3

GO **Ellis**—a folk artist, dharma teacher, and comedienne—brings her skillz to Portland. (7:00 p.m., *Alberta Street Pub*, 1036 NE Alberta, 21+, \$10, ellis-music.com)

Dirt Bag blasts you in the face with DJs Gutter Glamour and Kid Gloves. Don't forget to stay for the late-late night Smiths dance party. (10:00 p.m., *The Know*, 2026 NE Alberta, 21+, No cover!)

GO **Scandals** presents a First **Thursday Mardi Gras Kick-Off** with artwork by Chris Haberman and Kevin Noonan and live music by Sexy Water Spiders. (8:00 p.m., *Scandals*, 1125 SW Stark, 21+, scandalspdx.com)

Poison Waters hosts **Portland Drag Race: Season Three**, a weekly live version of *Ru Paul's Drag Race*. (8:00 p.m., *Red Cap Garage*, 1025 SW Stark, 21+, No cover)

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

Licious Karaoke. (8:00 p.m., *The Northbank Bar*, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, 21+)

Beginner Hip-Hop dance classes. SWAGGER's body-positive dance classes are for all queers (and friends), regardless of dance skill or experience. (7:00 p.m., *Bamboo Grove*, 134 SE Taylor, \$5-\$7 sliding scale, theotherspacepdx.com)

Ladies! Love to paddle? Check out the **Amazon Dragons** and get a good workout with them at Dry Land Training. (6:00 p.m., *Chief Joseph Elementary*, 2904 N Saratoga, amazondragons.org)

Trans Life, a Communi-T Program, is a weekly drop-in night for anyone on the trans spectrum to explore identity and socialize through active/hands-on workshops. (7-9:00 p.m., *Q Center*, 4115 N Mississippi, pdqxcenter.org)

What if housekeeping were magical? Tess

Whitehurst teaches a workshop where attendees will learn about the spiritual importance of clutter clearing, take a fresh look at space clearing, create aromatherapeutic essence mists, and discuss the emotional significance of imagery in the home. (7-8:30 p.m., *New Renaissance Bookshop*, 1338 NW 23rd, \$12, tesswhitehurst.com)

The Portland Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the Multnomah County Health Department provide **FREE confidential HIV testing**. (9-11:00 p.m., *CC Slaughters*, 219 NW Davis, 21+, portlandsisters.org)

FRI MAR 4

GO **Homomomentum: Nautical Nonsense!** Your favorite queer cabaret is back, featuring CJ & The Dolls, The Glam Collective, and Untrained, I (to name a few). With MC Max Voltage, audience participation and dance-party afterwords, Homomomentum gives you the most glitter-fabulousness for your bux. (8:00 p.m., *Fez Ballroom*, 316 SW 11th, 21+, \$5-10 sliding scale, pantsoffpdx.com)



Twice the Brilliance

Two young stars put their unique spin on a classical piece

If there were such a thing as Portland queer music royalty, Thomas Lauderdale would be crowned king. This unconventional, classically trained pianist catapulted to worldwide recognition with his band, Pink Martini, and his unconventional take on retro-lounge music.

Come late February, he'll again show us how different can be good with **Thomas Lauderdale Plays Grieg**, putting his unique spin on Edvard Grieg's "Concerto in A Minor"—a much-loved piece in the classical repertoire. Lauderdale will be guided by Mexican-born female conductor Alondra de la Parra, who's been hailed as one of the bright young stars in the world of classical music. De la Parra founded the New York-based Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas when she was just 23 years old and also serves as music director of Vermont's Music Festival of the Americas. The Portland date marks her debut with the Oregon Symphony.

I was first introduced to Lauderdale's music while working in the Yamhill Marketplace building many moons ago. During my afternoon breaks, I would hear the beautiful tinkling of piano keys emanating from one of the lofts surrounding my office. It was piano music as I'd never heard before—utterly enchanting, at once familiar and unfamiliar. Only later did I learn that Lauderdale's studio was a block from where I worked and what I'd heard was him practicing. I'm sure he will enchant me all over again with his take on another true original.

Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 27, 2 p.m., Feb. 28, 8 p.m.; *Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall*, 1037 SW Broadway; \$30-\$95; 503-248-4335 or tickets.orsymphony.org.

—Bennie Tan

i wanna dance!

WEEKLY DANCE NIGHTS

SUNDAYS

Dykeotomy @ Boxxes
(9:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

MONDAYS

Maniac Mondays @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)

TUESDAYS

Versus @ Boxxes
(9:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 21+)
FUEL @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)
ToN Def Tuesdays @ Scandals
(9:00 p.m., 1125 SW Stark, 21+)

WEDNESDAYS

FAME! @ The P Club
(9:30 p.m., 5262 N Lombard, 21+)
TRICK @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)

THURSDAYS

Queer Night @ Beauty Bar
(10:00 p.m., 111 SW Ash, 21+)
THE FIX @ Someday Lounge
(9:00 p.m., 125 NW 5th, 21+)
Hip Hop Heaven @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)

FRIDAYS

ALL AGES @ Escape
(10:00 p.m., 333 SW Park, all ages, \$8 cover)
FUEGO Latin Night @ Boxxes
(9:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 21+)
DJ Crumbs @ Scandals
(9:00 p.m., 1125 SW Stark, 21+)
Hip Hop Fridays @ Red Cap
(9:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 21+)
Flamin' Fridays @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)

SATURDAYS

ALL AGES @ Escape
(10:00 p.m., 333 SW Park, all ages, \$12 cover)
Doll House @ Hamburger Mary's
(10:00 p.m., 19 NW 5th, 21+)
REVOLUTION @ CCs
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 21+)