

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

OUT ABOUT

FRI APRIL 1

GO **Q Center Film Screening Series: SISSYBOY.** They've been called "Gender Terrorists" and the "Kind of Drag Queens your mother warned you about"; but underneath all the spectacle is a group of insightful and sensitive individuals who have found an outlet for their self-expression that often leaves their audience simultaneously delighted and horrified. Q&A session to follow. (7-10:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, \$5-10, pdxqcenter.org)

Homomentum: Birds & the Bees! Homomentum's last show of the season welcomes the blossoming of Spring, starring some of Portland's more infamous performers, including Felice Shays, Shazaam, Chi Chi & Chonga, Swagger, Baby Le Strange and many more! (8:00 p.m., Fez Ballroom, 316 SW 11th, 21+, \$5-10 sliding scale, pantsoffpdx.com)

GO The men of Rose City Softball auction off their "fancy" jockstraps at **April Jewels**, a fund raiser to benefit the RCSA James Hernandez Memorial Player Assistance Fund. Hosted by Bolivia Carmichaels and featuring DJ Dougalicious, this will be an April Fools day to remember! (9:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+)

The Butt Plug Klub! Hosted by Bulimianne Rhapsody and the Tampon Troupe! You've got your favorite DJs, and a sweaty queer dance floor. Were you looking for something else? (9:00 p.m., Saratoga, 6910 N Interstate, 21+, \$3)

REAL TALK: An All-Inclusive Hip Hop Dance Party. Featuring DJs Ill Camino, Trans Fat and special guest Midnight Genius. (9:00 p.m., Branx, 320 SE 2nd, 21+, \$5)

American Cancer Society fundraiser. (6:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+)

Bitch fiddles her way into town with a little electro-folk tastiness. (6:30 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, \$10 adv/\$12 dos, bitchmusic.com)

Boxxes presents **Fuego Fridays!** Shake your bon-bon to Latin beats all night long! (10:00 p.m., Boxxes, 1035 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!)

Burlesque S'il Vous Plait, a classic burlesque show with a contemporary variety twist, featuring burlesque, comedy, singing and more! (9:00 p.m., Crush Bar, 1400 SE Morrison, 21+, \$5, BurlesquePlease.com)

Salem (the band not the city) comes to town! Electro pop with a little gothy shoe-gaze? Yes plz. (9:00 p.m., Branx, 320 SE 2nd, 21+, \$10 adv/\$13 dos)

Twisted Licious Karaoke. Join Lady OnaLicious as she hosts karaoke with a twist. (8:00 p.m., The Northbank Bar, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, 21+)

Oregon Bears Happy Hour. (5-7:00 p.m., Fox & Hounds, 217 NW 2nd, 21+)

Dining with the Divas! Hosted by Sabel Scitias, it's a drag performance like you've never seen before. (7:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

GO **The Power of One**, the Northwest LGBT Student Leadership Conference, hits Reed College. Read Just Out's coverage on Pg. 15. Visit nwlgbtleadership.wsu.edu for more information.

SAT APRIL 2

GO Venture over the river and through the woods for the **Oregon Bears Family Adventure!** Head north of the border for a very "Beary" event supporting Camp Oregon Bears. (9:00 p.m., Northbank Bar, 106 W 6th, Vancouver, WA, 21+)

Little Dancer Boy

Hit movie *Billy Elliot* turns stage musical in acclaimed adaptation

For its latest offering, Broadway Across America journeys to the fields of Northern England with *Billy Elliot The Musical*. The stage adaptation of the hit 2000 film—a 2009 winner of 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical—arrives in Portland April 5 for a two-week run at the Keller.

A rotating handful of young lads (including Lex Ishimoto, Giuseppe Bausilo, Kylend Hetherinton and Daniel Russell) step, kick, tap and twirl in the role of the titular 11-year-old, who trades boxing for ballet at the encouragement of his brassy teacher Mrs. Wilkinson (Broadway dame Faith Prince, scenery chewing with charm)—and despite the disapproval of his recently widowed father and brother.

Flanking breathtaking dance sequences that place the characters both firmly on the ground and soaring through the air is the drama of the 1984 British National Union of Mineworkers strike—during which workers walked out to save the industry from the threatened closures of then Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

And yes, "Maggie Thatcher" gets a spirited shout-out (sing-out?) during the musical, which, it should be noted, doesn't skimp on the adult language.

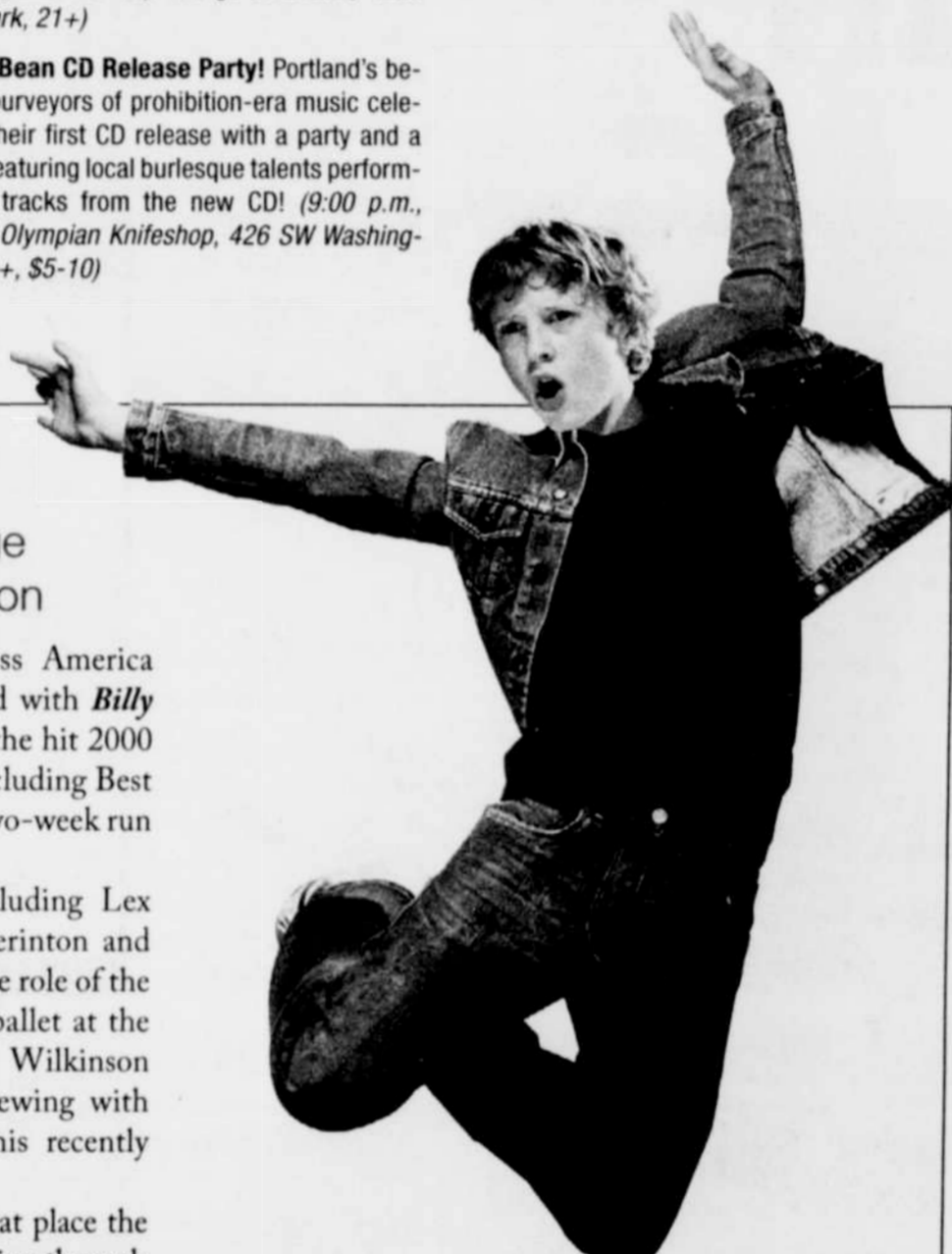
Lee Hall adapted his Oscar-nominated screenplay for the stage, with music provided by none other than Elton John. The film's helmer, Stephen Daldry, also steps in here as director, and the deft choreography, which interweaves imposing coalminers in concert with pint-

sized ballet pupils, comes courtesy of Peter Darling.

Indeed, *Billy Elliot* is a triumph in how Hall's book and lyrics spin childlike discovery of the arts—and identity—with politics and social commentary. It's an inspired, often moving mix of innocence and world-weary adulthood, classic and contemporary dance, what *Time Magazine* hails as "the best musical of the decade."

April 5-17, Tues.-Fri., 7:30 p.m., Sat., 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun., 1 and 6:30 p.m.; Keller Auditorium, 222 SW Clay; \$35-\$90, broadwayacrossamerican.com/Portland or via Ticketmaster.

—AMANDA SCHURR



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+)

The Heroine's Journey: Rewriting Our Stories, Reclaiming Our Lives. Trace your journey from maiden to mother to crone. Workshop includes ritual, storytelling, guided visualization, & creative play to birth new stories as women. (1-5:00 p.m., Sage Wellness Center, 2534 SE

35th Ave, \$25, Register at info@shaktifire.com or 973-570-6530)

Hilarious at the Hawthorne. (9:00 p.m., Hawthorne Theatre, 39th and SE Hawthorne, 21+, \$5)

The Adventure Group goes on a moderate hike alongside Eagle Creek to Tunnel Falls. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:00 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, RSVP to Jack at 503-413-0831)

The Adventure Group goes snowshoeing on Ghost Ridge. RSVP required. Meet outside Starbucks at Hollywood Fred Meyer. (9:00 a.m., 3030 NE Weidler, call Evan at 503-701-7922)

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

LIVE ART. Create live art from a selection of models. (1-3:00 p.m., Backspace, 115 NW 5th Ave., \$10)

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

SUN APRIL 3

The Rose Empress Show. Come join Her Most Imperial Majesty Rose Empress LII The Endearing Tsunami Foxx. It's sure to be a fun, exciting evening. (6:30-9:00 p.m., Darcelle XV, 208 NW 3rd, 21+, \$5)

Screening of **Inlaws & Outlaws**, a remarkable film that weaves together true stories of couples and singles, gay and straight, to embrace what we all have in common: we love. (3:00 p.m., Friendship Hall, Vancouver Heights Methodist Church, 5701 MacArthur, Vancouver, \$5)

GO Poison Waters hosts an **Underwear Fashion Show and Auction** benefiting CAP. Here's the deal: 15 models will walk the run way with 15 different pairs of underwear—all for your perusal and purchase...off their bodies! (4-6:00 p.m., Silverado, 312 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!, silveradopdx.com)

Sunday School at Slabtown. Tight tunes, cheap booze, sweet thangs, and chicken strips with your favorite DJs Ill Camino and Trans Fat. Yeah! (9:00 p.m., Slabtown, 1033 NW 16th, 21+, No cover!)

Co-hosts Whitney Streed and Miss Frankie Tease present **Hangover Helper**, a comedy and burlesque show. There's even a brunch buffet, whenever your hangover subsides. (2-5:00 p.m., Tonic Lounge, 3100 NE Sandy, 21+, \$5)

Mary's Matinee. Watch classic films while you dine. (All day, Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

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+)

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