

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

# OUT ABOUT

**Portland Indie Wine & Food Festival.** Visit [indiewinefestival.com](http://indiewinefestival.com) for more information.

**GO** Join Imperial Sovereign Rose Court's Prince Stefan and Princess Cassie for **Spring Ball 2011: A Night of Animated Princes and Princesses.** (5:00 p.m., Embers, 110 NW Broadway, 21+, \$10, [rosecourt.org](http://rosecourt.org))

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

Embers presents **L4L.PDX** for lesbians 35 and older. Dance, laugh, relax, enjoy! (5:00 p.m., Embers, 110 NW Broadway, 21+ \$5 cover)

**GO** **p:earblossoms 2011: ALCHEMY**, p:ear's 9th annual fundraiser, is an inspiring evening to help raise the funds needed to help parentless and homeless youth. Featuring entertainment from Poison Waters and Holcombe Waller, it seems awfully entertaining for a fundraiser. (6:00 p.m., Left Bank Annex, 101 N Weidler, \$125, [pearmentor.org](http://pearmentor.org))

**Bite of Mt. Hood Festival.** Visit [biteofmthood.com](http://biteofmthood.com) for more information.

**Al Stewart** plays the Gorge! (8:00 p.m., The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center, Stevenson, WA, [skamaniaarts.org](http://skamaniaarts.org))

The Disability Art and Culture Project presents **Bloom**, an all-youth performance. (8:00 p.m., Zoomtopia, 810 SE Belmont)

**GO** **Sister Mona's 5th Big Gay Army**, a special uniform dance party and underwear auction, with prizes for best military/industry uniform costumes. (9:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+, No cover!)

**s\*\*\*\*!** **Episode 8: Spooky Goth Edition.** Portland's 90's rave revival night returns in spooky goth fashion. 90's goth/industrial tunes spun by DDDJJ666 and DJ Otter Control. (9:00 p.m., Crush, 1400 SE Morrison, 21+, No cover!)

Lipz Cabaret presents **Halloween in May: Vampires are a Drag.** (9:30 p.m., The Northbank, 106 W 6th St., Vancouver, 21+, no cover!)

**GO** Portland's favorite favorite Latin rapping delinquents ChiChi and Chonga present **NOTORIOUS: Neon Party!** Live performances and dancing til your clothes fall off... that's my kind of Saturday night. (10:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+, No cover! \$2.50 well drinks all night!)

**MRS.** is at it again, with a late Saturday feeding of queer dance party awesome. Featuring DJs Beyondadoubt, Trans Fat, and Ill Camino. (10:00 p.m., Mississippi Studios, 3939 N Mississippi, 21+, \$5)

**Jazzy Evening.** Join Barb Galloway and Donna Luckett with a cast of great Portland entertainers in a fundraiser for Better People. (10:00 p.m., Irvington Covenant Church, 4046 NE MLK, \$35)

## SUN MAY 15

**The Adventure Group goes kayaking** on the lakes and creeks of Sauvie Island. Advanced beginners welcome; no stop at a rental location so pick up your equipment in advance. Meet on the parking lot of the Yeon Starbucks. (9:00 a.m., 3275 NW 29th, call Landon at 503-709-3750)

**Bottomless Mimosa Brunch.** Get ready for that hang-over medicine, Mary! (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th)

**Hangover Helper** 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)

The Disability Art and Culture Project presents **Bloom**, an all-youth performance. (4:00 p.m., Zoomtopia, 810 SE Belmont)

## Freaks & Geeks

New comics and pop culture expo casts a wide and Wonder-full nerd net

Portlanders get positively giddy for geek chic, with all manner of comic, anime, gaming and otherwise niche nerdiness beckoning on any given weekend. The folks behind the new **Wonder Northwest** expo aim to expand upon that conceit with what they're billing "an amalgamation of pop-culture subcultures." That's right—come one, come all, superhero, pirate, zombie zealot, film buff, cosplayer and the like to Crowne Plaza May 14-15.

Whether getting your vintage toy or video game fix in the vendor room or chatting with "internationally recognized experts in the field of *Stars Wars* geekdom" (whoa!), Wonder Northwest has your fanboy or girl obsession covered. Suit up for a variety of themed costume contests, check out up-and-coming and established comic book celebs or watch a fashion show of the popular Japanese streetwear known as Lolita—whatever you do, prepare for sensory overload.

Programs run the gamut from silver screen crash course "Godzilla A Go-Go" to the world-saving spirit of "Geeking Back to the Community." Additionally, best-

selling author and *Just Out* contributor Andy Mangels will present a "Gays in Comics" panel (1 p.m. Saturday) after years of hosting it at San Diego's nerd nexus, Comic-Con, during which gay, lesbian, bisexual and queer-identified cartoonists from the Northwest will discuss the past, present and future of queer comics.

All that, and have we mentioned the Rock Band Lounge, presented by MC Destructo and Ground Kontrol, a special performance of Critical Hit Burlesque's *Geeklesque!* spectacular and Cosplay Karaoke?

You're picking out your costume *right now*, aren't you?

Sat.-Sun., May 14-15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Crowne Plaza, 1441 NE Second Ave.; \$6 for one-day pass, \$10 for admission both days; all ages, after-parties are 21+; [wondernorthwest.com](http://wondernorthwest.com).

—AMANDA SCHURR



Hot girls in costumes, any nerd's biggest fantasy, await you at **Wonder Northwest.**

## i wanna dance!

WEEKLY DANCE NIGHTS

### 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

**Fuego @ Boxxes**  
(10:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

**DJ Gregarious @ Red Cap**  
(10:00 p.m., 1035 SW Stark, 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)

**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)

**REVOLUTION @ CCs**  
(9:00 p.m., 219 NW 3rd, 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)

**Dirty Porno 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+)

**Superstar Divas Mega Show!** (8:00 p.m., CC Slaughters, 219 NW Davis, 21+)

**Femmes Unite!** social group. Please bring food you can eat and a bit more to share. (2-4:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**Tranz Guyz** discussion group. (6-8:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**GO** It's **Geeklesque!** Featuring performances by Baby Le'Strange, Hai Fleisch, Infamous Nina Nightshade, and more! (8:00 p.m., Bossanova Ballroom, 600 E Burnside, 21+, \$10-12)

## MON MAY 16

Q Center & Pivot present **AXIS.** Sex and dating can be stressful and confusing. Meet with a counselor who can answer questions, provide support, and help to take the stress out of safer sex. Open to guys into guys 18+. (11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

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

**OUT Dancing** East Coast Swing dance lessons. (6:30 p.m. intermediate/advanced, 7:30 p.m. basics, Ankeny Street Studio, 975 SE Sandy, \$10, [outdancing.info](http://outdancing.info))

**GO** *Just Out* presents **Gay Skate!** 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)

**Q Patrol Training.** (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**The Portland Polyamory Circle** is a place to chat about inclusive relationships, extended families, and intentional community. (7:30 p.m., Contact Laury at 503-285-4848 for location)

**Wreak HAVOC**, dance your ass off, and worship at the altar of DJs Jimmie Jamma and Galavant. (8:00 p.m., Saratoga, 6910 N Interstate, 21+, No cover!)

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

## TUES MAY 17

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

**GO** Watch local celebrities battle it out in a weekly cooking competition to determine who will be the first **Iron Mary.** The challenges sure look fun for all, let me tell ya. Partial proceeds benefit CAPI! (7:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:00 p.m., No cover!)

**Late Awakenings** is a support group for women who question their orientation or who come out and identify as lesbian later in life. (7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**Trans-Fem** is a social group for genderfabulous sisters. (7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**Beary-oke!** (9:30 p.m., Scandals, 1225 SW Stark, 21+)

**GO** Pivot presents **Lube Wrestling!** The winner gets a fistful of cash and a basketful of lube. (10:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

## WED MAY 18

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

Loaves and Fishes Hollywood Seniors Program offers a **LGBTQI Seniors Lunch.** Lunches provided free to LGBTQI seniors age 60 and over. (Noon-1p.m., Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, 503-367-2220, [mccpdxfood@gmail.com](mailto:mccpdxfood@gmail.com))

**Inter-Personal Violence Support Group.** (6-8:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**The Feminist Queer Sci-Fi/Fantasy Reading Group** discusses *The Windup Girl*, by Paolo Bacigalupi. (6:30 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth, [inotherwords.org](http://inotherwords.org))

**Anawim Christian Fellowship.** (6:30-8:30 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**Quizzzy!** (7:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+ after 9:30 p.m.)

**The Ass Class (for women)**, an intro to anal sex, taught by experts provided by It's My Pleasure. (7:00 p.m., \$15. 18+, Must register and pre-pay, [itsmypleasurepdx.com](http://itsmypleasurepdx.com), 503-280-8080)

**Karaoke with Theo and Fannie Mae Darling.** (10:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

## THURS MAY 19

**Wine, Women, and Shoes!** A charity auction to benefit Bradley Angle. (6-9:00 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1441 NE 2nd, \$75-100, [bradleyangle.org](http://bradleyangle.org))

**GO** **The Bedroom Show.** Poena Sudarth uses classical, modern, and pop influenced dance choreography along with a silent film, and a full band, to tell the story of "the time I lost my faith and still survived." (7:00 p.m., Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta, 21+, \$18-22, [poena.com](http://poena.com))

**Q Patrol Training.** (7-9:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

**Adult Young Adult Book Club** discusses *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins and *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. (7-9:00 p.m., In Other Words, 14 NE Killingsworth, [inotherwords.org](http://inotherwords.org))

Scandals presents **Thursday Night Live with Berthaline!** (8:00 p.m., Scandals, 1125 SW Stark, 21+, No cover! [ScandalsPDX.com](http://ScandalsPDX.com))

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

**Rocky Rhodes karaoke.** (9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+)

**Portland Idol** continues on the Red Cap stage. (9:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

**GO** **Eric Himan performs with Namoli Brennet!** Read more about it on page 26. (9:30 p.m., Alberta Street Public House, 1036 NE Alberta, 21+)

## FRI MAY 20

**Men's Sexual Assault Survivors** support group. (Noon-1:30 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, [pdxqcenter.org](http://pdxqcenter.org))

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