

If it's not in *Just Out*,

# OUT & ABOUT

it's not happening.



San Francisco DJs Carnita and Brown Amy combine forces with DJ Action Slacks at **Sugar Town**, August 18.

LGBT In-Gathering. (7:00 p.m., Caldwell's Colonial Chapel, 20 NE 14th, please enter from the parking lot doors)

**Men's Massage Exchange.** (7:45 p.m., manifestpdx.org)

**Film Noir night** with Samuel Thomas. (9:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!)

**Mary-oke!** (9:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+, No cover!)

## TUES AUG 9

**LGBTQI & Disabled** support group. (1-2:30 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

**Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening** for guys into guys. (5-8:30 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

**Oregon Log Cabin Republicans 2nd Tuesday Social.** (5:30-7:30 p.m., Hobo's, 120 NW 3rd, 21+)

**Men's Naked Yoga.** (6:15 p.m., manifestpdx.org)

**Salon Q.** (7:00 p.m., Devil's Food Catering's Urban Alley, 722 N Page St., 21+)

**Ham-Bingo!** (7:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+, No cover!)

**GO** Chris Pureka performs live with The Cabin Project and Lindsay Fuller! (9:00 p.m., Doug Fir, 830 E Burnside, 21+, \$12 adv/\$14 dos)

## WED AUG 10

**LBGTQI Seniors Lunch**, free to seniors age 60 and over. (Noon-1:00 p.m., Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 NE Broadway, 503-367-2220, mcccpxfood@gmail.com)

**Old Lesbians Organizing for Change.** (1-3:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, for more information call 503-286-3575)

**Free Rapid HIV testing & STD screening** for guys into guys. (1-3:30 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

**Inter-Personal Violence Support Group.** (6-8:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi)

**The Link**, a social networking group for HIV+ GLBT men, meets for Pizza Talk. Come for free pizza (yum) and a presentation on topics relevant to HIV+ men. (6:00 p.m., Pivot, 209 SW 4th, pivotpdx.org)

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

The ISRC presents the **Leather & Lace Show.** (7:00 p.m., Embers, 110 NW Broadway, 21+, No cover!)

**Quizzy!** (7:00 p.m., Hamburger Mary's, 19 NW 5th, 21+, No cover!)

**Live Jazz @ The Local.** (7-9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+, No cover!)

**GO** Lucky's DeLuxe Giggle-n-Grind, The Greatest Hits In T\*ts and Bits! (8:00 p.m., Harvey's Comedy Club, 436 NW 6th, 21+, \$10)

**Karaoke with Theo.** (10:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!)

## THURS AUG 11

Gay & Grey presents the **2nd Thursday Social for GLBTQI elders**, their families, friends, and allies. (1-3:00 p.m., Village Inn, 1621 NE 10th, contact Kara at 503-224-2640 for more information)

**Q Center Open House!** Come meet new Executive Director Barbara McCullough-Jones and the rest of the people who make Q Center happen. (5-7:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

**GO** k.d. lang comes to town with the Siss Boom Bang and The Secret Sisters (7:00 p.m., Oregon Zoo, 401 SW Canyon Rd., \$36, oregonzoo.org)

**Thank Goddess it's 2nd Friday.** TGI(2)F is a alternative for woman-identified persons to meet and connect in a playful, sensual environment. RSVP strongly encouraged. (7-11:00 p.m., \$5-10, for location, visit lovetribe.org, join the tribe and find TGIF on the calendar.)

**GO** Kings for a Cause III. Come out for an evening of drag kings, burlesque, and dancing to benefit SMYRC and Camp Kindle. (7:30 p.m., Weird Bar, 3701 SE Division, 21+, \$5)

Get **BENT...** DJs Jodi Bon Jodi and Roy G Biv invite you to join them for a hot, sweaty, queer-as-fun dance party, with special guest Jeau Breedlove! (9:00 p.m., The Foggy Notion, 3416 N Lombard, 21+, \$3 cover, facebook.com/bentpdx)

**Back in Time to 39** birthday bash! (9:00 p.m., Local Lounge, 3536 NE MLK, 21+, No cover!)

**Party Zodiac: Leo.** (9:00 p.m., The Eagle Portland, 835 N Lombard, 21+, No cover!, facebook.com/theeagleportland)

**MANTRAP**, with DJ Lunchlady. (9:00 p.m., Red Cap Garage, 1035 SW Stark, 21+)

**Fuego Fridays.** (10:00 p.m., Boxxes, 1035 SW Stark, 21+, No cover!)

## SAT AUG 13

**GO** The Portland Cup Softball Tournament. The RCSA hosts 30+ LGBTQ teams from around the country for this two-day event! Visit portlandcup.org for more information.

**The Bite of Oregon.** Visit biteoforegon.com for a full schedule of events.

**Market Q** farmers market. (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

**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, adventuregroup.org)

Q Center hosts **Storytime with Maria**, a monthly event for kids and their families. Maria Lowe reads stories, sings songs, and brings activities to storytime to match the ages and attention spans of your future bookworm. (9:30-10:30 a.m., 4115 N Mississippi, pdxqcenter.org)

**PDLESQUE:** Burlesque Mini-Fest-Vention. (10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Kelly's Olympian, 426 SW Washington, 21+, \$5/class, \$25/day pass, \$50/weekend pass, BurlesquePDX.com/pdlesque)

**Nettrippers FC Weekly Practice & Scrimmage.** Open to all! (11:00 a.m., Duniway Park, SW 6th and Sheridan, nettrippers.org)

**Northwest Gender Alliance monthly meeting.** (2-6:00 p.m., Q Center, 4115 N Mississippi, nwgenderalliance.org)

**Women's Creative and Sensual Body Painting.** Using the body as a canvas, entice your senses with each brush stroke. RSVP for location. (2-9:00 p.m., 18+, \$15-20, events.LoveTribe.org/?1758)

**GO** The 2nd Annual HRC Portland "Urban Farm" Gala Dinner. See p. 13 for *Just Out's* coverage of this event. (5:00 p.m., Meriwether's Skyline Farms, 12735 NW Skyline Blvd., 100+, portland.hrc.org)

**Mr and Miss Gay Oregon United States At Large Pageant**, official preliminary to the Gay United States Pageant. (5-10:00 p.m., Barracuda, 9 NW 2nd, 21+)



The Agnieszka Laska Dancers will perform in the **Galaxy Dance Festival**

## Polar(is) System

Galaxy Dance Festival showcases Portland's diverse scene

Ever since Robert Guitron moved to Portland nearly 20 years ago, he has been impressed with the city's active performing arts community. "There's a rich diversity of all the arts... music, dance and theater," he says. "I'm blown away, for the size of the town, how much [art] is being made here."

Yet Guitron, artistic director of Polaris Dance Theatre, noticed that Portlanders were aware of only a fraction of the local dance artists. When Guitron would ask dance aficionados to name some Portland-based companies, "Most could only name three, and no one could name more than five," he recalls.

This year, funded by two arts organizations plus The Boeing Company, Guitron's idea is becoming a reality: two days of dance performances and classes, dubbed the **Galaxy Dance Festival**. Participants include A-WOL,

Agnieszka Laska Dancers, The Circus Project, Portland Festival Ballet, flamenco artist Laura Onizuka, Pendulum Aerial Arts and, of course, Polaris Dance Theatre.

Guitron points out that the festival, which is open to any professional dance organization or artist who applies, is not about "who has been around the longest or who is doing the best work." Rather, the focus is on "collaborating and sharing resources and enjoying the diversity" of Portland's dance community.

It is Guitron's hope that "once people realize the richness and diversity, they'll support it more."

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 12-13; Director Park, 815 SW Park Ave.; free admission; additional details at polarisdance.org.

—REBECCA RAGAIN