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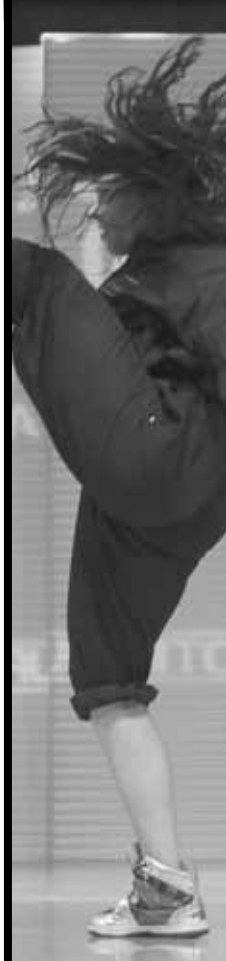
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SOROMUNDI LESBIAN CHORUS OF EUGENE PRESENTS

**Terra Omnis** *This Weekend!*  
Saturday, May 19 at 7:30PM

SORENG— Tix: \$20; Student, youth & senior discounts available  
Over 100 voices sing in the premier of Soromundi's first commissioned work, Terra Omnis, by local composer Audrey Snyder.



MONQUI PRESENTS

**Jack White**  
Monday, May 28 at 8:00PM

SILVA— Tix: \$42.50 (sold out)  
Jack White, founding member of the White Stripes, is one of the most prolific and renowned artists of the past fifteen years.



EUGENE BALLET ACADEMY PRESENTS

**Alice's Journey Through Story Ballet**  
Saturday, June 2 at 5:00PM

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Students present a glimpse into the wonderland of ballet and dance with works from Alice in Wonderland, Sleeping Beauty, Giselle and more.



ZAPP ACADEMY OF DANCE PRESENTS

**Fired Up**  
Sunday, June 10 at 3:00PM

SORENG— Tix: \$12  
High energy, edge-of-your-seat electric entertainment for the entire family!  
Dancers age 8-32 showcase a variety of genres.

MUSICAL FEET PRESENT

**Step By Step**  
Friday, June 15 at 7:30PM  
Saturday, June 16 at 7:30PM

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## LIVING OUT BY SALLY SHEKLOW

# We are the 49%

Celebrating the unfamiliar

**T**errific news. Our country's leaders came out in support of marriage equality. How cool is that?

More good news, this morning's email from Wifey: *Abbe and Shelly heading to NYC today to get married. Making it legal!*

This is great. Our East Coast lesbo cousins – like everyone else who wants to give lifelong pair-bonding a go – should be able to get married. Legally.

Shel and Ab first exchanged rings and vows years ago in a lovely outdoor affair held on a bright autumn afternoon in Philadelphia's Fairmont Park. Naturally Wifey and I were fine with the lesbian nature of the wedding, but something was weird. The couple had announced that the ceremony was to be a blend of Jewish and Quaker traditions. This raised a slight panic among us Jews, unaccustomed as we are to sitting in silence while bursting with joy and love and opinions. You know Jews and weddings.



'I'm perfectly comfortable with men marrying men and women marrying women.'

–Vice President  
Joe Biden 5/7/12

'I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.'

– President Barack Obama  
5/9/12

'Woo-hoo!'

– Me

The canopy, the smashing of the glass, the dancing – these traditions I know and love. But a Quaker wedding?

Turns out I can be tolerant of – heck, even celebrate – unfamiliar interfaith marriage and risk no damage to my own. If you catch my drift.

Shelly and Abbe's wedding was a beautiful and moving joining of hearts. Luckily, the silent part was just long enough to affirm the Quaker way (not that weird) and didn't cause us Jews too bad a case of shpilkes (the Yiddish more-or-less equivalent of *ants in the pants*).

The guests – a fortifying blend of queer and queer-friendly family and friends – did fine. The brides beamed as they received blessings from their kids, cousins, co-workers, ex-lovers, aunts, uncles – everyone except Uncle Sam. *Ahem.*

Even getting a license now from New York won't grant Shel and Ab full marriage equality. That's still reserved for opposite-sex unions – you know,

those sanctified marriages with the 51 percent divorce rate. Not that we homos and homettes are guaranteed better stats. In the few places without marriage discrimination, our divorce rate is approaching the bar set by hets. But doesn't that speak to our ultimate equality? Nobody should be denied a chance to be in the 49 percent.

Still, an actual marriage license is a big deal. Granted, it's just one more big deal in the series of big deals we undocumented marry-ers must traverse on our long march toward equality. But Wifey and I should send flowers or chocolates or wine, or maybe something less temporary, less destined to be consumed or to wilt. Something substantial to symbolize the significance of being pronounced *married* by an official officiant. I part ways with Joni Mitchell on not needing a piece of paper from City Hall. We do need it because legal marriage does mean something. If it didn't, zealots wouldn't be hell-bent on restricting who's entitled to it. And I wouldn't be sitting here wracking my brain for the perfect marriage gift.

Hard to top the Prez and Veep giving the gift of real hope that we'll see marriage equality in our lifetime. For our part, we could donate in their honor to FreedomtoMarry.org. That'd be a fitting tradition.

*Award-winning writer Sally Sheklow and her wife Wifey (not her real name) exercise their domestic partnership rights in Eugene.*



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