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CALENDAR

TODAY

The John Scofield and Joe Lovano Quartet will perform tonight at 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore (5301 Tuckerman Lane) in North Bethesda. Guitarist Scofield and saxophonist Lovano will be joined by drummer Bill Stewart and bassist Matt Penman. Tickets range from \$35 to \$65 and can be purchased online at strathmore.org.

The Lodge (21614 National Pike) in Boonsboro presents "Return of the Divas" starring drag queens Stephanie Michaels, Ashley Bannks and Nicole James tonight at 10:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. and cover is \$5 from 8 to 11 p.m. and \$8 after.

The Best of D.C. Shorts film festival "Rewind," starts today at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St., N.E.) with events going on in two theaters. Theater one will open with a wine reception at 6 p.m. to welcome the filmmakers, a showing of the festival directors' favorites at 7 p.m., another wine reception at 8:30 p.m. and end with Best of D.C. Shorts 2010, part one at 9:30 p.m. Theater two will start with a showing of films from the past seven years which celebrate diversity at 7:30 and Best of D.C. Shorts part two at 10 p.m. The festival continues through Saturday. For more information, visit rewind.dcsHORTS.com.

Jens Praet's first solo U.S. exhibition, "Fossilized," is on display at Industry Gallery (1358 Florida Ave., N.E.). Praet's work is created from shredded magazines and documents. He used shredded and recycled copies of Art in America, Capitol File, Details, Fast Company and Robb Report mixed with clear resin to create his art. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit industrygallerydc.com.

Lace Lounge (2214 Rhode Island Ave., N.E.) presents Social Climax from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. with free drinks before 11:30 p.m. Attendees must be 21 or older and there is a \$10 cover. For more information, visit lacedc.com.

DJ Lil' E hosts Lady Gaga vs. Madonna vs. M.I.A. with Lems at Rams Head Live (20 Market Place) in Baltimore tonight at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit ramshheadlive.com.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Special Agent Galactica returns with an all sung, live



"Common Ground" by Michele Cormier is part of the 'Color of Love' exhibition that will be on display from Feb. 4-27 at Touchstone Gallery on New York Ave. in Washington.

show, "The Only Gal in Town" tonight at 8 p.m. at Noi's Nook in go mama go! (1809 14th St., N.W.). Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at gany-medarts.org or at the door. The show debuted on New Year's Eve but is returning for an encore performance.

Suzanne Westenhofer will be performing tonight at 8 p.m. at the Birchmere (3701 Mt. Vernon Ave.) in Alexandria. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at birchmere.com.

Apex (1415 22nd St., N.W.) presents "VIP (Video Interactive Playground)" tonight featuring DJ 45Z Music videos will be playing in the main room all night. Drag queen Kristina Kelly and her "Girls of Glamour" will perform at 11 p.m. Cover is \$10 and attendees must be 18 or older.

Mautner Project presents its first meeting of SHE Circle, a wellness community by and for African-American lesbian and bisexual women, today from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Metropolitan Community Church-D.C. (474 Ridge St., N.W.). For more information and to RSVP, e-mail rdixon@mautnerproject.org or dmagrini@mautnerproject.org.

Shift, a gay-themed indie rock/electro/pop dance party, presents the Winter Blue Ball tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Cobalt (1639 R St., N.W.). DJ vAnnieta Kills will be spinning all night upstairs while DJ Shea Van Horn spins from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. down stairs and DJ Majr spins after him.

Merrifield Garden Center continues its series of free seminars today with three new topics. Mary Kirk Meneff, a landscape designer,

will be at the Merrifield location (8104 Lee Highway) with a seminar on color and interest in winter gardens. Chuck Croft from the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society will be at the Fair Oaks location (12101 Lee Highway) in Fairfax, with a seminar on growing bonsai, and Regina Lanctot, a plant specialist, will be at the Gainesville location (6895 Wellington Rd.) talking about cacti, succulents and easy care houseplants.

Gross National Product returns with "The Sound of Palin" at Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St., N.E.) tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$20 and can be purchased at atlasarts.org.

The 15th anniversary Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge is today at 8 a.m. at Sandy Point Beach (1100 E. College Parkway) in Annapolis. Many different events will be going on throughout the day, including DJ Pauly D of MTV's Jersey Shore as the featured performing inside the Rams Head Ice Lounge from 12:30 to 4 p.m. For more information and the complete schedule of events, visit plungemd.com.

Sunday, Jan. 30

Buddha-Bar D.C. (455 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.) begins its weekly "Somewhere Over the Rainbow Sundays" tonight from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Drink specials will include \$6 signature cocktails and \$5 mixed drinks.

Mijail Tumanov, 22, will be performing piano works by Beethoven, Chopin, Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov today at 3:30 p.m. at the Church

of the Holy City as part of its Music with Angels concert series. This is a free event.

Monday, Jan. 31

The Helen Hayes Awards presents "Showtunes and Cocktails" tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Jefferson's Quill Bar (1200 16th St., N.W.) featuring pianist Glenn Pearson and guests from Washington stages. Admission is free and 20 percent of the proceeds will be donated to support the Awards.

Professionals in the City will be hosting a seated speed dating for bisexual and lesbian women tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at Chi-Cha Lounge (1624 U St., N.W.) The event is \$20 if purchased by 5 p.m. on Friday. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit prosinthecity.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

The Shakespeare Theatre Company presents "Cymbeline," directed by Rebecca Bayla Taichman, tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Lansburgh Theatre (450 7th St., N.W.). Tickets range from \$37 to \$70 and can be purchased online at shakespearetheatre.org.

Robyn will be performing tonight with Diamond Rings and Natalia Kills at 8 p.m. at Rams Head Live (20 Market Place) in Baltimore. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by visiting ramshheadlive.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

The Tom Davaron Social Bridge Club will meet at 7:30

tonight at the Dignity Center, 721 8th St., S.E., (across from Marine Barracks) for social bridge. No partner is needed. Visit lambdabridge.com and click on "Social Bridge in Washington" for more information.

The Human Rights Watch Film Festival will be screening "Out in the Silence" tonight at 7 p.m. at the West End Cinema (2301 M St., N.W.) as part of the traveling festival. The filmmakers and LGBT Festival acting director Boris Dittrich will be present to answer questions. Tickets can be purchased at westendcinema.com and are \$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and students and \$8 for military.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Victoria Jaymes, the Face of Illusion, will be performing tonight at 10 p.m. at Alero Restaurant Columbia Heights (3345 14th St., N.W.).

The Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference features a queer reading, "3 Dollar Bill" tonight from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Human Rights Campaign Equality Forum (1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W.). Some of the readers include Monica Carter, Reginald Harris, Charles Jensen, Eileen Myles and Justin Torres. Books will be available for purchase during intermission and after the event.

Friday, Feb. 4

Touchstone Gallery (901 New York Ave., N.W.) is hosting an opening reception tonight from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for its newest exhibit, "Color of Love"