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SKINT PRESS TO HOST PORTLAND-INSPIRED BINGO AT SARATOGA IN NORTH PORTLAND

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On Tuesday, September 20th, local independent publisher Skint Press will host a Bingo game inspired by the Rose city and the Portland community at large. The Bingo game will start at eight in the evening at Saratoga (6910 N. Interstate Ave.) in North Portland. The games are free to play and open to the public. Prizes will be awarded to game winners.

Lines such as "Subaru Outbacks," "Calling every river 'The River," and "Waiting in line at Voodoo Donuts" will replace numbers, making this Bingo night truly unique. Rather than spelling out B-I-N-G-O as a header, the Bingo cards will read S-K-I-N-T. The game will be presented by two callers: Maranda Bish, local writer of "Skint Portland" and music contributor to the Portland Mercury, and Andrea Swearingen of the local, all-girl hip hop group Sistafist. Between Bingo games, DJ Joe Bear will spin from his collection of rock 'n' roll, garage and blues.

Skint Press Executive Editor Mary Locke encourages residents and visitors of Portland to come play: "The Skint Bingo games will be an inexpensive way to enjoy a night out in Portland. The games are free, the drinks are cheap, and the prizes are worth it. These kinds of events fall well in line with Skint Press' travel philosophy of experience over consumerism." Skint Press published a frugal guidebook to the Rose City, "Skint Portland, for the Frugal Vagabond" in June. The book highlights the cheapest diners, dives, and points of interest off the beaten path in Portland. "Skint Portland" is available locally at Powell's and Broadway Books, and online at the Skint Press website.

Skint Press is a small publisher of travel books dedicated to inexpensive excursions and honest perspectives. The Skint version of travel was born during a one-week trip across Australia. We spent little money on food, shelter or booze, eating nothing but the fish that we caught, sleeping nowhere but under the stars, and drinking nothing but intoxicating samples in wine country.

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