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**Check Out the New Stuff on "Page A"!**



photos by Charles Peer



**Nor Cal AIDS Cyclists Raise Over \$330,000**

The 225 cyclists and 75 supporting crew members made their triumphant return to Sacramento on Sunday, May 19, completing a four-day 330-mile trek that took them across Northern California. Yep, that averages out to about \$1,000 a mile, and a new record for the ride too! Money raised from the event will help support: CARES Clinic Dental Program, Golden Rule Services, SANE, Breaking Barriers, Harm Reduction Services, River City Food Bank, Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, Caring Choices, Shasta Trinity Tehama HIV Food Bank, Sunburst Projects, and the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Center.





# Surface Skins Gets A Little Help From Keith Haring

If you are looking for a quick update to your home décor, Surface Skins by Blik might have just the thing to give your place an updated look, and their six new circular designs from iconic artist and frequent collaborator Keith Haring will also work great as conversation starters.

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Surface Skins by Keith Haring are six circle skins in three diameters: 30" (\$35), 36" (\$45) and 42" (\$60). The designs restore luster to otherwise lackluster coffee and dining tables. Haring is best known for his iconic-line drawings of radiant babies and barking dogs and these designs capture his unique style in a circular format well-suited to a round table. Haring's people and dogs form a congregation - dancing and moving around the table in celebration.

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There is more to tea then comes out of a Lipton tea bag though, and *Outword* wanted to share with you some delicious and creative iced tea cocktails from Numi Organic Tea, created by tea sommelier James Labe.

Numi Organic Tea is a purveyor of premium quality organic and fair trade certified teas and teasans, plants that are steeped like tea but are made from plants other than the camellia sinensis. Numi blends its organic teas with only real herbs, fruits, flowers and spices and does not add “natural” flavorings or perfumes.

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Cantaloupe Tea Daiquiri

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- Green Iced Tea**
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# Is This the Beginning of an LGBT Backlash?

Commentary by Mark Segal, Philadelphia Gay News

There’s a word you need to know: Backlash. Recently, we have seen an uptick in antigay hate crimes, but you might notice a pattern. They seem to be coming from places where there is success in nondiscrimination and marriage equality – namely this week in New York City, with what looks like three occurrences.

The first was just blocks away from the iconic Stonewall Inn, another in the East Village and then another in the Bronx. This could be a pattern, could be just a series of copycat incidents, isolated but similar, or they can be the start of a backlash. For the most part, the struggle for LGBT equality has been a peaceful one. There are, of course, the images of Matthew Shepard and Harvey Milk, and one cannot underestimate the suffering of our endangered youth who have been bullied, in some cases to death. But all of them were isolated to their region. A backlash happens when those who most

oppose your rights begin to realize that you’ve won, and then strike back with anger. That anger is usually in the form of violence. New York had a highly competitive fight for marriage equality and, following its victory, came many more around the country. Those haters, who cannot come to terms with this sea change, sometimes act out. We need to be prepared for such actions, and like most issues preparation can come by looking at your history. And this coming month is a perfect example of our history. The first gay Pride march in 1970 in New York City was called the Christopher Street Day Liberation March. In 1970, we didn’t know how many would show up or how we

would be treated as we marched out of the village all the way to Central Park. In order to safeguard our community, those of us who were marshals were to take martial arts and self-defense courses at Alternate U. That first march changed the world. It gave us gay Pride and we who were marshals were the most surprised, since we never expected that thousands would show up to march with us. And although we were prepared, there were no violent issues. Haters just stood on the sidelines thinking, These people will get nowhere. Well, we have, and it’s time to take a cue from our history and begin to safeguard our community with basic self defense. Creating community means providing what the community needs, and that includes safeguarding ourselves. Mark Segal, PGN publisher, is the nation’s most-award-winning commentator in LGBT media. He can be reached at [mark@epgn.com](mailto:mark@epgn.com).





## ES Unleashes New Swimwear Collection *Fantasy Island* by Joe Gerbino

**E**S Collection is a playful sports brand, as depicted in their provocative ad campaigns like this summer shoot that took place over four days on the rough and rugged landscape of El Hierro, the smallest of the Canary Islands.

The campaign features well-built models in hyper-sexualized and suggestively homosexual scenarios. According to ES founder Ed Suner, the collection was inspired by the island whose name translates to 'the iron'.

ES worked closely with El Hierro's tourism office to help promote the island's image after tourism had suffered due to increased volcanic activity in the region. "In my opinion, 'impressive' is the word that best defines this marvelous collection," he says.

"Combining landscapes that look like they are from the planet Mars with spectacular models and our colorful designs has resulted in what is probably the best campaign in our history," said brand photographer Joan Crisol.

Launched in Barcelona in 2006, ES Collection specializes in swimwear, underwear and sportswear for men.

New features in this season's collection include a pack-up foam pouch that gives the illusion of increasing a man's endowment. There is also a new solar tattoo feature that lets the sun through certain parts of fabric, creating a sun-kissed tattoo on the wearer.

ES Collection is sold worldwide in Europe, the US, Japan, Russia and Brazil. Free shipping on all purchases. For more information on ES Collection's 2013 swimwear collection, and more photos and videos, visit [ESCollectionUSA.com](http://ESCollectionUSA.com).





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# Letters

## Blinded Author and Activist to Speak at Lavender Library

Dear *Outword* Readers,

Beaten and blinded by the people he trusted most, Belo Cipriani is learning to navigate, and conquer, a new world.

His new book, *Blind: A Memoir*, chronicles the two years immediately following the assault that left him blind at the hands of childhood friends. At the age of 26, Belo found



himself learning to walk, cook, and date in the dark.

Armed with visual memory and his newly developed senses, Belo shows readers what the blind see. He narrates the recondite world of the blind, where microwaves, watches, and computers talk, and where guide dogs guard as well as lead.

Belo will speak of his experiences at the Lavender Library, 1414 21st St., on Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m.

Sincerely,

**Tom Eyres,**  
Lavender Library

## EQCA Expands with Two New Senior Staff Members

Equality California continues its trajectory of stabilizing and expanding with two significant new staff hires: Rikimah Glymph, who joins as the organization's new chief administrative officer, and Jesse Melgar, who joins the organization as communications director.

Since beginning in December 2012, new Executive Director John O'Connor has made it a priority to strengthen the organization by building a core team of dedicated, full time staff.

"Equality California is making incredible strides at regaining its capacity to advance a mission of full equality for LGBT people and nothing less," said O'Connor. "Rikimah and Jesse will provide significant strategy and leadership in their respective areas and build on the incredible momentum we are experiencing."

Glymph began working in the organization's San Francisco office, where she will be based, in late April. Melgar, who will be based at its Los Angeles area headquarters, will start on May 13.

Glymph previously served at ColorOfChange, a broad non-profit dedicated to advocating for African Americans in politics and policy, as their director of operations and administration.

Melgar comes to EQCA from public relations firm Cerrell Associates Inc., where he worked as an account executive in the Campaigns, Issues Management and Media Relations practice area.

## Calling Alienated Catholics!

A picnic sponsored by the LGBTQ Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, is planned for June 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at McKinley Park.

Bring your family and friends to join a welcoming and caring faith community. But, to build community, we need to bring the community together and what better way than at a summer picnic in beautiful McKinley Park near the newly replanted rose garden?

LGBTQ Catholics, families, same-sex couples with children, single parents and friends can enjoy an afternoon of games, music, good food and a sense of openness with people whose faith journey is shared at St. Francis.

This is a new ministry and it is important for parishioners wanting to share their faith journey to come together as a community and express their interests and needs as members of St. Francis parish.

It is also an opportunity for Catholics who have become disenfranchised or who don't feel welcome in other parishes to find their spiritual roots again and join a welcoming faith community.

Bring something to grill, drink and a dish to share. Tableware, plates, games, music and good feelings will be provided. For more information, contact Galen Unruh at 916-443-8085 ext. 114.

## The Center Is Looking For Leaders

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center is seeking volunteers who are looking to invest time and expertise in the Center.

We provide suicide prevention, youth and adult peer support groups, STD education, testing, and infection support, transgender support services, cultural competency training, art and cultural events and meaningful volunteer opportunities.

Currently, we are looking for volunteers for our dozens of programs and over 50,000 service visits per year. We are looking for volunteers for event planning and marketing, our Budget & Finance Committee, and our Board of Directors.

In addition, we are also looking for interns for our new internship program. All are welcome to apply!

You can find more information, including a description of positions, at [SacCenter.org](http://SacCenter.org).

## RCC to Host First Annual Pride in Business Expo

The Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento's LGBT Chamber of Commerce, is hosting Sacramento's very first PRIDE in Business Expo on Tuesday, June 18th, 2013, at the Sacramento Convention Center.

"During the month of June, as we celebrate PRIDE in our community, what better way than our first PRIDE in Business Expo to both celebrate the contributions of the LGBT business community and connect your business with the spending power of the LGBT community?" said Darrick Lawson, the Chamber's President.

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# Guest Commentary

## Activities Keep Sacramento's Prime Timers Forever Young

guest commentary Ron Williams

**"If I'd known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself,"** Eubie Blake famously said when he was in his late 90s, still active as a musician, composer and performer. That sentiment certainly strikes a chord with an aging gay population.

With only a handful of men, the 70th Prime Timers chapter was formed in Sacramento, in May of 2009. In just four short years, Prime Timers Sacramento's membership has grown to over 100 active members. Not only do they host a well attended monthly meeting and catered



Some Sacramento Prime Timers at a recent outing. Photo compilation by Ron Williams and Larry Lauszus.

Commonplace phrases like "50 is the new 40" or "Career Change" is the "New Retirement," are indicative of the fact we are still very active and living longer lives, and sadly, if not obviously, aging knows no boundaries of sexual preference. Those "Baby Boomers" maturing in the social fabric of American life in the 21st century include a giant bubble of gay and bisexual men and women.

In 1950, male life expectancy was roughly 65 years, but today with the advancement of medical science and lifestyle changes, life expectancy has risen to nearly 75 years. So what are we doing with this windfall of extra years in our lives as we live longer than expected?

One absolute fact we all agree with, gay

men love to socialize, be they 18 or 80. In 1987, a retired professor in Boston, Woody Baldwin, started a social group called Prime Timers. He saw a social need for older gay men and bisexuals to bridge that social gap as they leave their youthful years behind, moving forward and enjoying longer fuller lives.

Prime Timers has successfully dispelled the old stereotypes of older gay men, being the social outcasts of a youth orientated gay culture. With over 80 chapters worldwide and nearly 10,000 members, Prime Timers is an engaging force bringing gay men, bisexuals and their admirers together in an array of social activities transcending ageism and stereotypes associated with being "Gay and Gray."

brunch, but also, dinner groups to local restaurants, potlucks in member homes, a monthly book club, excursions to local attractions in the Capital region, Gold Country wine region tours, San Francisco events and even a Tai Chi group.

Prime Timers Sacramento encourages the younger members of our gay culture to interact and join in with some of the fun social activities. Prime Timer members have a wealth of knowledge and experience, and through interaction with our gay youth, they hope to dispel ageism from both perspectives while building a rich gay heritage in our rapidly changing gay culture that affects both young and old.

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# Briefly Put

## PA School Won't Change Transgender Student Policies

The Red Lion Area School District (RLASD) has refused to change its policy regarding transgender candidates for prom court, nor will it agree to allow transgender students to use a name at graduation to match their gender identity, according to a letter from the school district's solicitor.

"I am really disappointed that the school district doesn't want to do anything to protect transgender students," said Wolfe, a senior at Red Lion Area High School. "I want to make sure that future transgender students are not humiliated and disrespected the way I was."

More about the case can be found at: [aclu.org/lgbt-rights](http://aclu.org/lgbt-rights).

## Assembly Passes Bill to Protect Transgender Students

The California Assembly passed AB 1266 on May 9, a bill that ensures that transgender students in California have equal and full access to programs and facilities on the basis of their gender identity.

The bill clarifies existing law, which already prohibits discrimination against transgender students. While some large districts - Los Angeles and San Francisco - are already successfully working with these students on the basis of their gender identities, many school districts are not presently in compliance with these requirements. "Gender identity" is a person's internal, deeply-rooted identification as male or female.

"Because somebody is uncomfortable is not a reason to discriminate," Ammiano said, responding to opponents of the bill, who argued that inclusion of transgender students would cause discomfort to others.

## Same-Sex Partner Gets Spousal ID By U.S. House

Openly gay U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan's husband has received an ID issued only to the spouses of federal lawmakers. It is the first time the House has recognized the same-sex husband of a member with the House Spouse ID.

"We're very happy that my husband Phil (Frank) was able to get a House Spouse ID," said Pocan, a Democrat from Madison, WI. "It's significant. It's the first time."

The congressman said the ID is largely symbolic and its issuance doesn't mean Frank has access to the spousal benefits that other congressional husbands or wives receive.

## Brazil National Council of Justice Paves Way for the Freedom to Marry

Brazil's National Council of Justice on May 14, ruled that government offices have no standing to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples, moving the freedom to marry forward for gay and lesbian people nationwide.

The ruling follows decisions by 14 of Brazil's states and the national capital region that same-sex couples could marry without a court petition, as well as lower court rulings in favor of the freedom to marry. The High Court could still modify the ruling, but advocates feel that is unlikely, and Brazil is now likely to become the latest country to embrace the freedom to marry nationwide.

Freedom to marry legislation passed earlier this year in Uruguay, France and New Zealand. After it takes effect in those countries, same-sex couples will have the freedom to marry, regionally or nationwide, in 17 countries around the world.

## Minnesota Governor Signs Same-Sex Marriage Law

Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton signed on May 14, a bill legalizing marriage for same-sex couples shortly after its passage by the state legislature.

"It has been 40 years since the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota filed Baker v. Nelson, the first marriage equality case in the country," said Charles Samuelson, executive director of the ACLU of Minnesota. "We are pleased that after 40 years of fighting for the freedom to marry, equality has finally been realized for all Minnesotans. We are glad to join the 11 other states and the District of Columbia in recognizing marriage for all loving committed couples."

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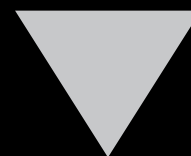
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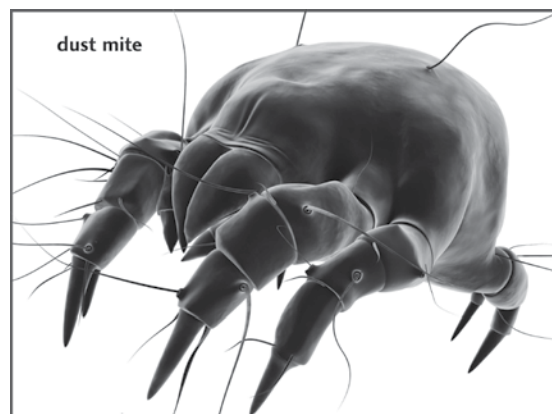


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# Cowboy Up! It's Time for the Sierra Stampede Rodeo

Sacramento's cowboys and cowgirls are getting back in the saddle and ready to host the Sacramento Capital Crossroads Gay Rodeo Association's 2013 Sierra Stampede Rodeo and Festival.



Along with all the thrills of the rodeo comes a bit of pageantry, including the Grand Entry, pictured here from the 2009 Sierra Stampede, in which flag bearers gallop around the arena with flags.

After a three-year hiatus, the Rodeo will return for four days of Western-style fun and excitement, beginning Thursday June 6 and winding up on Sunday, June 9 with the presentation of the coveted Championship Buckles.

"We are very excited about bringing back the

rodeo to Sacramento by hosting the Sierra Stampede this year," said SCCGRA President Wes Wilkinson. "Come on out and join us!"

It all starts with a party of course, and this year's Rodeo Kickoff Party will give you a chance to meet many of the contestants as they gather at The Bolt Bar, unofficial home of the SCCGRA, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Bolt is located at 2560 Boxwood St. (916-649-8420 SacBolt.com.)

Contestant registration will be held from 6 - 9 p.m., on Friday, June 7, also at The Bolt, and to help make it an even more festive event, Tomas' Roadkill Cafe will be serving up a feast worthy of any trail rider for only \$5, a perfect opportunity to mingle around The Bolt's legendary campfire.

Then from 8 p.m. to midnight you can kick up your heels with rodeo contestants and fans at the Welcome Dance, featuring Country Dancing "Under the Stars."

"We're going all out for this dance," said Bolt owner Kenny Yerkes. "We're going to close the parking lot and bring in a dance floor, so whether you're looking for some Boot Scoot-ing or the

**RODEO**

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# Gallery Showcases Freedom to Love



Sacramento photographer Monica Lunardi is hosting a photographic art essay entitled *Freedom to Love 6* featuring Sacramento couples and families with the goal of replacing fear and hatred with acceptance and love. The showing will begin with a Champagne reception featuring the music duo 2 for Dinner, on Thursday, June 6 from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Lunardi Art Lounge, located at 2612 J St. Ste 7. For more info, visit [MonicaLunardi.com](http://MonicaLunardi.com)

## Applications Available for Scholarships

*by Joyce Mitchell*

Capital City AIDS Fund (CCAF) invites young people living with HIV/AIDS to apply for scholarships through the Helen Veress-Mitchell Scholarship Fund of up to \$1,500 each per year to attend college or technical school.

One of CCAF's primary goals is to raise money to distribute to local HIV+ youth to help them with school. To date, the scholarship fund has awarded approximately \$150,000 to dozens of students.

CCAF prides itself on having two MA graduates and many BA and technical school grads. "What we have found is that many of our students, once they graduate, get jobs in the community helping others living with HIV/AIDS," said Stuart Eldridge, CCAF scholarship committee chair. "We believe this is one of the best investments we could ever make."

"I am one of those people that must never for a moment take for granted the time they have right now," said 18-year-old Christina when she applied for her CCAF scholarship. "I was born with the HIV disease and I have had to live the 18 years of my life as if any day I will get sick."

Unfortunately, Christina died from

complications related to AIDS but not before receiving a \$1,500 scholarship from the Helen Veress-Mitchell Scholarship Fund. She did enroll in college and said she had never been happier.

"With organizations like the Capital City AIDS Fund, it makes my dream of being an interior designer easier to obtain," Christina said. "Hopefully, I will not leave this world knowing that there was something I never did get to do."

Eldridge said that CCAF was honored to help Christina. "She is one of the many faces we remember and who remind us that we must not abandon this journey of helping people living with HIV/AIDS."

Applications must be received no later than June 30. Scholarships will be awarded September 15, 2013. To get more information about scholarships and download applications, go to [www.capcityaidsfund.org](http://www.capcityaidsfund.org).



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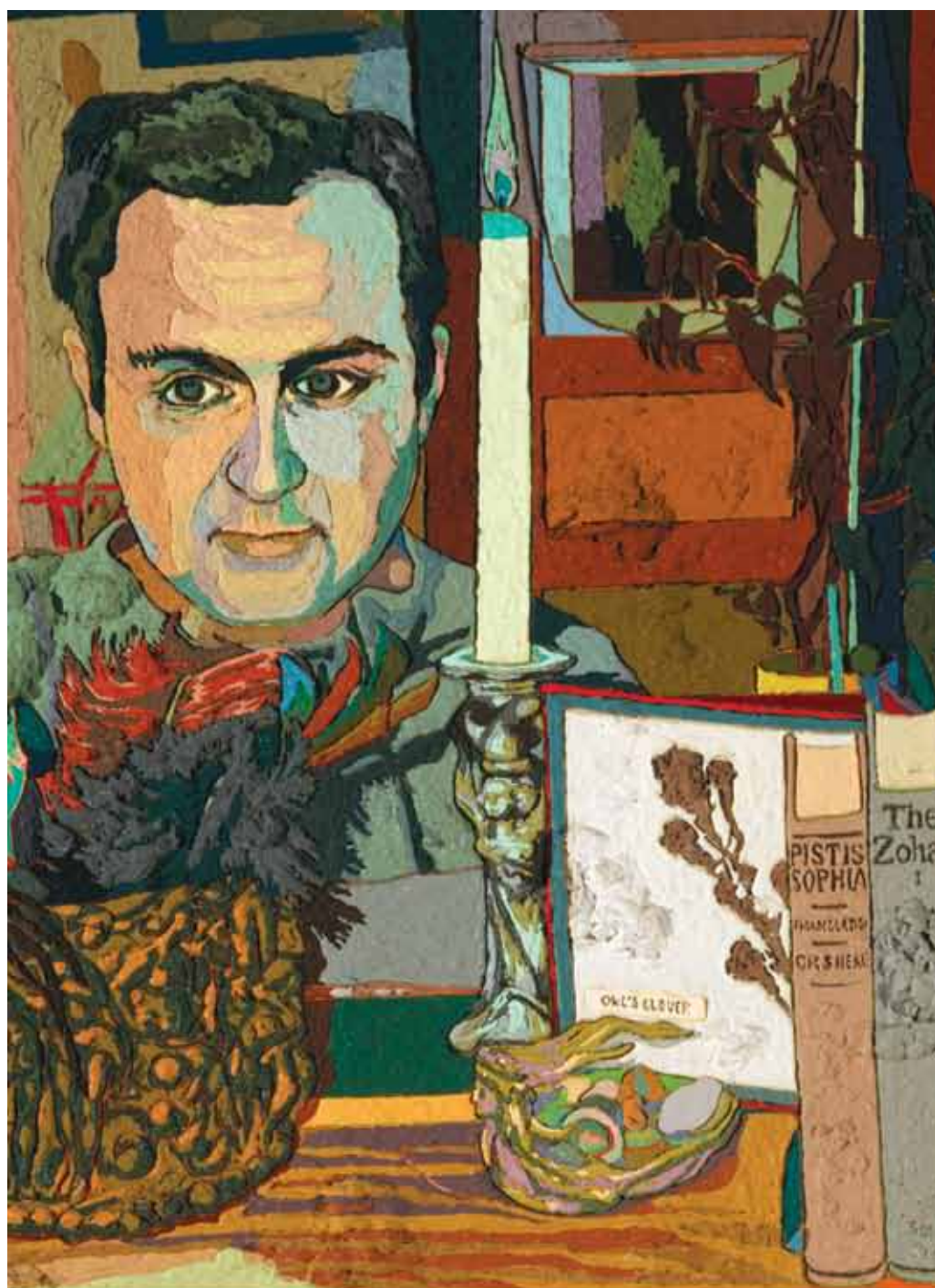
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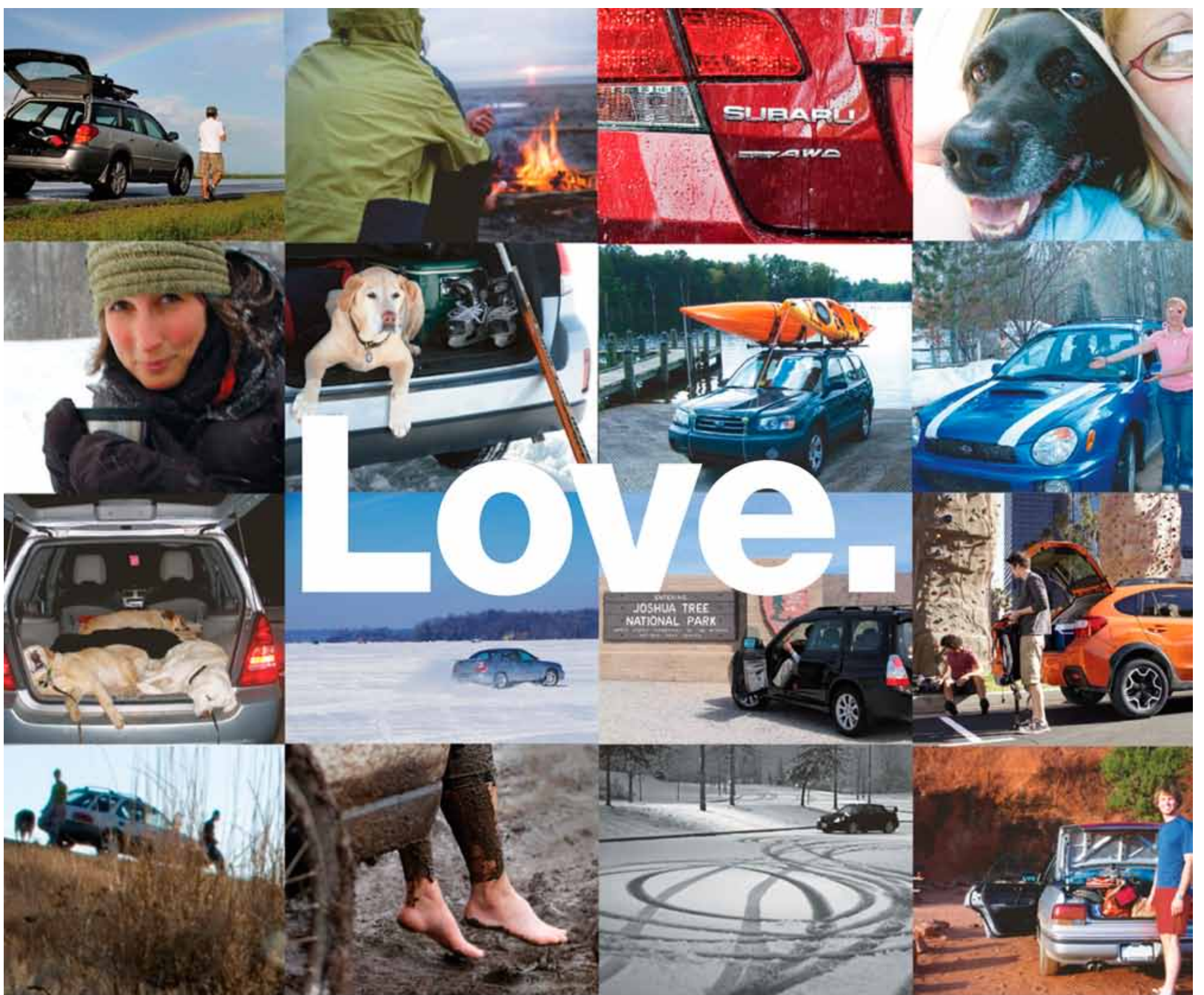
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# Dancing Queens Take Over the Crest for ExtrABBAganza

by Bonnie Osborn

Disco balls, dancing queens and dreamy sounds will fill Sacramento's Crest Theatre Friday, June 7, and Saturday, June 8, when the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus will present *ExtrABBAganza*, a musical review of the 1970s Swedish pop sensation ABBA greatest hits.

The Sacramento chorus production of *ExtrABBAganza* will feature '70s-era costuming, disco lighting, dance numbers and choralography, as well as some of the era's most iconic music, including "Take A Chance On Me," "Fernando," "Angel Eyes," "Knowing Me, Knowing You," and of course, "Dancing Queen," that will have audience members singing along and dancing in the aisles.

The show will be the largest and most elaborate production in the 28-year history of the chorus, featuring dancers, soloists, costumes, lighting, and special effects – and this will be the chorus' first show at Sacramento's Crest Theatre. Performances will begin at 8 p.m. both nights.

"This music, when it's done well, you can't help but be happy and engaged," says Steven Johnson, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus

artistic director. "There's something for everybody in this show, and you're going to walk away with a smile on your face."

*ExtrABBAganza* was originally commissioned in 1997 for the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus by Dr. Stan Hill, the group's musical director from 1989 to 2000. The group's performance of the arrangement by composer David Maddux was released as an album. Since then the show has been done by nearly every gay men's chorus in the nation.

Founded in 1984 as a singing group to foster a sense of community and provide support for Sacramento area gay and lesbian people, the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus performs numerous concerts and community benefit appearances each year. Over the past 28 years, the group has become an integral part of the

Sacramento arts community as well as a voice for LGBT equality. The chorus strives for musical excellence and maintains a vigorous rehearsal schedule and music education program.

VIP tickets are \$40 and include a pre-concert reception and center front orchestra seating. General Admission tickets are \$25. Tickets can be purchased online at Tickets.com, in person at the Crest Theatre Box Office, at The Gifted Gardener, (1730 J Street), or from chorus members.

For more information about the organization, visit [sacgaymenschorus.org](http://sacgaymenschorus.org).

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# Wendy Williams Headlines Great America's Pride Night

by Paul E. Pratt

“I’m tall. I’m dramatic. My breasts ...” shares Wendy Williams, “With the wigs, the wiggle and all the kiki stuff, it just seems like I’m a good caricature or something.”

These are some of the many reasons LGBT fans love her, admits the talk show titan, who headlines Pride Night 2013 at California’s Great America on Fri., May 24.

“There are certain girls in the history of culture that gay people just gravitate to,” acknowledges Williams, placing iconic figures such as Diana Ross and Anna Nicole Smith in a similar category. “Gay people love women who come from the outside somehow,” she notes. “It’s the highest compliment.”

The straight-talking diva – known ‘round the world for her “How you doin’?” catchphrase – kicks off Memorial Day weekend with the LGBT community at the Santa Clara theme park. Joining Williams on the star-studded Pride Night 2013 line-up is Alex Newell, who will sing a live 30-minute set of favorites performed by his male-to-female transgender character “Unique” on the popular FOX TV series *GLEE*.

For her part, Williams will answer previously-submitted questions from the audience, offering the same brand of hard-hitting, often blunt responses loyal “Wendy Watchers” seek on-air.

Indeed, the New Jersey native’s advice has become so sought-after, she recently published a book of it. *Ask Wendy* hit retail earlier this month. “People ask me everything,” says the 48-year-old star, who in June makes her Broadway debut playing Matron “Mama” Morton in *Chicago*. “Some of the questions are rather shocking, but I answer them all with a straight face.”

Williams promises to be equally candid-but-composed responding to fan questions at Pride Night 2013. “Nothing is off-limits,” she says. “But I take my advice seriously, so they will not be laughed at – at least not by me.”

After Williams and Newell wrap, and Great America’s rides close and the main stage area transforms into “Dancing After Dark.” Sponsored by Splash San Jose night club, this high-energy dance stage includes performances by Billboard chart-topping singer Luciana, who will perform global dance hits including “I’m Still Hot” and “We Own the Night,” and DJ/producers The Perry Twins.

Produced by San Francisco-based drag star Pollo Del Mar, Pride Night 2013 runs from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. and is an all-ages event.

In Sacramento, tickets are available at E13 Salon (2001 K Street, above The Depot) or G-Spot (2009 K Street). Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$55 at the gate, or you can buy them online at [www.CAGreatAmerica.com/PrideNight](http://www.CAGreatAmerica.com/PrideNight).



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# Black Watch, Arcadia and Dear Elizabeth Bring Drama to the Bay Area

Fans of the dramatic arts should consider a weekend of play going in the Bay Area, where an embarrassment of riches currently awaits lovers of stimulating theater. Check out one or more of these three enticing shows.

## Black Watch

Dubbed “the #1 theatrical event of the year” by the *New York Times*, this electrifying show has entertained audiences across the globe and has received unanimous critical acclaim.

Now, the National Theatre of Scotland’s revolutionary production of *Black Watch* makes its Bay Area premiere with performances at the long-dormant Drill Court at San Francisco’s historic Mission Armory, through June 16.

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## Arcadia

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In pursuit of a major literary sensation, two obsessive modern-day scholars piece together volatile and passionate events that took place centuries earlier.

Stoppard’s play moves between the 19th century and the present through a series of love stories, as characters from both eras discover connections, unearth mysteries and unravel hidden truths about the nature of

heat and desire.

*Arcadia* plays through June 9 at A.C.T. (American Conservatory Theater). Visit [www.act-sf.org](http://www.act-sf.org).

## Dear Elizabeth

Red-hot playwright Sarah Ruhl returns to Berkeley Rep with the West Coast premiere of this story of the friendship between Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell, two esteemed poets who found a marriage of

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A scene from *Black Watch*.

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# Rebel Country Queens Reviewed – Pistol Annies’ New CD and More

by Chris Narloch

I am not ashamed to say I love country music, although my tastes run more towards classic country and alternative country performers (such as The Civil Wars) than towards the sometimes watered-down, pop-influenced music prevalent on country radio nowadays.



Pistol Annies

Here are reviews of new CDs by three country acts that are branching out and keeping it real. I like to think of them as rebel country queens.

## Pistol Annies – *Annie Up*

The hottest blond in country music isn’t Carrie Underwood or Taylor Swift. It’s Miranda Lambert, who in addition to a thriving solo career, has this side job as one-third of a sexy super group who sing songs with titles such as “I Feel A Sin Comin’ On.”

Pistol Annies is Lambert, Ashley Monroe and Angaleena Presley, a terrifically talented trio of country singer-songwriters whose tongues are firmly in cheek on 12 tasty tracks whose titles speak for themselves: “Unhappily Married,” “Dear Sobriety” and “Blues, You’re A Buzzkill,” just to name a few.

This is real country music at its very best, and you also need to purchase the Annies’ first CD, *Hell On Heels*, which is just as good if not better than “Annie Up.”

## Natalie Maines – *Mother*

I can think of no sadder plight in the recent history of popular music than the fall from grace suffered by Natalie Maines, the lead singer of the country trio Dixie Chicks.

Maines’ public comments disparaging George Bush during the early days of the Iraq War resulted in record burning and threats on her life, and she is still more or less a pariah in country music circles.

Her dark new CD *Mother*, which was produced by rocker Ben Harper, doesn’t have a country bone in its body and sounds nothing like Dixie Chicks. It’s a sobering set of songs that no doubt reflects the singer’s state of mind after her ordeal with the downside of fame.

Her country fans – the loyal ones – may not love the CD’s rock edge, but the record successfully shows a different side of Maines. The title track, which is a cover of a Pink

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## Celebrating Our Heroes

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# A Revolutionary New Les Miz Plus Cap Stage, B Street & STC

by Chris Narloch

**M**ark your calendars for Sunday, June 9, when the 67th Annual Tony Awards will be televised live from Radio City Music Hall in New York City on CBS.

Ordinarily, I take a trip out to Times Square before the Tonys, but this year my Broadway coverage will run in late June, after the awards are given out.

*Kinky Boots*, the Harvey Fierstein/Cyndi Lauper musical, leads all shows this year with 13 Tony nominations. For a complete list of the nominees, visit [www.tonyawards.com](http://www.tonyawards.com).

Speaking of Tony Awards, an enormously popular musical that was nominated for 12 Tonys and won eight will be returning to town when Broadway Sacramento brings the much-hyped new staging of *Les Miserables* to the Community Center Theater.

Read on for details of that productions and other promising local theater.



Les Miserables

## Les Miserables

Hot on the heels of the recent big screen version of the musical that had fans divided, Cameron Mackintosh presents a brand new 25th anniversary production of Boublil & Schonberg's legendary musical

With new staging and reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, this new production has been acclaimed by critics and fans and is breaking box office records wherever it goes.

*Les Miserables* plays May 29-June 9 at Sacramento's Community Center Theater. Visit [www.BroadwaySacramento.com](http://www.BroadwaySacramento.com).

## Hedda Gabler

Capital Stage presents a new adaptation of one of the world's most famous plays. Janis Stevens directs and Stephanie Gularte stars in Henrik Ibsen's theatrical masterpiece, which takes a bracing look at one woman's tormented desire to escape a marriage she finds dull.

This timeless tale of yearning for individual and spiritual freedom plays through June 16. For more information, visit [www.capstage.org](http://www.capstage.org).

## How We Got On

In Idris Goodwin's play, Hank, Julian and

Luann are midwestern kids who forge a cultural identity through parking lot poetry and boom box beats.

In this remixed coming-of-age tale, a live MC spins a history lesson on the origins of rap and presents the story of suburban kids finding their rhythm as a new music is born.

*How We Got On* plays through June 23. Visit [www.bstreettheatre.org](http://www.bstreettheatre.org).

## Faith Prince & Jason Graae

Faith Prince and Jason Graae join forces for Sacramento Theater Company's annual benefit *Celebrate The Season 2013*. The two Broadway veterans will perform their cabaret show, which recently sold out at 54 Below, the newest Broadway hotspot, in the basement of Studio 54 in New York City.

The local event is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at MIX Downtown's rooftop lounge. In addition to the special performance by Prince and Graae, STC professionals and students will appear, and there will be passed appetizers, cocktails and live and silent auctions.

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## Rodeo

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newest two-stepping hit, it's going to be a great night at the honky tonk."

The arena action starts on Saturday, June 8 at the Rio Linda Central Park Horse Arena, 848 Elkhorn Blvd. (Rio Linda, 95673.) Rodeo Events for both Saturday and Sunday begin at 8 a.m., and will include, in roughly this order: Calf-Roping on Foot; Team-Roping; Mounted Breakaway Roping; Steer Decorating; Pole Bending; Grand Entry (Noon-ish); Steer Riding; Bull Riding; Goat Dressing; Chute Dogging; Wild Drag Race; Barrel Racing; and Flag Race.

Scores from each day's events will be averaged to determine the top winners in each event and who will get to take home the greatly deserved Championship Buckles. In addition to the usual purses the champions win, added purse of \$150 will be awarded for the best dressed Drag Team in the Wild Drag event this year.

After working up a healthy appetite in the arena on Saturday, you can join the cowhands as they treat themselves to a BBQ BBW (Breast, Balls and Wieners) Dinner (\$5) back at The Bolt, starting sometime after the cowhands get the

dust and guacamole washed off.

Then get ready for some serious dancing with DJ Ingu of San Francisco's Sundance Saloon from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission for the The BIG Shindig is \$10, and will be held under the stars at the The Bolt.

Then it is back to the arena on Sunday, June 9 for the final day of rodeo events.

A celebration for the winners, and for those who gave their best, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Awards Dinner (\$5), also at The Bolt, followed by awards presentations from 8 to 10 p.m. Come out and congratulate your favorite contestants as they are awarded their rodeo ribbons and buckles.

Major sponsors for this year's Sierra Stampede include The Bolt Bar, Bud Light and Wells Fargo, who will bring in their famous stagecoach and horses for the Grand Entry on Saturday, June 8 the coach is available in the afternoon for folks to have their pictures taken.

For more information, visit [www.capitalcrossroads.org/SierraStampede](http://www.capitalcrossroads.org/SierraStampede).

## Pistol

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Floyd song, is especially memorable, and other cuts written by the likes of Eddie Vedder, Patty Griffin, Jeff Buckley, Ben Harper and Maines herself are also very powerful.

### Kacey Musgraves – *Same Trailer Different Park*

This 24-year old country rebel recently hit the charts with "Merry Go 'Round," one of the bleakest and best debut singles country radio has seen in years. The other tracks on her first major label CD are just as good.

Whereas most artists working in Nashville write about the "mom and apple pie" virtues of small town life – a more commercially viable angle – "Merry Go 'Round" is an unflinching portrait of the dead-end that can occur when a person gets stuck in a hometown that isn't big enough for their

dreams.

Musgraves displays her range on "Follow Your Arrow," a charming and gay-friendly ode to following your arrow "wherever it leads." That song is as upbeat and funny as "Merry Go 'Round" is dark and disturbing.



## Where the Bears Are Returns for Season Two



The men have a new murder to solve and the fur is sure to fly in this hilarious mystery Web series. The series will hit the webwaves in June, but you can catch a sneak preview at [wherethebearsare.tv](http://wherethebearsare.tv)

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Get Ready for Some Summer Funnin' by the Pool

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Just in time for your summer poolside fun, Timoteo is celebrating the never-ending summer in their latest undie and swim collection for men. So throw out last years suit, and check out what's poolside chic for 2013.



To help get a handle on that, we spoke to the founder and head designer of the label, Timoteo Ocampo, whose latest designs are inspiring guys to have fun in the sun.

**What's hot for swimwear this summer?**  
Bright reds and every shade of blue. Prints are making a strong showing, too.

**Would you agree men's swimwear continues to grow more provocative each season?**

We're seeing a lot more super low bikinis this summer. Guys are working hard on their physique and want to show it off. What better way than with a sexy, skimpy swimsuit?

**Are string bikinis next?**  
(Laughing) I am sure in some part of the world, the string bikini is all the rage right now! I've been thinking about adding an open back swim trunk to our line. How fun would that be?

**Like your backless brief!**  
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**It makes so much sense! Who needs the back anyway?**  
We always say backless is better!

**What makes Timoteo stand out?**  
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**Which is your most popular swim trunk?**  
Our Speedster is extremely popular. It's a medium size square cut that has great color combinations.

**Why can't every day be summer?**  
For us in California, almost every day is summer! I live in LA and I love going to the beach and playing beach volleyball. Riding my bike from Venice to Huntington Beach, stopping off for a nice lunch... now that is a perfect summer day. Nothing better!

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