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# Virginia Senator Tim Kaine Is Clinton's VP Pick

Hillary Clinton has chosen Virginia Senator Tim Kaine as her vice presidential running mate, calling him a lifelong fighter for progressive causes and one of the most qualified vice presidential candidates in our nation's history.



Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine at a recent campaign stop

"With her selection of Sen. Tim Kaine, Hillary Clinton has highlighted the stark differences between her ticket and her opponent's," said Equality California Executive Director Rick Zbur. "In contrast to the extremes of racism, xenophobia, sexism, and homo- and transphobia on vivid display by Donald Trump and his running mate, Kaine presents an alternative: a pragmatist who works across ideologies and across the aisle to get things done."

As governor of Virginia, Kaine partnered with the state's Republican legislators and attorney general to strengthen background checks on gun purchases. Vice President Joe Biden hailed the legislation as a potential model for a federal bill.

After exhibiting the same 'evolution' on LGBT issues as the nation as a whole, Kaine is now solidly pro-LGBT equality. As governor, he issued an executive order banning discrimination against lesbian and gay state employees and campaigned against a ballot measure barring same-sex couples from marrying.

He has spoken out strongly in favor of

marriage equality and adoption by same-sex couples, receiving a 90 percent rating from the Human Rights Campaign.

"Donald Trump's feigned concern in his speech for the perils LGBT people face abroad ignores the very real danger presented by his own party here at home," said Zbur. "The virulently anti-LGBT Republican platform, Trump's choice of the anti-LGBT Mike Pence as his running mate, and a campaign based on fear, bias and hatred clearly foreshadow what LGBT people can expect from a Trump administration."

"I've had the privilege of seeing two presidents and two vice presidents up close. I want a vice president who can be my partner in bringing this country together," Clinton said of her Kaine. "I want someone who will be able to give me their best advice, look me in the eye, and tell me they disagree with me when they do. But what matters most is a simple test that's not so simple to meet: whether the person could step in at a moment's notice and serve as president. I have no doubt that Tim can do the job."

## National TV Ad Depicting Transgender Discrimination Airs During Republican and Democrat Conventions



An ad depicting the challenges faced by transgender people in accessing public restrooms has been viewed more than two million times online since it went live. As Outward went to press, the ad was scheduled to make its television debut on FOX News Channel on the final day of the Republican National Convention and to also air nationwide again on MSNBC during the Democratic National Convention. You can watch the ad at [fairnessusa.org](http://fairnessusa.org)

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# Pence Completes a Trifecta of Hate Against LGBT Rights

**E**quality Forum, the nation's premier LGBT civil rights summit, has called the RNC's nomination of Indiana Governor Mike Pence for vice-president "deeply troubling for LGBT Americans."

"The selection of anti-gay crusader Gov. Mike Pence, along with the homophobic Republican party platform and a deafening silence on the LGBT Equality Act completes a trifecta of hate from Donald Trump on LGBT rights," said Malcolm Lazin, Executive Director, Equality Forum. "Although Trump claims he's a 'friend' of the LGBT community, his rhetoric is in direct contrast to his actions which are deeply troubling and sends chills down the backs of 20 million LGBT Americans and to those who believe in civil rights for all citizens."

Governor Mike Pence has a long history of opposing the rights of LGBT people. During his time in Congress, Pence co-sponsored a constitutional amendment opposing the rights of same-sex couples to marry, and voted against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), hate crimes legislation protecting LGBT people and repeal of the military's discriminatory "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

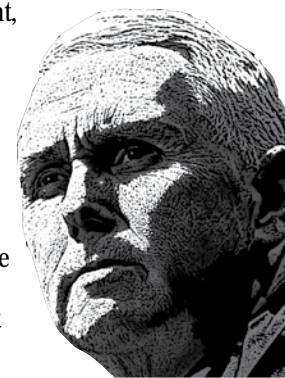
In March 2015, Governor Pence signed a bill into law permitting business owners in Indiana to refuse service to gay and lesbian customers due to their religious beliefs. The bill was widely condemned by athletes, business owners and corporate America, leading to public condemnation and business pulling out

projects in the state because of the bill's discriminatory nature.

"Mr. Trump's campaign is in part based on his asserted willingness to tell it like it is. He claims that he is not a hater," continued Lazin. "For an estimated 20 million LGBT Americans, the Equality Act would protect them in their daily lives and its passage would send a historic message that discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity will not be tolerated by our federal government."

The Equality Act, a bipartisan bill was introduced last year in the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The legislation would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, credit and the judicial system.

Presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has pledged her support for the Equality Act.



## Report Shows State Anti-LGBT Laws Coordinated at National Level

**A** new Report, Documenting Discrimination, uncovers how a national right wing religious groups – working through smaller local groups – are spearheading the movement to legalize discrimination against LGBT individuals through Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA") legislation.

The Campaign for Accountability (CfA) released the report on July 14th, following open record requests in Arizona, Texas, and Kentucky to identify the national groups behind state efforts to pass RFRA's.

"The religious right continues to advance an agenda of hate and intolerance," said CfA Executive Director, Anne Weismann.

"Contrary to the way supporters portray them, state RFRA's are not enacted to alleviate public anxiety over the loss of religious liberty; they're passed because well-financed national anti-LGBT groups demand it."

Documents obtained by CfA reveal that local groups often work under the direction of national groups like Alliance Defending Freedom and Family Research Council to secure passage of anti-LGBT bills in state legislatures.

In Arizona, CfA uncovered a close working relationship between state legislators, the Center for Arizona Policy, Alliance Defending Freedom, and the Family Research Council. Emails show that national groups helped

write anti-LGBT bills and then testified in support of them.

One email chain reveals how the religious right groups directed the Arizona Legislature to pass a resolution honoring the Boy Scouts' "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy, which was nevertheless terminated six weeks after they passed the resolution.

In Texas, emails from a top staffer in the governor's office reveal how First Liberty, working hand-in-glove with a Texas group, Texas Values, was behind the state's RFRA bill.

In Kentucky, a national religious right group, Liberty Counsel, intervened on behalf of Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis to prevent any documents from the clerk's office from being released to CfA, drawing a rebuke from the state's attorney general.

"No one should be fooled into thinking these laws reflect the values of the vast majority of Americans," said Weismann. "Rather, these anti-LGBT policies embody the hatred and intolerance of a vocal few."



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# NC's 'Bathroom Law' Forces NBA All Star Game Relocation

The National Basketball Association has decided in response to North Carolina's "bathroom law" to move the 2017 NBA All Star Game out of Charlotte, North Carolina, to a yet unnamed city.

"Since March, when North Carolina enacted HB2 and the issue of legal protections for the LGBT community in Charlotte became prominent, the NBA and the Charlotte Hornets have been working diligently to foster constructive dialogue and try to effect positive change," the league said in a released statement. "We have been guided in these discussions by the long-standing core values of our league. These include not only diversity, inclusion, fairness and respect for others but also the willingness to listen and consider opposing points of view."

North Carolina's law, HB2, requires people to use public restrooms and locker rooms corresponding to their biological gender. Supporters of HB2 cite privacy and safety concerns.

In a released statement, the Sacramento Kings supported the NBA's decision:

"The NBA has long stood for inclusion and respect, and the Sacramento Kings are proud to be a part of that legacy," said Kings Owner and Chairman Vivek Ranadivé. "On and off the court we have a diverse team representing different countries, races, religions, ages and sexual orientations. In basketball and in Silicon Valley, we share a similar philosophy - it does not matter who you are, your religious beliefs, your sexual orientation, or the color of your skin - everyone is welcome in our family. All that matters is that you've got game."

"We applaud and support the NBA's decision to ensure that all members of the NBA family, our fans and our partners are



**NBA commissioner Adam Silver**

able to attend and enjoy the All-Star game in a state where they feel welcome and safe. We enthusiastically support Commissioner Silver and we are proud to play in a league that is a leader in promoting the importance of diversity and equality."

North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory issued a statement after the announcement by the NBA, saying "the sports and entertainment elite," among others, had "misrepresented our laws and maligned the people of North Carolina simply because most people believe boys and girls should be able to use school bathrooms, locker rooms and showers without the opposite sex present."

"While we recognize that the NBA cannot choose the law in every city, state and country in which we do business, we do not believe we can successfully host our All-Star festivities in Charlotte in the climate created by the current law," a statement by the league said.

# ACLU Pledges Challenge of Unlawful Trump Policies

The American Civil Liberties Union has released a constitutional analysis of presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump's policy proposals and vowed to challenge them in court should he win the presidency.

The analysis examines Trump's campaign promises to deport over 11 million undocumented immigrants, to ban Muslims from entering the United States, to surveil American Muslims and their houses of worship, to reinstate torture and to revise libel laws.

"If implemented, Donald Trump's proposed policies will spark a constitutional and legal challenge that would require all hands on deck at the ACLU," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony D. Romero. "The ACLU and its more than 300 attorneys in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C., stand ready to challenge and impede implementation of his unlawful proposals, should he attempt to see them through."

The ACLU said Trump's proposals would

violate the First, Fourth, Fifth, and Eighth Amendments of the Constitution.

Throughout his presidential campaign, Trump has sparked controversy with his stated positions on immigration, Muslim Americans, torture, and freedom of speech, among other issues.

"Taken together, his policies and positions, if put into place, would violate the Constitution and federal and international law," Romero said. "We stand ready to defend our Constitution."

The ACLU said an analysis of Hillary Clinton's proposed policies and their civil liberties implications is forthcoming.

The ACLU's legal memos on Trump are online [action.aclu.org/sites/default/files/pages/trumpmemos.pdf](http://action.aclu.org/sites/default/files/pages/trumpmemos.pdf).

# An Open Letter to the CDC on PrEP

Four years ago on July 16, 2012, the Food and Drug Administration approved use of Truvada for the prevention of HIV, which is also known as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)<sup>1</sup>. In a report released by Gilead Sciences on June 20, 2016, they revealed the following information:

1. 49,148 total cumulative prescriptions for Truvada as PrEP have been filled based on data reported by 82% of all pharmacies. While it is unknown how many people who were originally prescribed the drug are still on it, based on adherence information in previous studies, no more than half the people actually took the drug on any type of consistent basis<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, we estimate that about 25,000 are still taking Truvada for prevention. Of these patients 79% were men or about 20,000.
2. We are assuming almost all of these 20,000 are men who have sex with men (MSM). Studies estimate that there are 4,875,000 MSM<sup>3</sup>—or 3.9% of the 125 million adult men in the US. As a result, we can conclude that less than .04% of MSM are taking Truvada for PrEP. CDC has suggested that 1.2 million men<sup>4</sup> should be on PrEP but doctors and patients are not responding to that call in large numbers. PrEP cannot be a major factor in preventing HIV when so few people are on it. On the other hand recent studies indicate that 60% of MSM use condoms regularly<sup>5</sup>, based on last sex among HIV-negative MSM.
3. African-Americans are 12% of the US population but are 44% of new HIV infections<sup>6</sup>. However, they are only 10% of people on PrEP. Young people are most at risk for new HIV infections, but made up only 7.6% of PrEP prescriptions. Whites represent 27% of new infections but made up 74% of those on PrEP. The men who are taking PrEP are those least at risk from HIV.
4. PrEP does not protect people from STDs. The rapid rise in rates of STDs such as syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea<sup>7</sup> indicate that fewer people are using condoms and suggesting the need to reinvigorate safer sex campaigns, which have suffered greatly as a result of the CDC's almost exclusive focus on PrEP.
5. The wide-scale advertising promotions of Truvada for PrEP by AIDS organizations and community groups funded by the manufacturer Gilead Sciences gives the impression that PrEP is very popular even though the raw numbers tell another story. Based on the large number of men who say they are on PrEP on hook-up sites such as Grindr, it would appear that they are seeking unprotected sex whether they take the drug or not.

The CDC is the national agency responsible for the prevention of HIV and other STDs. As such, we call on you to re-balance your prevention efforts to align with what patients want and need so that we can achieve better success in preventing new infections.

Thank you.

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# Death Of Visionary Leader Jeff Montgomery Mourned

**L**GBTQ leader Jeff Montgomery died July 19th in Detroit age 63, leaving a lasting legacy and imprint on the LGBTQ movement in the United States and beyond.

We are deeply saddened by the loss of this most precious friend," said Sue Hyde, director of the Creating Change Conference. "Jeff attended many Creating Change Conferences, including the two held in Detroit in 1995 and 2008. He presented innumerable workshop sessions – training and educating our movement about anti-violence tactics and strategies, one of his great missions in life."

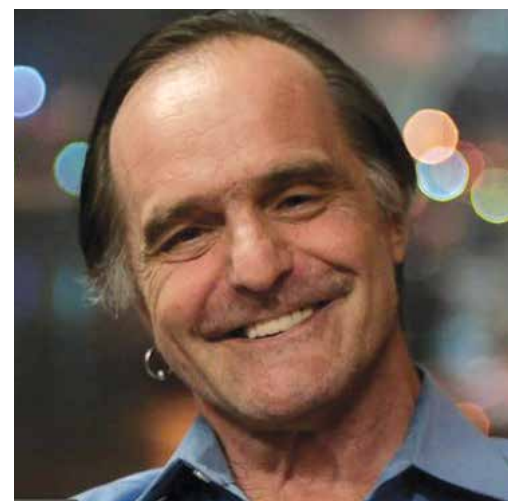
Montgomery lent his skills and wisdom to many in our movement, young and old, people of all races and classes, all folk who shared his abiding passions for LGBTQ freedom, justice and equity.

He will be so missed by so many for so long," said Hyde. "Rest in Peace and Power, Jeff."

Montgomery's partner, Michael, was

murdered in an anti-gay hate crime in Detroit in the mid-1980s, and he coped with this devastating personal tragedy and turned his anger and frustration at the lack of police investigation of the murder into a strong and durable LGBTQ movement in his home state of Michigan. Montgomery, with others, founded the Triangle Foundation in 1991, which focused its efforts on supporting victims of hate crimes. He served as its executive director from the founding until 2007.

In 2010, the Triangle Foundation evolved into Equality Michigan, following a merger with Michigan Equality. He and Triangle expanded the work to include advocating for nondiscrimination laws and policies, taking Triangle's energies and people to Lansing, the state capital,



Jeff Montgomery

and then, to Washington DC.

To preserve and highlight the legacy of Montgomery's incredible work, consider a donation to fund the documentary of his life, *America, You Kill Me* at [www.jeffreymontgomery.org](http://www.jeffreymontgomery.org).

## New Exhibition Honors Gay Movement Pioneer

**S**tarting in the late 1890s, Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld was a groundbreaking defender of homosexual and transgender people in Germany and beyond, and was internationally renowned as a founder of the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee, the world's first homosexual advocacy group, and as creator of the Institute for Sexual Science in Berlin.

displayed at the GLBT History Museum is the 1898 booklet including the Scientific-Humanitarian Committee's petition calling for repeal of Germany's sodomy law; one of the handful of volumes known to have survived the first book-burning of the Nazi regime, where the library of Hirschfeld's Institute for Sexual Science was consigned to



A Nazi student and a member of the SA plundering the Institute for Sexual Science in Berlin (May 6, 1933). Photo: U.S. National Archives and Records Administration.

Both organizations were banned when the Nazis came to power in 1933. Hirschfeld died in exile three years later.

In a new exhibition opening on August 19, the GLBT History Museum offers an introduction to Hirschfeld's life, work and legacy. *Through Knowledge to Justice: The Sexual World of Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld (1868-1935)* features first editions, vintage periodicals and ephemera largely drawn from the collection assembled by curator Gerard Koskovich over the past three decades.

In addition, the exhibition will include historic film documenting Hirschfeld's

impact and the fate of his work.

"Although the Nazi regime did its best to erase the memory of Hirschfeld and his contributions, it didn't succeed. We remember Hirschfeld today not only because he helped found the movement to defend LGBTQ people more than a century ago, but also because his work as a sexologist was prescient," Koskovich said. "With its emphasis on 'sexual intermediacy,' Hirschfeld's thinking prefigures contemporary ideas about the continuum of sexual orientation, genderqueer expression and sexual fluidity."

Among the scarce artifacts that will be

the flames; and a review copy of the last of Hirschfeld's books published during his lifetime, inscribed by the author three weeks before his death.

*Through Knowledge to Justice* opens August 19 and runs through November 23 at the GLBT History Museum, located at 4127 18th St. in the Castro district in San Francisco. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00; \$3.00 for California students with I.D.; free for members. An opening reception will be held on Friday, August 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00.

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# Briefly Put

## Kim Davis Contempt Order Upheld

A federal appeals court on July 13th dismissed Kim Davis's appeals in the Rowan County marriage licensing case. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in *Miller v. Davis* upheld the order that found Davis in contempt.

"Kentucky's new marriage law goes into effect this Friday (July 18th), allowing all loving couples to obtain marriage licenses in the state without fear of discrimination," said ACLU LGBT Project Staff Attorney Ria Tabacco Mar. "In light of the changes to the law, the court correctly dismissed Kim Davis's appeals."

Notably, however, the court kept in place a lower court order that found Davis in contempt for defying the law and denying the ACLU's clients the marriage licenses they were legally promised.

"We're pleased that the appeals court kept that decision on the books: It will serve as a reminder to other government officials that placing their personal views ahead of the Constitution and the rule of law is not acceptable," said Mar.

More information on *Miller v. Davis* is available at [www.aclu.org/cases/miller-v-davis](http://www.aclu.org/cases/miller-v-davis).

## Congress Holds First Amendment Defense Act Hearing

The U.S. Congress held a hearing on July 12 on the so-called First Amendment Defense Act (FADA), a bill that could turn back the clock on hard-won LGBT civil rights protections in California and across the country, allowing virtually anyone to discriminate against an LGBT person on a thin pretext of personal religious beliefs.

"Today, congressional leaders delivered a slap in the face to the LGBT community," said Equality California Executive Director Rick Zbur. "If signed into law married same-sex couples could be denied the same benefits their heterosexual co-workers receive. Landlords could refuse to rent to same-sex couples – or even to co-habiting heterosexual couples."

FADA gives a federal stamp of approval to the same discrimination the LGBT community has been fighting for years, and Congressional leaders ignored the pleas of more than 70 LGBT and allied organizations to change the date of the hearing. "We urge them now to reject this regressive and hateful bill," said Zbur.

## Court Will Consider Immediate Relief for Transgender People in HB2 Lawsuit on August 1

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Schroeder will hear arguments on Monday, August 1, on a motion for a preliminary injunction that asks the court to block the provisions of North Carolina's House Bill 2 that targets transgender people for discrimination in single-sex facilities while a legal challenge proceeds through the court system.

The American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of North Carolina, Lambda Legal and the law firm of Jenner & Block are representing six LGBT North Carolinians and members of the ACLU of North Carolina in their federal court challenge to House Bill 2.

"Every day that House Bill 2 remains on the books, transgender North Carolinians suffer irreparable harm at work, in school, and in other public places, simply because they want to use public facilities safely just like everyone else but this hateful law prevents them from doing so," the groups said in a joint statement. "We are glad our clients will finally have their day in court, and we hope that this discriminatory law's days are numbered."

## ACLU of Iowa Files Civil Rights Complaint on Behalf of Transgender Corrections Employee

The American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa has filed a complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission on behalf of Jesse Vroegh, a long-time Iowa Department of Corrections nurse who was discriminated against because he is transgender.

"In this country and in Iowa, everyone should be treated fairly in the workplace – especially when your employer is the state," says Vroegh. "Rather than setting a good example for other Iowa employers, the state has denied me the use of gendered spaces as well as the health insurance coverage I need, simply because I am transgender. I hope my fight for fairness in the workplace will make a difference for the many other transgender people who have faced similar discrimination at work."

Iowa Department of Corrections refused to allow Vroegh to use the men's restrooms and locker rooms because he is transgender. It has also denied him health care coverage for medically necessary treatment and procedures, even though it provides coverage for similar procedures for non-transgender employees. The same type of health care that Vroegh needs is covered for state employees who are not transgender.

Last fall, Vroegh's supervisors said that rather than using employee locker rooms and restrooms corresponding with his gender identity, he would be required to use a unisex private restroom to dress and store his belongings, isolating him from all of his co-employees. The unisex restroom doesn't have a shower, so unlike his co-workers, Vroegh has no option for showering at work.

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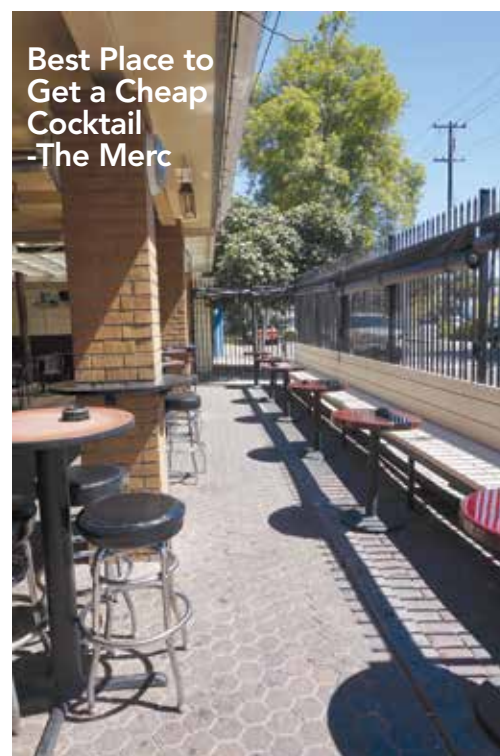
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# Don't miss *The Passion of Joan of Arc* at the Crest

by Chris Narloch

Director Carl Dreyer's silent film classic *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, from 1928, will receive a rare Sacramento screening at the historic Crest Theatre on Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m.

This cinematic giant will be accompanied with an avant-garde score composed and performed by George Sarah with a string quartet, chamber singers, and Sarah's own live keyboards and electronic beats.

One of the finest movies ever made, *The Passion of Joan of Arc* also contains a portrayal that is considered by some film critics to be the greatest performance ever put on film.

Here's what the late, great Roger Ebert had to say about the movie: "You cannot know the history of silent film unless you know the face of Renee Jeanne Falconetti. In a medium without words, where the filmmakers believed that the camera captured the essence of characters through their faces, to see Falconetti in Dreyer's *The Passion of Joan of Arc* is to look into eyes that will never leave you."

Composer George Sarah is an award-winning electronic musician who has worked with such artists as Nikka Costa, The Crystal Method, and Goldfrapp.

His original score aims to re-imagine *The Passion of Joan of Arc* with a modern urgency. The live score of string parts, choral and electronic elements complements and contrasts the low angles, close-ups and disorienting camera work in the film.



Don't let the \$25 cost throw you. If you've never seen the film with a live score, or never seen it at all, it promises to be worth every penny.

For more information, visit [www.crestsacramento.com](http://www.crestsacramento.com).

# Kander & Ebb at Music Circus Plus George & Ira Gershwin

by Chris Narloch

We've reached the midpoint in the Music Circus season: three shows down and three to go. Here's the rundown on the next two titles coming to Well Fargo Pavilion.

## Cabaret

If you are reading this before July 31st when the show closes, you should still be able to purchase tickets to the new Music Circus production of *Cabaret*, one of the greatest of all modern musicals.

Broadway's Robin de Jesus, who has twice been nominated for Tony Awards, has snagged the plum role of Emcee, and Kaleigh Cronin is Sally Bowles, the ultimate good-time girl.

Welcome to Berlin's infamous Kit Kat Klub, where a raucous ensemble take the stage nightly to tease the crowd into forgetting the fascist storm brewing outside.

But as life in pre-WWII Germany grows more and more dangerous, how long can the show go on?

This Tony-winning Kander & Ebb classic features some of the most memorable

Broadway songs ever written, including "Mein Herr," "Money, Money," "Maybe This Time," "Wilkommen," and the unforgettable title song.

## Nice Work If You Can Get It

After the dark brilliance of *Cabaret*, Music Circus lightens things up with a fun and frothy musical featuring a score by the great George and Ira Gershwin.

The song-and-dance spectacular *Nice Work If You Can Get It* is a sparkling and spirited musical comedy set in Prohibition Era New York City.

To a songbook of some of the greatest American standards ever written, a cast of bootleggers, chorus girls, playboys and politicians creates hilarity in a glorious Long Island mansion during the rip-roaring 1920s.

The musical's score includes such classic songs as "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," "I've Got a Crush on You," and "Someone to Watch Over Me." *Nice Work If You Can Get It* plays August 9-14.

For more information about both shows, visit [www.californiamusicaltheatre.com](http://www.californiamusicaltheatre.com).



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# USA's LGBT 2015 Buying Power Nears \$917 Billion

The combined buying power of the U.S. LGBT adult population for 2015 is estimated at \$917 billion, according to a new analysis by Witeck Communications.

“Buying power – also known as disposable personal income (DPI) – is not the same as wealth,” said Bob Witeck who released the findings. “It is a practical tool for economists and marketers, in particular, to signal the increasingly visible contributions made to our economy by America’s diverse LGBT individuals and households.”

Disposable personal income (DPI), according to economists, is the amount of money that individuals have available to spend and save after paying taxes and pension contributions to the government (roughly 86 percent of income).

Witeck added, “To understand this estimate, it’s important to underscore that there is no evidence that same-sex households or LGBT people are more affluent or, on average, earn more than others. That is a stereotype, long debunked by economists and policy experts.”

“LGBT buying power is an economic marker that helps benchmark America’s diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities,” said Justin Nelson, National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) Co-Founder and President. “At NGLCC, we have more than 150 corporate partners that understand not only the value of the LGBT dollar, but the economics of inclusivity and loyalty. Their commitments to our communities prove our

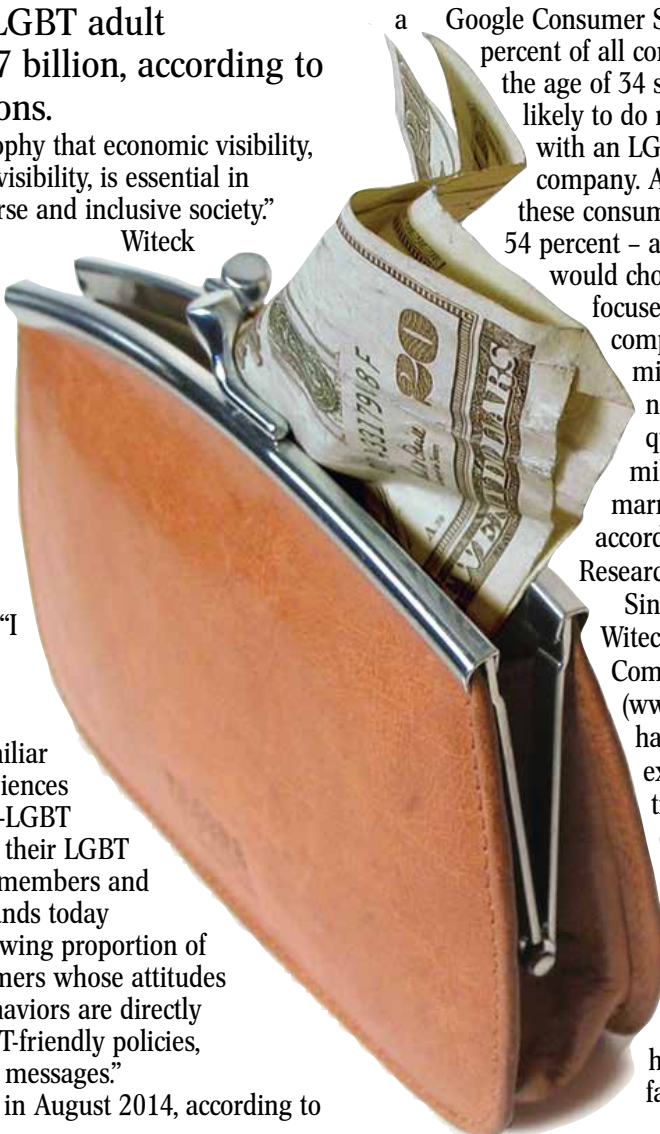
NGLCC philosophy that economic visibility, just like social visibility, is essential in building a diverse and inclusive society.”

In addition, Witeck emphasized that contemporary market behaviors are favorably shaped by millennials who appear to be the most LGBT-inclusive generation yet. “I call this the PFLAG effect – which helps explain the familiar and loyal experiences of younger non-LGBT people towards their LGBT friends, family members and co-workers. Brands today recognize a growing proportion of younger consumers whose attitudes and buying behaviors are directly shaped by LGBT-friendly policies, campaigns and messages.”

For example, in August 2014, according to

a Google Consumer Survey, over 45 percent of all consumers under the age of 34 say they’re more likely to do repeat business with an LGBT-friendly company. A majority of these consumers – more than 54 percent – also say they would choose an equality-focused brand over a competitor. Keep in mind also that nearly three-quarters of millennials support marriage equality, according to Pew Research.

Since 1993, Bob Witeck and Witeck Communications, Inc. ([www.witeck.com](http://www.witeck.com)) have provided expert knowledge, trend analysis and communications counsel to Fortune 500 companies on their strategies to understand and reach LGBT households and families.

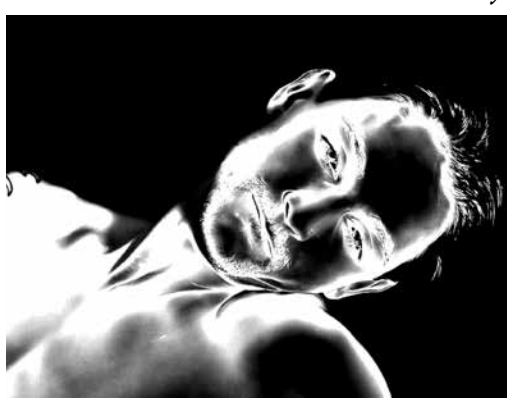


# Website Launched to Support Male Sex Workers

A new Website has been launched countering beliefs that guys become prostitutes because they’re too dumb to get a “real job,” or to support a drug habit or that they must be self-hating victims of sexual abuse and are walking petri dishes of yet un-cataloged STDs.

Me, Us & Male Escorting at [www.aboutmaleescorting.com](http://www.aboutmaleescorting.com) aims to not only challenge these misconceptions, but to also lobby for the decriminalization of sex work through an on ongoing series of informative blogs and resources, including links to widely cited and read books and research papers published on male escorting.

The website is the result of a joint research collaboration between Professor John Scott and Professor Victor Minichiello, who together co-edited the book *Male Sex Work & Society*.”



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## LGBTQ Pop-Dance Recoring Artist Aaron Paul Releases Music Video for Unofficial Single “Shine Bright”

London born, Brooklyn based singer and songwriter, Aaron Paul returns to the music scene with his sophomore album, *Electric Erotic*, due out later this summer. “Shine Bright” the laidback and not-so-in-your-face song has R&B influences, combining current electronic sounds. Give it a listen at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ere-p7j9j3M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ere-p7j9j3M)



# Beyonce, Ariana, Meghan & Alessia Reviewed

by Chris Narloch

Not every pop diva can take lemons and make lemonade like Beyonce. Read on for my reviews of Queen Bee's excellent new CD and three other recent releases by popular female singers.

## Beyonce – *Lemonade*

Did Jay Z really cheat on Beyonce? If he did, he has to be the stupidest man on Earth to risk losing such a beautiful and talented woman, and if he didn't, well, the rumor sure makes for great headlines and even greater music.

Beyonce recently dropped another one of her surprise CDs, this one entitled *Lemonade*, which appears to make musical lemonade out of marital infidelity. The Carters are such shrewd businesspeople that the whole thing could be a marketing ploy, but who really cares when the results are this enjoyable?

Beyonce's self-titled CD from 2013 is still her finest solo disc to date, but *Lemonade* is almost as good.

The new album proves that Queen Bee can sing just about anything and sing it better than just about anyone, from the country-sounding "Daddy Lessons" and the calypso-tinged "Hold Up" to the triumphant political anthem "Freedom."

"Freedom" pairs Beyonce with Kendrick Lamar, and it isn't the only inspired collaboration on *Lemonade*. The singer even teams up with indie rock god Jack White for the trippy and terrific "Don't Hurt Yourself."



Ariana Grande

## Ariana Grande – *Dangerous Woman*

Ariana Grande seems to have survived

what I like to call her "Donut-gate" scandal, but her fans may feel more burned by her new CD than by her notorious fat-shaming comments in a donut shop last year.

*Dangerous Woman* attempts to give Grande an edgier sound, but the tunes on the disc are mostly inferior, despite the involvement of uber-producer and songwriter Max Martin on many of the tracks.

The slow-burn single that gives the CD its title is appropriately sultry, and I also liked three up-tempo tracks that should produce fun remixes: "Into You," "Touch It" and "Step On Up."

But when Grande starts to sing about "hood love" and applies her girlish, high voice to lyrics like "he giving me that good shit," I didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

## Meghan Trainor – *Thank You*

This full-figured singer/songwriter scored a monster hit with "All About the Bass," an addictive tribute to cuties with big booties, from her previous CD.

Now, Trainor is back with her sophomore effort, *Thank You*, which is loaded with songs dedicated to female empowerment such as "Watch Me Do," "I Love Me," "Better" and "Woman Up."

If I'm being honest, Trainor is not a great singer from a technical standpoint, but she has a knack for writing clever, hook-filled pop songs like "No," and, along with Taylor Swift, she is a very positive role model, especially for girls and young women.

## Alessia Cara - *Know-It-All*

This talented 20-year-old scored a hot hit recently with "Here," a vivid confessional about ending up at the wrong party and wishing you were anywhere else.

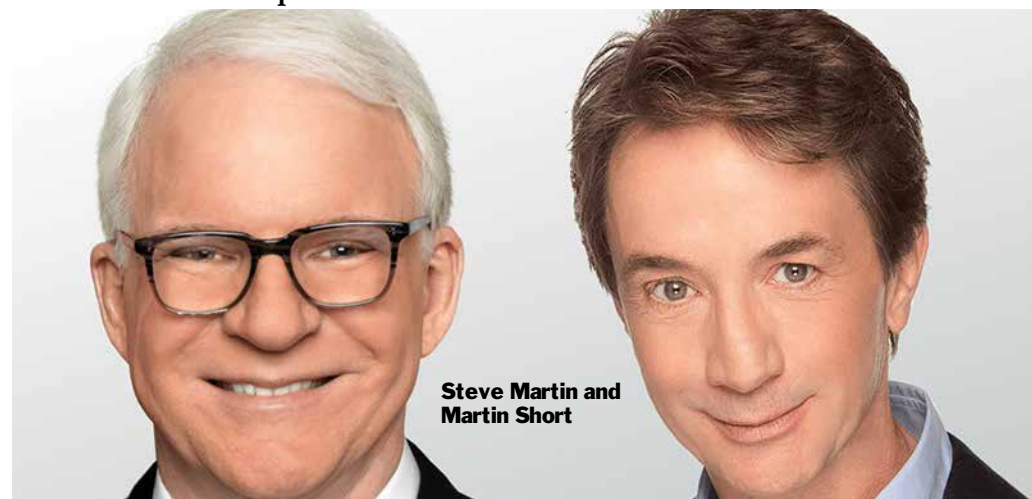
That loner anthem immediately put Cara on the musical map, and her debut studio album *Know-It-All* is a smart collection of bittersweet pop songs that proves "Here" was not a fluke.

Standout cuts include "Seventeen" and "I'm Yours."

# Steve Martin & Martin Short Bring the Laughs to Thunder Valley

by Chris Narloch

The dynamite lineup of shows this summer may be the best series of concerts at Thunder Valley since they opened the outdoor amphitheater at their resort and casino in Lincoln.



Steve Martin and Martin Short

Still to come over the next couple months are shows there by Culture Club with Boy George, Cheap Trick on a double bill with Joan Jett, plus concerts by Wynonna Judd, Kenny Loggins, and Cyndi Lauper.

The next not-to-be-missed show coming to Thunder Valley is a pairing of comedy legends Steve Martin and Martin Short, who will team up for *An Evening You Will Forget For The Rest Of Your Life*, on August 12 at 7:00 p.m.

That sounds like vintage Steve Martin to me, but it could just as easily be a title that Short came up with, so alike are their comic sensibilities, which I would characterize as "sophisticated insanity."

From their first big screen blockbuster together (*Three Amigos!*), through the *Father of the Bride* films, Martin and Short have always been a riot together, and their live show should be a hoot as well.

Martin is hot off co-writing his first Broadway musical (the short-lived but lovely *Bright Star*), while Short kept me laughing this summer with his terrific 6-week network variety show costarring Maya Rudolph.

The All Male Bluegrass Boys will open for the comics, which means that there is bound to be plenty of Martin's beloved banjo music on display during the show.

For more information, visit [www.thundervalleyresort.com](http://www.thundervalleyresort.com).

## The Dixie Chicks World Tour Stopped in Wheatland



Infamous for their opposition to the war in Iraq, but best know for thier pop and alternative country sound, The Dixie Chicks brought their World Tour to the Toyota Amphitheater in Wheatland on June 13, 2016. Emily Robinson, Natalie Maines, and Martie McGuire rocked the house. Photo by Colt McGraw.

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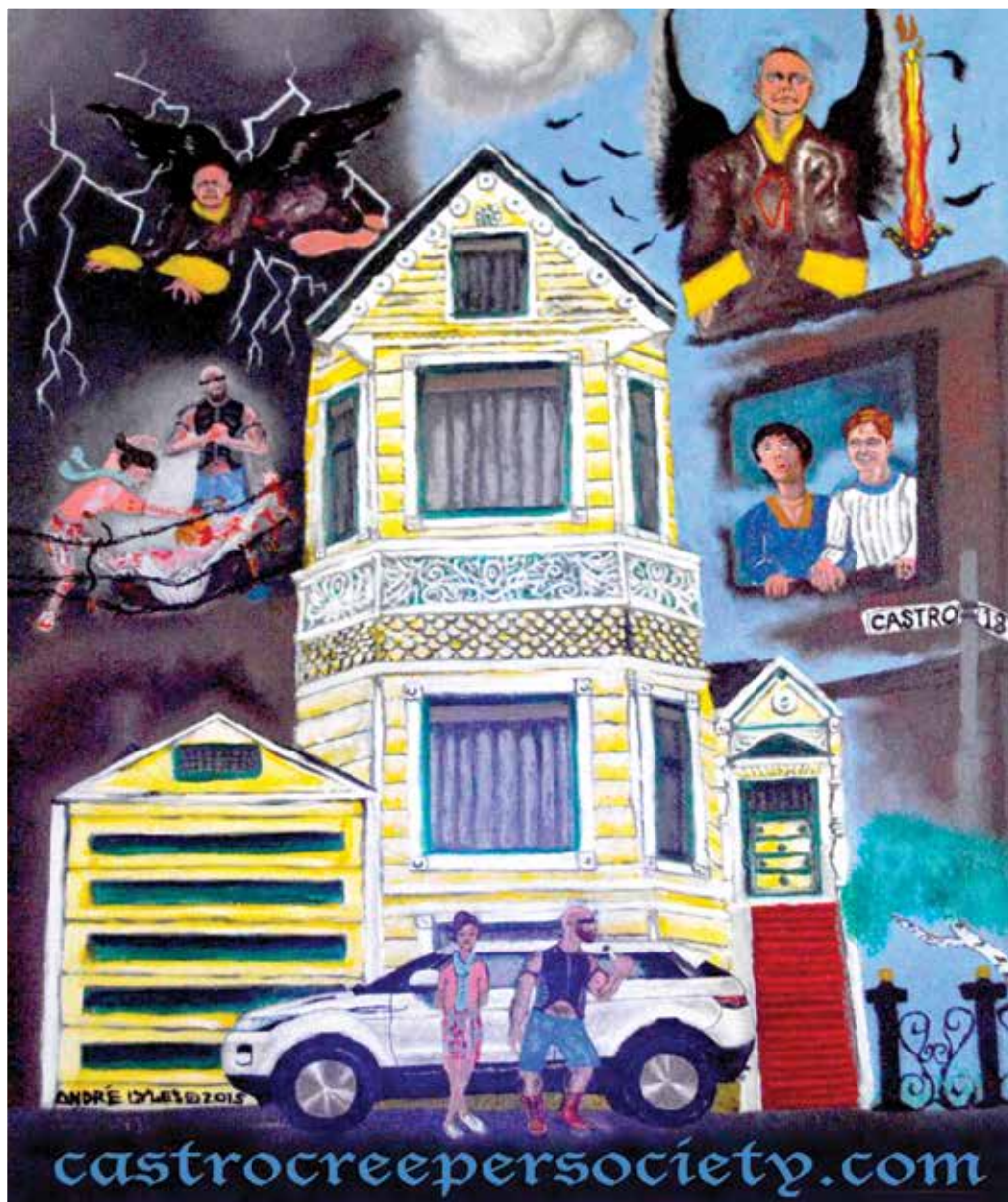
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