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Happy Anniversary Outword! - It Has Been 24 Years...

by Fred Palmer - Outword Publisher

Is it me, or does it seem like we are still fighting for the same damn rights we were fighting for 24 years ago? And even though LGBTQ issues are in the mainstream news every single day, with both positive and negative stories, our community still has many hurdles and battles to fight to achieve true, unending equality.

Some of us older members of the community have even been heard grumbling about how it really does seem that we are re-fighting for our rights in the current political situation, and that now the fight should be taken up by younger, fresher bodies. We hope that some of you reading this will join in and help fight our fight.

We need to work together as an entire community and not bicker amongst ourselves about who had, or has, it worse. I'm asking that we all set our phones down and look at each other. Atone if atonement is needed, apologize if an apology is needed and forgive, because that is always needed. Then ask yourself how you can help. It's not always about money, either. You can donate your time, share your expertise, maybe even write an opinion article for the local gay pub..?

I have witnessed, in my life, that Americans have always dealt with life's challenges with huge pendulum swings, but we don't have to. Little changes can make a difference, especially with all the fear and dread we are all feeling now with our political system running amuck. Some of the tiniest gestures can make someone smile, and that's a good thing.

Over our several decades in business, we have seen many struggles for our community and our industry. When I first started *Outword* there were many more LGBTQ newspapers in the country and most of them survived on local advertisers and local professionals, like dentists, real estate agents, lawyers, insurance, and we still do.

Back then, major corporate advertisers did not see the value of the gay dollar except for a few companies like Budweiser, Subaru and Wells Fargo.

Today we are seeing more major companies



realize our spending power as we continue to flex our buying power muscles. We are seeing more companies support LGBTQ events like Pride and LGBTQ film festivals, as they seek and earn our dollar.

I know I sound like a broken record but one of those little things you can do to help is to please support the businesses that support us, our community. Spend your money with the organizations that ask for

our money, and not just the companies that sport rainbow flags in their ads on their web pages during Pride month, then quickly pull them down on July 1.

I started *Outword* 24 years ago and had no idea what I was about to embark upon. I was eager to make a difference and continue to be an activist for my community. My mission was then, and still is today, to inform, entertain and inspire. I have learned a lot, mostly from the people around me in the community, but there is always so much that can still be taught.

Over the years, *Outword* has employed a wide variety of people that unwittingly have been teachers, and friends, and have taught me, and those around me.

We are, and always have been, extremely grateful to those folks that assisted us along the way. Writing for us, delivering, selling ads and other duties have allowed us to survive and be a community resource. Of special mention is Charlie Peer. Over the almost 20 years he worked at *Outword* he wore many hats. These days he is enjoying some down time that his retirement affords him, but we still see him at many of our events, and miss his contributions. Thanks also go to Ron Tackitt, who works to make everything look pretty and nice, to Kaye Crawford for delivering the papers all around Sacramento and our very own Chris Narloch, who continues to entertain us with his entertaining articles about all things entertainment.

Over the coming year, I can promise that we will continue to do our very best to keep you informed, inspired and entertained. I hope that you will continue to pick us up in print, or click through our online publications (which are totally free, by the way) and maybe even take a couple of minutes to let us know what you think, and how we are doing.

Please stay alert and let's show this country, and the world, what a great, loving community we have. *Outword* will be here for you to help in any way we can. So, here's to another 24 years, and remember next year will be our Silver Anniversary, so look for the Party!

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LGBTQ+ Talk Radio Network Channel Q To Expand To Additional Markets

Entercom, a leading media and entertainment company and one of the two largest radio broadcasters in the U.S., today announced the continued growth of CHANNEL Q, a RADIO.COM original station. The premiere LGBTQ+ Talk Radio Network will be available in a total of 28 markets nationwide. The network brings the latest in LGBTQ+ news and information, pop culture and new music to listeners on air and via the RADIO.COM app nationwide.



"CHANNEL Q's already expansive reach nationwide is another step in the right direction as we aim to promote and support inclusion throughout our country," said Jeff Federman, Regional President and Market Manager,

Entercom Southern California. "We remain as persistent about providing the LGBTQ+ community and its allies with a voice as we did when we first launched and we are proud to continue to expand our efforts into new markets."

Media, In Itself, Is Not A Public Good

Commentary by Maya Schenwar, Editor-in-Chief, Truthout.org

We know that Fox News is fueling Trump's support, and that Breitbart is lifting up the voices of white nationalism. But even beyond explicitly right-wing outlets, mainstream journalism is fanning the flames of humanity's self-destruction.

Traditionally, the journalistic ideal is a certain brand of "objectivity" -- what some call the "view from nowhere." The logic goes: Journalists must refrain from bias and gather perspectives from both sides, representing the landscape of public opinion instead of making clear their own perspective. Of course, there's bias simply in choosing which "sides" to feature, and who to interview, and how to present their opinions, and what topics to cover in the first place. For the dominant media, the "view from nowhere" is actually a view from power. The people given a platform in mainstream news articles are rarely the people most impacted by a particular issue.

Take climate change, one of the most central and pressing issues of our time. In a recent Truthout interview, Noam Chomsky noted, "In the best newspapers there are regular articles by the finest journalists applauding the fracking revolution and the opening of new areas for exploitation, driving the U.S. well ahead of Saudi Arabia

in the race to destroy human civilization."

Truthout doesn't pretend to be a "view from nowhere," or to represent the entire range of public opinion. Instead, we focus our energy on telling the truth -- with accuracy, integrity, transparency, accountability and heart. We report on climate change as a catastrophically urgent crisis. From Dahr Jamail's Climate Disruption Dispatches, to our legacy of covering the devastating impacts of fracking from the time it began, to our stories linking climate change with economic injustice and endless war, we consider it our duty to sound the alarm -- and offer creative, bold paths forward -- before it is entirely too late.

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City of Modesto Denies Permit for Anti-LGBTQ "Straight Pride" Event

The City of Modesto has denied a permit for the National Straight Pride Coalition – an extreme anti-LGBTQ and white supremacist group – to hold a "straight pride" event in the city. However, organizers say they still plan to hold the event, with or without a permit.

The so-called "straight pride" event is being promoted under the seemingly innocuous guise of being a free speech celebration, however the group's website makes it clear that the event is aimed at highlighting the "evil of the Homosexual/Sodomy Movement," the supremacy of western culture and whiteness and the "existence of only two genders."

The Coalition is a small group of radical organizers who have attempted to organize hate-filled events and mobilize ahead of the 2020 election. The Proud Boys, a violent white supremacist hate group, is also expected to participate in the event. U.S. Representative Josh Harder (D-Turlock),



who represents Modesto in Congress, has condemned the event. For more information visit www.eqca.org.

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Lambda Legal to HHS: Health Care Discrimination Against LGBT People is Illegal

Lambda Legal submitted comments to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services objecting to a proposed rule change that seeks to roll back the protections under the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) nondiscrimination provision (also known as Section 1557) that prohibit discrimination in health care on the basis of sex. The proposed rule seeks to carve-out LGBT people from the ACA's nondiscrimination protections, inviting health care workers, doctors, hospitals and health insurance companies that receive federal funding to refuse to provide or cover health care services critical to the health and wellbeing of LGBT people and people living with HIV. But this attempt to roll back protections through an agency rule change cannot change the law itself.

"The ACA is a law that prohibits health care and insurance providers from discriminating based on sex, which means LGBTQ patients are protected," said Senior and Transgender Rights Project Attorney for Lambda Legal, Sasha Buchert. "This is an especially appalling attempt by the Trump administration to harm LGBTQ people because health care is so important, and because discrimination against transgender patients in particular is both rampant and devastating. The administration knows full well that court after court has held that the ACA protects transgender people. The proposed rule, if it went into effect, would only sow confusion in the health care industry, encourage more insurers to discriminate, and lead to more lawsuits to protect patients."

Lambda Legal's docket has multiple examples of LGBT people confronting discrimination and bias in accessing health care, including a lesbian couple denied infertility treatment at a women's health clinic, a gay man whose doctor refused to write him a medical prescription and a transgender man whose hospital refused to allow his surgeon to perform a routine hysterectomy. Lambda Legal has documented hundreds of other instances of discrimination, included many described in the comments on the proposed rule Lambda Legal submitted to HHS.

Lambda Legal is a member of the Health Care Rights Law Coalition, which also includes ACLU, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, Center for American Progress, Center for Constitutional Rights, Center for Reproductive Rights, CenterLink, Equality Federation, FORGE, In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, NARAL Pro-Choice America, National Center for Transgender Equality, National Council of Jewish Women, National Health Law Program, National LGBTQ Task Force, National Partnership for Women & Families, National Women's Law Center, PFLAG National, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need, The Leadership Conference Education Fund, TransChance Health, Transgender Law Center, Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund, and WHARR.

Read Lambda's Legal comments, see Lambda Legal's Know Your Rights: Health Provider Discrimination, a resource for transgender and gender nonconforming people by visiting: <https://www.lambdalegal.org/know-your-rights/article/trans-health-care-discrimination>

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Yvie Oddly is Outta This World - The Reigning Queen of RuPaul's Drag Race to Perform in Sacramento

by William Cooke

Yvie Oddly is a revolutionary and evolutionary queen who likes to push the boundaries of drag. She describes herself as an “authentic weirdo” whose style ranges from a high fashion glam goddess to a terrifying alien creature. Her entertaining and energetic performances on season 11 of RuPaul's Drag Race showcased her flexibility, strength, long limbs and, of course, that signature loud cackle... and it all led to Yvie taking the crown!

Season 11 winner of “RuPaul's Drag Race,” Yvie Oddly, will perform at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.



On Friday, September 20, the season 11 winner of RuPaul's Drag Race, Yvie Oddly, performs Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium as part of the cast of Werq the World. She joins her intergalactic drag queen pals Asia O'Hara, Detox, Kameron Michaels, Kim Chi, Naomi Smalls, Plastique, and Violet Chachki on their mission to save the world.

Among the tracks Yvie Oddly is expected to perform is her newest single, Dolla Store. Written by Yvie and produced by Niko The Kid, the playful but hard-hitting parody track is packed with swagger and mischief and celebrates those who create beauty on a budget. “It was inspired by the bravado of rappers who brag about their luxurious purchases and lavish lifestyles, but set in the context of a dollar store because it's where some of my favorite drag has come from,” Yvie explains.

“I wrote Dolla Store after I got back from filming Drag Race and this fancy new dollar store opened up around my way,” she continues. “I walked up and down the aisles and filled my cart with quirky shades, mini kiddie pools to soak my tired feet, and a few boxes of those off-off-brand Otter Pops that come in 27 distinct colors/made up flavors. For the first time in my life, I felt like a real baller.”

On Drag Race, Yvie proved herself all about the hustle and not afraid to take the “scrappiest, dirtiest, most back road option and make it work.” She says she has a massive respect for people who don't limit their vision because of a budget. “There is nothing more satisfying than walking out of a dollar store with groceries, new material for that night's outfit and an almost full wallet.”

She encourages fans to check out the Dolla Store music video on Youtube. Directed by Assad Yacoub, it perfectly matches the tone of the song and depicts Yvie with her odd squad taking a fantasy trip to a real dollar store. It is chocked full of the dopest dancers and a slew of truly amazing Oddballs including Yvie's drag daughter, Neurotika Killz and her drag husband, Captain ButtPirate Morgan.

According to Yvie, the world needs to have a greater appreciation of dollar store finds, but there is one item she cautions against. “Never buy dollar store flip flops,” she warns. “The cheap plastic will slice your feet open!”

Yvie Oddly joins the cast of RuPaul's Drag Race's Werq the World, playing live at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium, on Friday, September 20th. Tickets available now at <https://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?pid=8694475&orgid=2129>

Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

It's anniversary time at Outword! Another year of being a part of wedding expos, film festivals, community events, crab feeds, happy hours and raising thousands of dollars for local organizations has passed. We're still here going strong and proud to be part of such a rich, diverse and evolving community.

Come celebrate our anniversary with us at the next Liquid Therapy Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands, 2003 K St. on September 13! Plus join us for drink specials and more amazing giveaways!

Need that rush of yelling BINGO? Drag Queen Bingo will be held on September 5 at Mango's Sacramento, 1930 K St. and will benefit the Sacramento SPCA. Come early for

hip-hop and pop music. broadwaysacramento.com
Some amazing queer comedy is coming to Sacramento! The first is the LGBTQ Comedy Night on August 30 at the Sacramento Comedy Spot, 1050 20th St. #130. This event is an annual fundraiser for Sacramento Rainbow Festival and this year will be hosted by Jaclyn Weiland and feature

Pippi Lovestocking, Melissa McGillicuddy, and Marcus Williams. saccomedyspot.com

Not enough laughs for ya? The LoLGBT+ Queens and Comedy is back and Punkie Johnson is headlining. The show will also feature Casey Ley from L.A. and Regina Givens and Steph Sanders from Sacramento. Get tickets early from the September 8 show at the Punch Line Sacramento Comedy Club, 2100 Arden Way. punchlinesac.com

Sliding into Labor Day weekend is the 33rd Annual Sacramento Rainbow Festival on September 1 from noon - 7 p.m. at 20th and K streets. This year's lineup includes Cazwell, Alyssa Edwards, Debbie Holiday, Eureka O'Hara and Samantha Mumba

burgers! Just \$20 to play until 9 p.m. and a chance to win fun prizes. RainbowChamber.com

California's pride parades continue with the 10th Annual Oakland Pride Festival and Parade on September 8. The East Bay's premier LGBTQI Community Celebration includes more than six city blocks of music, art, food and fun with four separate entertainment stages welcoming talent from the Bay Area and beyond! OaklandPride.org

Whether you love it or not, this Labor Day weekend Chalk It Up is back and celebrating 29 years of art and music in Sacramento. Each year Fremont Park in downtown Sacramento becomes an explosion of chalk art masterpieces, live music, public art and community engagement. Chalk It Up has become a hugely popular regional event bringing over 60,000 people to Fremont Park over the three-day weekend. Chalkitup.org

The summer has flown by and so has the Broadway At Music Circus lineup! Closing out the year is "In The Heights" running until August 25. Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda about a vibrant New York City neighborhood on the brink of change. The Tony-winning score combines Latin rhythms,

among others. They had me at Cazwell. sacrainbowfest.com

The Gender Health Center's annual Gender Bender Ball fundraiser is back and this year's theme is Prom Night. The costume party event will include a DJ, raffle prizes, dancing and the chance to support an organization that works to lift up trans voices and people. The ball will be held August 31 from 7:30 p.m. - midnight at the CLARA Auditorium, 1425 24th St. thegenderhealthcenter.org

Join the Queer Sacramento Authors Collective (QSAC) for their Milk & Cookies Reading on August 30 at 7 p.m. at the Lavender Library. qsac.rock

Happy birthday to Jimmy Short, Jeff Fink, Phil Luckscheider, Richard Pike, Sandra "Diva" Phillips, Drian Rath, Rachael Hudson, John Krempel, Ben Hudson Jr., Elsie Lodde, Kevin Williams, Jason Lindo, Robert Bequette, Emma Haney and all you late summer babies.

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Railroad Museum Foundation Offers Two Evenings of VIP Cocktail Train Ride Experiences

Showing the rich history and deep connection between agriculture and the railroad, the California State Railroad Museum Foundation is proud to continue its multi-year partnership with Visit Sacramento as an official Farm-to-Fork sponsor. To celebrate the important role the railroad once played in bringing the fruits of the farm to emerging new communities throughout the region and nation, the Foundation is excited to present two evenings of VIP Cocktail Train Ride experiences on Saturday, September 28 & Sunday, September 29, 2019.

The VIP Cocktail Train first debuted in 2015 and was recognized as a finalist in Sunset Magazine's Travel Awards competition in the "Best Train Experience" category. New this year, the elegant experience features themed wine and food pairings courtesy of Michelin Guide Bib Gourmand winner Frank Fats as guests travel along the picturesque Sacramento River in beautifully restored luxury train cars.

"2019 continues to be an important year for the railroad and we're thrilled to continue the celebratory activities aboard Cocktail Train Rides while partnering with the esteemed Fat Family Restaurant Group, the oldest restaurant in the city to be owned exclusively by one family," said Cheryl Marcell, President & CEO of the California

State Railroad Museum Foundation. "The Sacramento Southern Railroad was once primarily used to transport pears, asparagus, celery, seeds and other agricultural products to markets from local Delta communities"

With VIP train rides on each evening at 6 p.m. departing from the Central Pacific Freight Depot along the Old Sacramento Waterfront, VIP Cocktail Train ride guests can sit back and experience what first-class was like during the early decades of the 20th century as developed by the Southern Pacific Railroad. Once they board, ticketed guests will be treated to a series of exquisite small plate appetizers, and paired with a craft cocktail, wine or sparkling selections.

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Hats Off To 45 Years Of "Beach Blanket Babylon" *by Chris Narloch*

It's the end of an era, folks. After 45 extraordinary years, Steve Silver's "Beach Blanket Babylon" – a San Francisco institution and the longest-running musical revue in the world – will give its final performances on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (New Year's Eve), at Club Fugazi, the show's longstanding venue in North Beach.



Donald Trump gets deservedly lampooned as part of the fun in "Beach Blanket Babylon." Photo by Rick Markovich.

That means you have four months left to see "BBB" one last time -- or for the first time, if you've never had the pleasure. Tickets are going fast for the remaining dates, which include holiday performances in November and December and those special New Year's shows.

"Audiences have embraced Beach Blanket Babylon since the day it opened on June 7, 1974," said Producer Jo Schuman Silver.

Originally scheduled to run for only six weeks, the show became an international phenomenon and the quintessential San Francisco experience. Upon closing, "Beach Blanket Babylon" will have played a record-breaking 17,216 performances.

Seen by 6.5 million people from around the world, Steve Silver's "Beach Blanket Babylon" is famous for its hilarious spoofs of political and pop culture, and for its spectacular costumes and enormous, iconic hats and wigs.

The show follows Snow White as she takes a fast-paced journey around the world in search of her "Prince Charming." Along the way she encounters a star-studded, ever-changing line-up of hilarious political and pop culture characters.

Recent favorites roasted by the show include Donald and Melania Trump, Nancy Pelosi, Kim Jong-un, Vladimir Putin, Freddie Mercury, Lady Gaga, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sarah Huckabee, Barack and Michelle Obama, Beyoncé, Ariana Grande, Stormy Daniels, Oprah, and the

San Francisco Giants.

Steve Silver's magical contributions to the world of theater were his creativity, imagination, and whimsy, and his infamous street performances in San Francisco drew crowds in the hundreds.

Steve moved the revue indoors to Savoy Tivoli in North Beach and named the show "Beach Blanket Babylon" on June 7, 1974. A philanthropist as well as a showman, Steve gave generously to health organizations, education, and the arts.

In 1988, Steve produced "Beach Blanket Babylon Goes to Vegas," which played the Sands Resort and Casino to standing-room-only audiences. The show was the first American performing arts organization to perform at the 1997 Covent Garden Festival of Opera and Music Theatre in London, England.

"BBB" was also featured in the BBC presentation of "Tales of the City," in a PBS documentary, and a book, "Beach Blanket Babylon: A Hats-Off Tribute to San Francisco's Most Extraordinary Musical Revue."

Tickets for remaining performances, including the annual Holiday Extravaganza Shows (beginning Wednesday, November 13), are on-sale now at www.beachblanketbabylon.com, by phone at 415-421-4222, and at the Club Fugazi Box Office (678 Beach Blanket Babylon Blvd., San Francisco).

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A Trio of Upcoming Wine and Food Events

words by Kristy Harris

Harvest time is approaching and with that it seems there are also a flurry of food and wine events during the next few months. To give you a heads up on what's happening and to help you decide which ones to attend, here are a list of three of my favorites. Two are local to Sacramento, and one is in Santa Rosa.

Legends of Wine

Did you know the largest crop coming out of Sacramento County last year wasn't rice OR tomatoes? It was wine grapes! Come celebrate the bounty of our county at the California State Capitol on Thursday, September 19th from 6-9p.m. during the 7th Annual Legends of Wine, one of Sacramento's yearly Farm-to-Fork Festival's keystone events.

Guests of the occasion can expect to explore unlimited tastes from over 30 regional wineries selected by Darrell Corti and David Berkley (both internationally known food and wine experts). You can buy tickets to the event online by going to <http://farmtofork.com>

Pinot on the River

Pinot on the River moves from Healdsburg to Santa Rosa this year with more than 40 small-production artisanal wineries joining with guest artisan food vendors. The event takes place on

Saturday October 5th, 2019 from 11a.m. to 3p.m. at the Old Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa. At the event, you'll be able to meet the winemakers as well as mingle with other Pinot Noir-loving consumers.

Proceeds from the event benefit Sonoma County Pride, an organization dedicated to enhancing the lives and well-being of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) people. The event's main sponsor is Roadhouse Winery. Tickets are \$50, and you buy them online at pinotfestival.com.

29th Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden

The 29th Annual Curtis Park Wine Tasting, Silent Auction & Beer Garden returns on Saturday, October 12th, 2019 from 4-7pm.

Returning to support this year's event are Buffalo Pizza, Casa Garden,



Freeport Bakery, Gunther's Ice Cream, Miso Japanese Restaurant, La Famiglia, Seasons 52, Sacramento Co-op, Sugar Plum Vegan, and more. Featured distributors/wineries are Epic Wines, BellaGrace Vineyards, Bogle Vineyards, Casque Wines, Ironstone Vineyards, Sean Minor Wines, and Wise Villa Winery.

J.J. Pfister Distilling Company will be sponsoring our VIP early entry and providing a spirits tasting as well as a special cocktail for VIP attendees, and Urban Roots Brewing will be sponsoring the VIP area for all the beer lovers out there. The VIP restaurants will be Dawson's Steakhouse and Seasons 52.

Proceeds from the SCNA Wine

Tasting, Silent Auction and Beer Garden help support upkeep and maintenance of the historic Sierra 2 Center and Senior Center, community events like Music in the Park and Curtis Fest.

We are still looking for restaurants and wineries who want to showcase their food at the event, and particularly restaurants/wineries to represent different cuisines/wines throughout the world. If you are interested in participating, please contact me by calling 916-612-0035 or email me: misscavegrrl@gmail.com!

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Blinded By 'The Boss' On The Big Screen

by Chris Narloch

Baby boomer nostalgia is huge at the movies these days, especially nostalgia for '60s and '70s rockers like Elton John ("Rocketman"), the Beatles ("Yesterday"), Queen ("Bohemian Rhapsody"), and now Bruce Springsteen, whose music is the inspiration for the enormously entertaining new movie, "Blinded by the Light."

"Blinded by the Light" is based on the true story of a Bruce super-fan named Sarfraz Manzoor, a British journalist and the son of Pakistani immigrants who has seen 'The Boss' in concert more than 150 times since he was a teenager growing up in the working-class town of Luton, England, in the mid-1980s.

Director Gurinder Chadha ("Bend It Like Beckham"), a British woman of Indian descent, gives the film a deeply felt sense of what it was like to be an East Indian living in England during that time.

The movie is informed by the racial and economic turmoil of England circa 1987, and the hero (named Javed in the film) latches on to the music of Springsteen as an escape from the bullies in his hometown and the inflexibility of his traditional father.

Javed sees parallels to his working-class life in the powerful lyrics of 'The Boss,' whose music inspires him

to pursue his own dreams as a writer and express himself in his own voice.

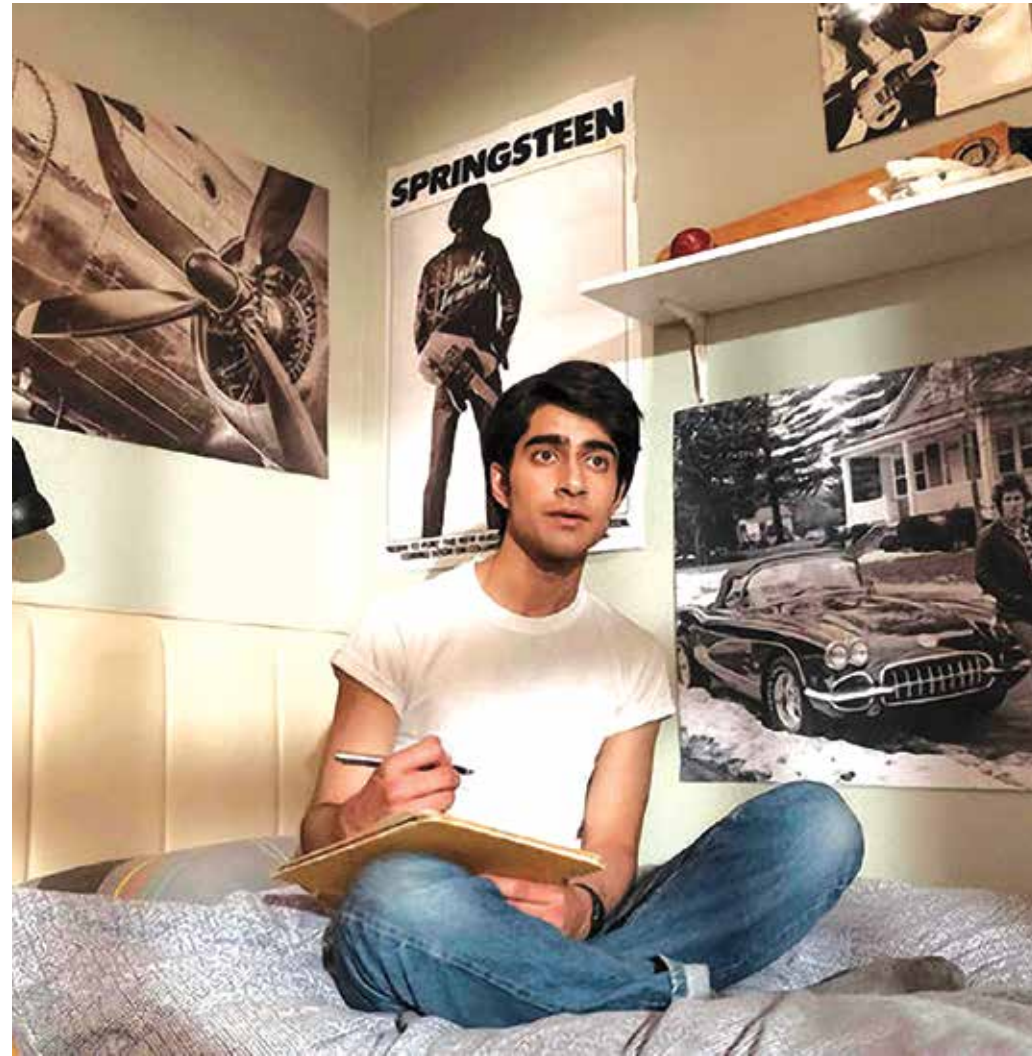
Although the film is essentially a dramedy, there is so much music in the movie – almost all of it Springsteen's – that "Blinded by the Light" might as well be a musical.

Characters in the film break in to song, but they do so in a naturalistic way that feels (mostly) realistic, rather than surreal like in "Rocketman."

A couple of the musical moments in the new film are arguably over the top, but "Blinded by the Light" is such an unabashed testament to the power of great music to change people's lives, that I was thoroughly charmed by it.

Fans of rock music (and especially fans of Bruce Springsteen) should not miss this movie, which is currently in wide release.

Note: For reviews of other new movies now in theaters, please visit www.outwordmagazine.com.



Viveik Kalra plays a Bruce Springsteen super-fan in "Blinded by the Light!"

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“In The Heights” With Broadway At Music Circus

by Chris Narloch

Before “Hamilton” became the toast of Broadway, its creator, Lin-Manuel Miranda, had a hit with another Tony Award-winning musical, “In The Heights,” which receives its Broadway At Music Circus premiere later this month.

A movie version of “In The Heights” is in the works for 2020, and it will star Anthony Ramos (“A Star Is Born”), Jimmy Smits, Daphne Rubin-Vega, and Lin-Manuel Miranda, who I had the good fortune to see when he starred as Usnavi in the original Broadway cast of the show.

This may be your last chance to see “In The Heights” live before the film is released next year, and it will be fascinating to see how director Marcos Santana stages this vibrant, colorful show in the round.

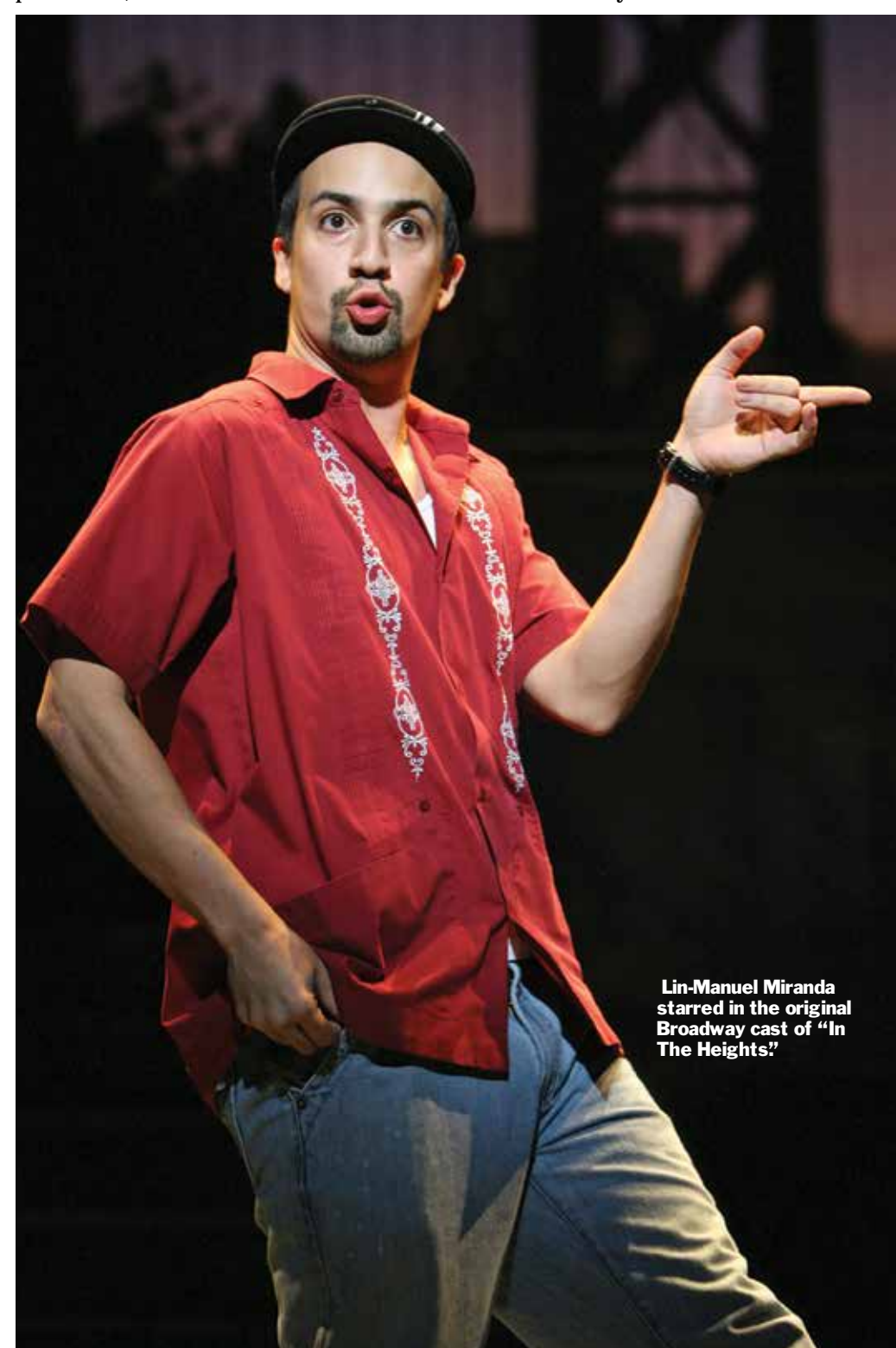
For the Broadway At Music Circus production, Rodolfo Soto will take over

the role of Usnavi, a bodega owner whose story is interwoven with the residents who frequent his store in the New York City neighborhood of Washington Heights.

Winner of Best Musical and Best Original Score Tony Awards, “In The Heights” combines Latin rhythms, hip-hop and pop for an exhilarating journey about chasing your dreams and what it truly means to be home.

“In The Heights” performs at Sacramento’s Wells Fargo Pavilion this August 20-25.

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Two Soulful Shows Set For Sacramento

by Chris Narloch

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Jidenna

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Earth Wind & Fire

Here is a short list of the many classic hits by this iconic old-school soul group: “September,” “Boogie Wonderland,” “Let’s Groove,” “Fantasy,” “Sing A Song,” “Shining Star,” “After The Love Is Gone,” “That’s The Way Of The World,” “Reasons,” and “Serpentine Fire.” Maurice White is gone now, but Earth Wind & Fire soldiers on, and they will bring their classic funk and soul to the Memorial Auditorium this Sept. 18, as part of a tour that leads up to the band’s receipt (this December) of a Kennedy Center Honor. For more information, visit www.earthwindandfire.com.



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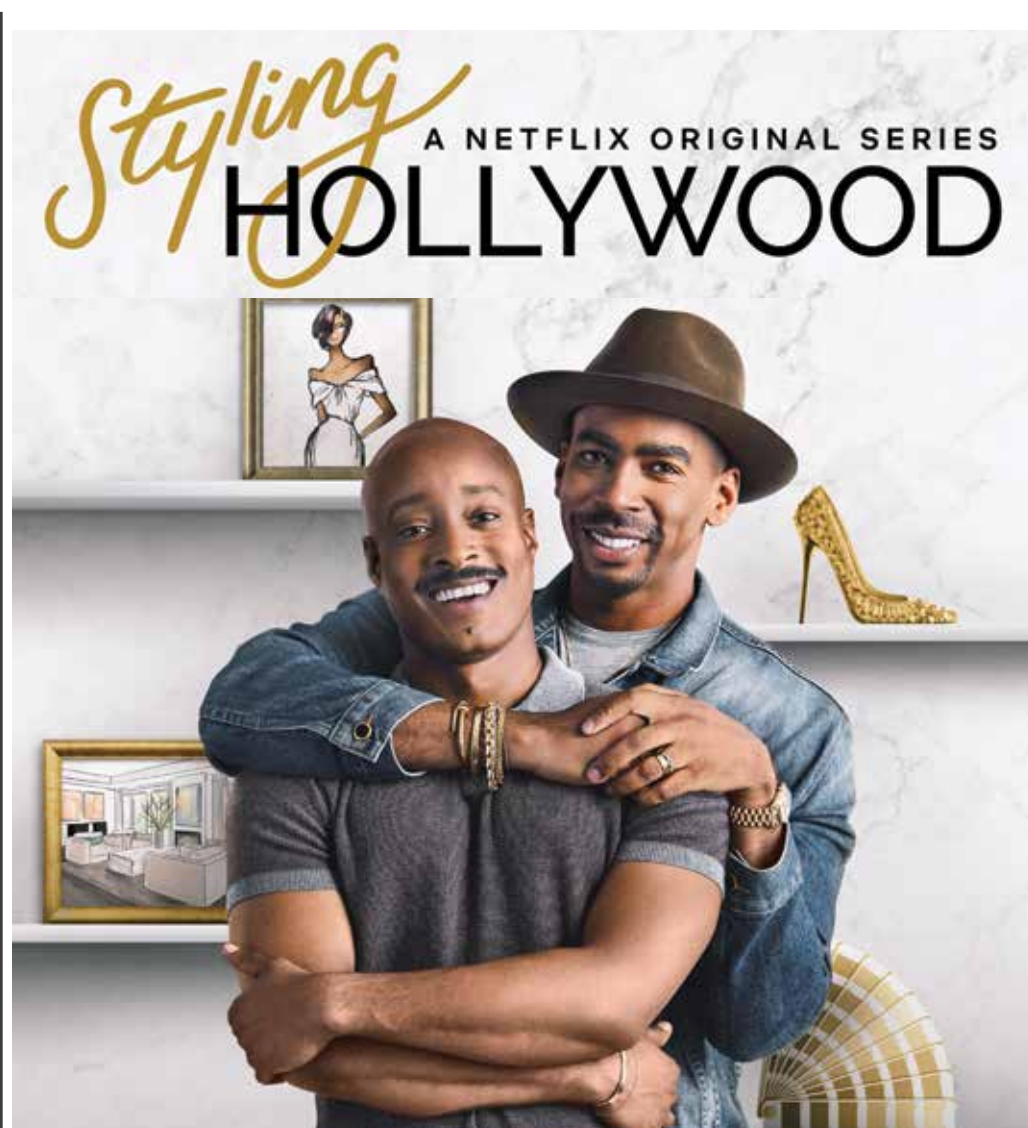
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"Styling Hollywood" is a new series following celebrity stylist Jason Bolden and his interior designer husband Adair Curtis as they run their lifestyle company JSN STUDIO while balancing marriage and life's ups and downs.

With their talented crew of colorful employees, watch as they curate "black girl magic" for some of Hollywood's biggest stars including Taraji P. Henson, Gabrielle Union, Eve, and Ava DuVernay (just to name a few).

"Styling Hollywood: Season 1" launches globally on Netflix August 30, 2019. For more information, please visit www.netflix.com/stylinghollywood.



Handsome Taron Egerton plays the iconic Elton John, and does all of his own singing, in "Rocketman," the dynamite musical biopic that came out earlier this summer on the big screen. If you missed it in theaters, the film is already available on Digital and will debut on HD, Blu-ray, and DVD this August 27. Rock on, Rocketman!

Don't Miss The Woodlake Home Tour

The first-ever home tour of Sacramento's Woodlake neighborhood this September 15 offers an inside look at charming homes and gardens in a historic area noted for its Tudor Revival cottages and mature trees (including many heritage oaks).



A home in the historic Sacramento neighborhood of Woodlake.

Woodlake is tucked between Highway 160 and Arden Way and was developed in the 1920s by North Sacramento Land Company founder Carl E. Johnston, an unabashed Anglophile.

Described by Sacramento Magazine as "one of the best kept secrets of local real estate," the Woodlake neighborhood is five minutes from the Capitol and 15 minutes from the airport.

Preservation Sacramento (PS) – formerly the Sacramento Old City

Association (SOCA) – sponsors the tour, which is a self-guided, pedestrian experience.

PS is a citywide nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Sacramento's historic places and encouraging quality urban design through advocacy, outreach, and activism.

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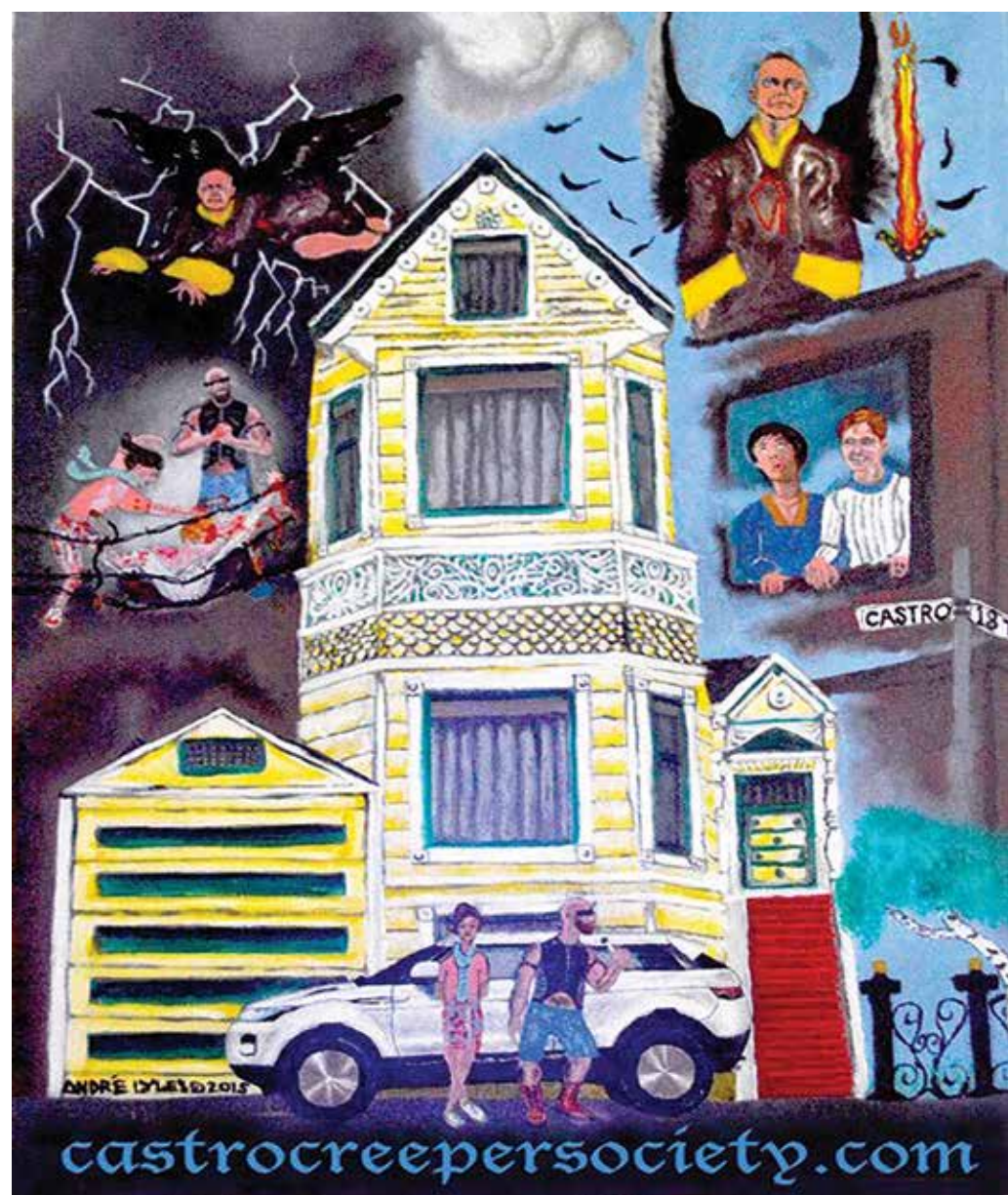
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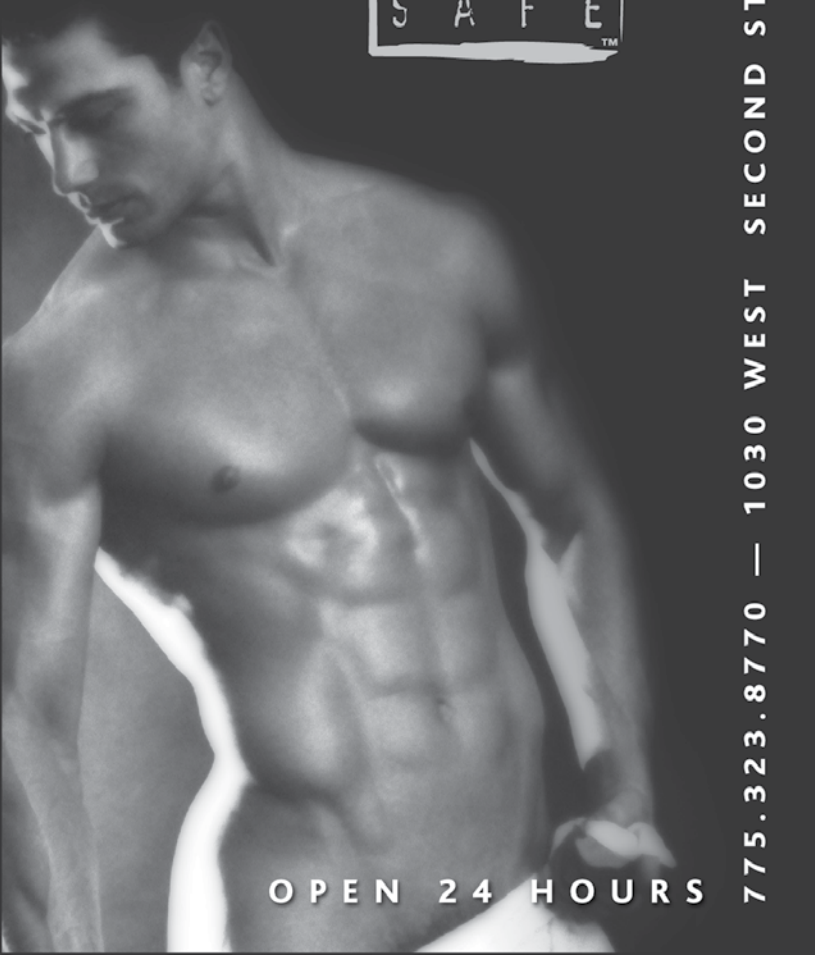
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