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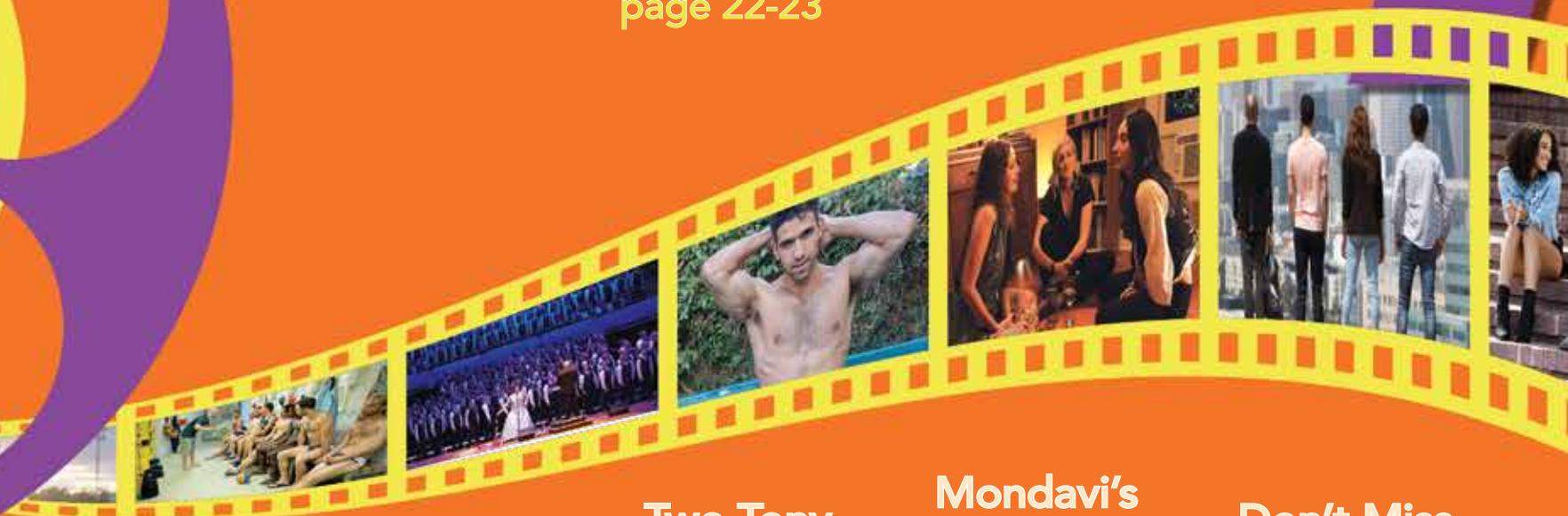
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# Letter to Ed

Dear Outword and Outword Reader,

When I called Fred to tell him I was retiring and wanted to let the community know, he told me he had been at the helm of Outword for 24 years. We both remember those days early in our careers as challenging and exciting. I have advertised in Outword since before Fred heroically stepped in to continue publishing when the prior owner faced health problems, forcing her to give up her creation. Our community has benefitted greatly from Fred's stewardship of this important resource. Thank you, Fred! And thank you for the print edition!

I have witnessed and participated in the extraordinary societal changes that now allow us to be out and to thrive. A large part of me feels like my work is done, I can retire. Yes, of course, an almost daily vigilance is required to maintain our rights under the current federal administration, but when I think back to the 1980s, I know how far we have come.

When I started practicing law, we had not yet learned what the "gay cancer" was but when we did, we leapt into action. I helped start the Aids Legal Referral Panel in Sacramento. We provided Wills and Powers of Attorney to young people who unexpectedly, suddenly needed them. I have had clients return in the last few years to update their Wills who told me they never expected to live so long and would have done things differently had they known. I used to file lawsuits in civil court to divide property when a couple broke up. Now same-sex marital and child custody disputes are heard in the family law court, where they belong. That is monumental change.

So, I have stepped back, slowed down and moved my practice to HMS Law Group LLP, where I am Of Counsel and where you will continue to be well served by others. Stay informed, stay active and stay steady in your support of this publication. We need it.

M. Jane Pearce, Esq.

## Join the Elder & Youth Roundtable Conversation and Brunch

Join in on Saturday, October 12 for Brunch & Conversation and celebrate Stonewalls 50th Anniversary. This event will be a gathering of multi-generations of LGBTQ & Ally folks to talk about how in the decades since the Stonewall riots, the world for LGBTQ people has changed, become more visible, advanced rights and benefits for same-sex couples, and given voice to a generations of people who once suffered unimaginable oppression, discrimination and injustice.

This will be a free event, but registration is required to attend. The Roundtable will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 12 at the First United Methodist Church Sacramento, 2100 J Street Midtown. Free parking available behind Church.

There will be a brief LGBTQ history overview and a light brunch together over conversation and Roundtable chats. Attendees will share the highlights from each group and decide together, if future

inter-generational Conversations would be beneficial.

Roundtable Sponsors are: Wisdom Project = LGBT Elders of Servant Hearts, First United Methodist Church Sacramento, Reconciling Ministries, and *Outword Magazine*.

To make your reservation go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lgbtq-intergenerational-brunch-tickets-69228487269> or for questions call Cathy at 218.760.2415.

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# Republicans With Blood On Their Hands

commentary by Mark Segal, philadelphia Gay News

Last week, the Philadelphia Gay News reported that the local chapter of the Log Cabin Republicans (LGBT Republicans) are going along with the national organization and endorsing Donald Trump for re-election.

Now, before you ask what most are thinking: "How can any LGBT person support the Republican party these days, which is as homophobic as it comes and, even worse, support Donald Trump, who has literally destroyed the few LGBT rights we have gained in the last 50 years?" The answer is simple, Log Cabin Republicans literally put our community last among their priorities, which speaks volumes about their self-pride.

All LGBT media has a responsibility to cover our entire community, including LGBT Republican's, but this story showed a contrast to previous elections and not one you'd expect. When George W. Bush was

but because you support those who roll back our rights.

It would be fine to be a Republican and stand with pride as a conservative and try to get Republicans to appreciate LGBT rights. But LGBT people who support Trump are like what the Black community once called Black individuals who supported the status quo, Uncle Tom's.

Also of note: one of the architects of Bush's anti-LGBT campaign was a gay man named Ken Mehlman, who, at the time, I wrote, "had blood on his hands." I wrote that knowing that LGBT youth would see all of the homophobia proffered by their president and many would face bullying, or worse.



running for re-election, the national Log Cabin Republicans organization endorsed him, but, with pride and their heads held high, the Philadelphia chapter stood their ground against homophobia and stated that they would not endorse a president who not only wouldn't advance LGBT issues but also ran a campaign that was anti-LGBT marriage. You remember those famous words, "Marriage is between one man and one woman." The Bush administration even attempted to put marriage equality measures on as many state ballots as possible. Philadelphia's LGBT Republicans held their heads high and said enough is enough.

Trump is a thousand times worse than Bush, and if you support him, you should hang your head in shame. You should be shameful not because you're a Republican,

Mehlman eventually owned up to his "errors." But the damage to those coming out was already done. Supporting anti-LGBT campaigns hurts those who are attempting to appreciate who they are. It also denies people in many states employment, housing and public accommodations protections. What would provide those protections? The Equality Act, and one man is standing in the way of its passage: Republican Senator Mitch McConnell. Even if he allowed a vote, Trump wouldn't sign it.

My mantra this year: I don't care which Democratic candidate you currently support, but once someone is nominated at the National Convention, you need to not only support that person, but also get out and vote for them. Otherwise, you're as bad and self-loathing as those in the Log Cabin Republicans organization.

# Give Back On October 10 At Sacramento's 5th Annual Dining Out For Life Event

Mark your calendars and make your reservations: Sunburst Projects is gearing up to host its 5th annual Dining Out For Life® fundraiser event on October 10. Dining Out For Life® is an international event that takes place in more than 60 cities across North America each year, generating over \$7 million dollars for HIV/AIDS agencies. Across the nation, more than 3,000 restaurants and bars donate a portion of their proceeds from this one special day of dining to the licensed AIDS service agency in their city. Local restaurants will once again partner with Sunburst Projects, a Sacramento-based HIV/AIDS service organization, to host the Sacramento DOFL event, raising a combined total of almost \$40,000 dollars in years past.



While the messaging is not as ubiquitous as it once was, the stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS is very present. Many people are still affected by HIV on a daily basis and rely on support service agencies in their communities to help them thrive. Since 1982, Sunburst Projects has done just that. The local agency works to eliminate the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS while providing children and families with the necessary services to further their quality of life, such as medical case management, therapeutic and educational programming, and mental health services. Sunburst Projects also provides a yearly residential summer camp to children and teens living with HIV/AIDS. The Camp

Sunburst model has been used by similar organizations around the world.

You can help Sunburst Projects by signing up as a participating restaurant or bar, volunteering, or simply dining out at a participating establishment on October 10.

Participating restaurants/bars include Scott's Seafood, Adamo's, Badlands, House Kitchen&Bar, Mango's, Kupros Craft House, and Kick'n Mule Restaurant and Sports Bar.

Visit [www.diningoutforlife.com/sacramento](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/sacramento) or the Sunburst Projects website at [www.sunburstprojects.org](http://www.sunburstprojects.org) for a developing list of participating restaurants and more information!

Sponsors for this event include Maita Subaru, Pucci's Pharmacy, PharmBlue and *Outword Magazine*.

## Enter Your Video In The "Trevor Challenge"

In recognition of National Suicide Prevention Week (which was September 8 - 14), OUR PRIDE Video Fest is announcing a call for entries for the "Trevor Challenge" - recruiting students from middle school through college to create one- to five-minute videos that address mental illness, depression and suicide prevention.

OUR PRIDE Video Fest is a collaborative educational program for youth (middle & high school) and young adults (college 18-30) to create short videos about current issues and significant LGBTQ people, places and events.

Entries in the competition can include news stories, short documentaries, creative fiction, music videos, animation or public service announcements in support of The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ

youth. The deadline for submissions: March 31, 2020.

With suicide currently ranking as the second leading cause of death for ages 10 - 24, and with LGBTQ youth almost four times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to their peers, the "Trevor Challenge" is created to encourage participants to learn more about mental health issues and suicide prevention, and then translate their understanding and

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# Safe Space in Rural Arts by Meghan O'Keefe

The Amador County Arts Council is one of the top 15 art councils in California, according to the California Arts Council 2019 grant panel. This year, the Amador County Arts Council received the highest possible ranking from the state, most notably for our work in equity, advocacy, and accessibility. Like most rural communities in the United States, Amador is isolated and may sometimes feel like a cultural desert. However, amidst one of the reddest counties in the state, Amador is home to a growing number of queer youth, families, and elders who thrive on that country vibe. And many of them are artists and farming fanatics!

Back roads, vista points, farms, ranches, wine, theatre, cuisine, and fine art; Amador County is the perfect destination for a rural, queer getaway or even that off-the-grid homestead of your dreams. Just about 50 miles East of Sacramento, Amador County celebrates a more relaxed pace of life, and that's exactly what attracts queer people to visit and even relocate to our region. Although "The County", as locals call it, is predominately conservative, during the last three years a whole lot has changed. Pride events, support groups, social groups, and art shows for LGBTQAI+ of all ages are springing up! Simply put: you have got to take a mini road trip and come check out the vibrance of Amador County.

For example: You do not want to miss the magic and fun of Winefest on Saturday,

November 9th. In the charming historic town of Sutter Creek, Winefest is the annual fundraiser for the Amador County Arts Council; a non-profit established in 1982 which acts as a resource for all artists, all cultures, and all art students in our community and schools.

Winefest is an evening of memories where guests taste over 25 local wineries while shopping in the boutique stores of Sutter Creek. Plus, there is an exceptional art, wine, and gift auction to benefit the many programs and initiatives of the Amador County Arts Council. Tickets (amadorarts.org) are only \$45 and include unlimited wine tasting inside the shops, a signature keepsake wine glass, artisanal desserts, and a truly amazing silent auction. All proceeds benefit the Amador



**Meghan O'Keefe (ze/zir/zem) is a non-binary, queer woman and is the Executive Director of the Amador County Arts Council. As a queer artist, O'Keefe is pleased to invite you to submit your art to "Safe Space" Running from October 25 through December 20, the "Safe Space" Art Show celebrates the value of diversity in rural communities and is open to all artists, all ages, and all media. The Amador County Arts Council gallery is open Monday through Friday from 2-6pm. Find out more at amadorarts.org**

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# Dennis Mangers Has A Passion For The Arts

by Chris Narloch

**A**t 78, the former lobbyist and political insider Dennis Mangers is technically retired, although you would never know it, given his tireless support of the arts and his work with our Mayor on initiatives that promote culture for underserved children in Sacramento.

A few years back, Mangers even turned his own 75th birthday party in to a concert at Wells Fargo Pavilion that allowed many local performers to show off their talent and also raised funds for one of his passion projects, the Dennis Mangers Fund for Young Performing Artists.

Denny (as he prefers to be called) took a few minutes out of his busy schedule recently to speak with me about his life and career, which have been very eventful, to say the least.

**Dennis, many people know about your political career as a lobbyist and a member of the Assembly, but not everyone knows that you were a professional singer for a time and that you attended USC's School for Performing Arts as a young man. Was music and the arts your original career path before you became successful in education and then politics?**

I was actually getting my masters in educational administration when I won a scholarship from the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera for training to be in Broadway musicals. They chose 18 people they thought had promise. I was chosen, and the program was at USC, but I soon realized that while I could sing and act, the other performers had been dancing since they were 4 or 5. And as you know, Broadway musicals require you to be a triple threat. So I did go on and sing for a time in L.A. but plan B was to become an elementary school teacher. The pay wasn't very good back then so I augmented my income by singing in the evenings and on weekends until I became a principal, and then I gave it up.

**You still sing though because I've heard you sing at your birthday party. You did a song from "Oklahoma" if memory serves. You have a beautiful tenor voice.**

Thanks, Chris. I do still like to warble from time to time. I take lessons occasionally, and I perform at benefit concerts. I also organize salons in private homes where I sing, and I bring other singers along to raise money for the fund I opened at the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. It's for young performing artists, and we help kids who want to perform that can't afford the tuition for training programs. It's very personal for me because I remember a phone call from a school to my dad one time where they said, "We think your son has potential as a singer and could benefit from private lessons." And I still remember my father laughing and saying, "Well that's a great compliment, but our priority right now is to feed him." We were pretty poor, but I vowed that if I had the means some day I would set up a fund to help kids who were in the same spot I was.

**It sounds like you've always supported the arts, both personally and**



Dennis Mangers

**professionally so your role as Mayor Steinberg's Strategic Advisor for Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy is really the perfect marriage of your political skills and your passion for the arts.**

It goes back even farther than that because I have really tried to help boost the arts ever since I had the financial means to do so. I was on the board of Sacramento Ballet and also what is now Broadway Sacramento and got very involved in the arts. Then I worked with Mayor Serna and Mayor Johnson to promote the arts, but they both ultimately had other priorities, and I understood that.

**Mayor Steinberg seems to understand the value of the arts for an aspirational city like Sacramento, far more so than his predecessor did. Tell me about The Creative Edge plan and what's going on with that?**

Darrell is absolutely brilliant at everything he does, but he did not have a significant arts background. So when he became Mayor he asked me if I would work with him in the same capacity I had with Kevin Johnson, only this time we were going to follow through. Over the last three years, we have helped develop The Creative Edge, a cultural plan for Sacramento that has been adopted by the City Council and includes an advocacy program with a \$2.3 million budget for arts and culture. The goal is to provide arts education to all of Sacramento's children and infuse every neighborhood and district with arts and culture.

**What can we do as private citizens to help the arts thrive and move forward in Sacramento?**

If you're really interested in getting involved with the arts, you can go online to the Sacramento Region Community Foundation ([www.sacregecf.org](http://www.sacregecf.org)) and take a look at all of the arts organizations that promote arts in our city. You can volunteer. You can join a board. You can become a patron of the arts. Follow your passion and get involved with something that you love.

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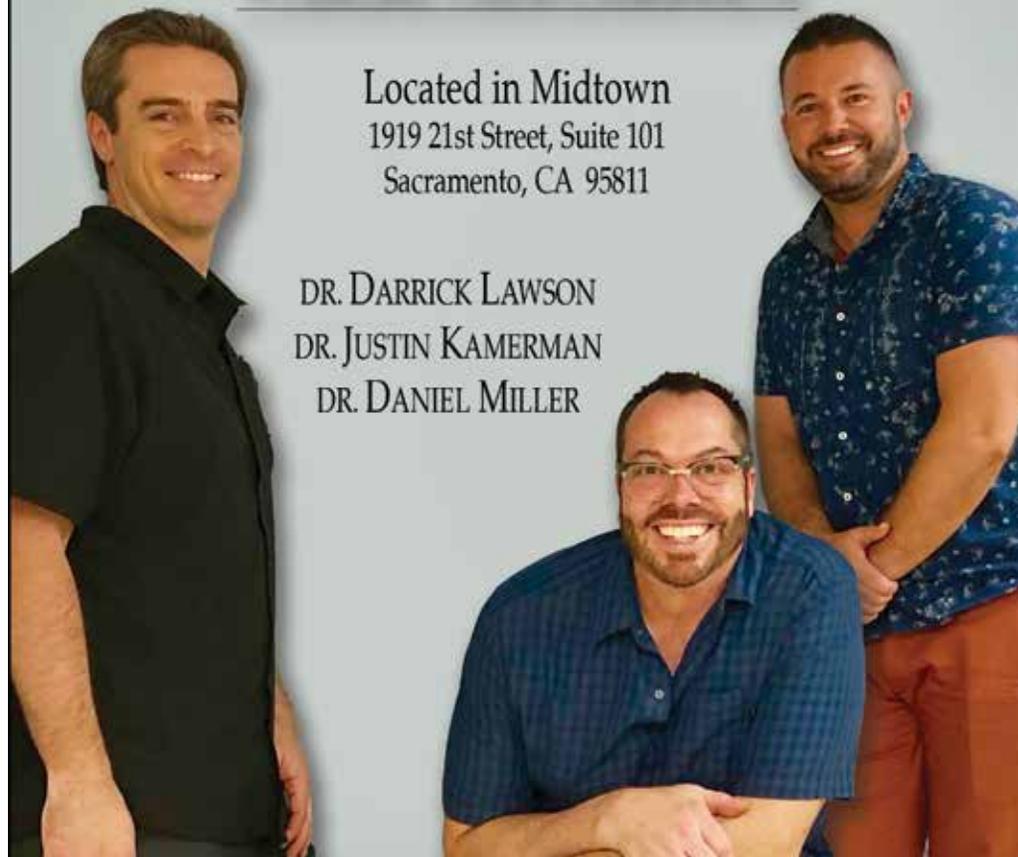
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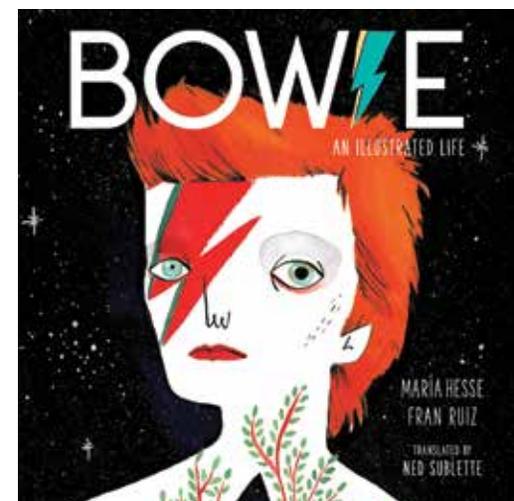
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Now that fall has arrived, this is the time to stockpile reading materials for those upcoming rainy days when you just want to curl up on the couch with a good book. Luckily, Outword can recommend a new graphic novel biography of the one and only David Bowie.



Bowie was a master of artifice and reinvention, and in that spirit, illustrator Maria Hesse and writer Fran Ruiz have created a vivid retelling of the life of David Robert Jones, from his working class childhood to glam rock success and global superstardom.

Narrated from the rock star's point of view, “Bowie: An Illustrated Life” colorfully

renders both the personal and the professional turning points in a life marked by evolution and innovation.

We see Bowie facing the sorrow of his brother's mental illness, kicking a cocaine habit while other musicians succumbed to deadly overdoses, contending with a tumultuous love life, and radiating joy as a father.

Along the way, he describes how he shattered the boundaries of song and society with help from a counterculture cast that included Iggy Pop, Freddie Mercury, and Brian Eno – as well as his own creations, Ziggy Stardust and the Thin White Duke.

It's still hard to believe that David Bowie is really gone, but we can be thankful for his music and movies – and tributes like this one – that remind us of his brilliant, multi-talented artistry.

Evocatively illustrated from start to finish, the book is a stellar tribute to an inimitable star.

“Bowie: An Illustrated Life” is available now from University of Texas Press.



You have until Oct. 27 to see many of the superb shows still playing at this year's OSF (Oregon Shakespeare Festival) in Ashland, OR, including a rousing production of “Hairspray” (pictured). For more information about this season and next, visit [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org).



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# Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

It's my favorite time of year! The nights are getting cooler, a hint of Autumn is in the air, and it's time for me to take down last year's Christmas decorations to make room for this year's Halloween decorations! Which I'll start on right after I make sure I have my tickets for this year's BENT film festival!

Sacramento's LGBTQ Film Festival, BENT, has a 28-year history of sharing LGBTQ culture and promoting awareness. Join the fun at this year's festival taking place at the historic Crest Theater, 1013 K St. on October 11-13. Films will include Good Kisser, Gay Chorus Deep South, Changing The Game, The Shiny Shrimps and lots of short films. For the full schedule go to bentfilmfest.org

"The conversation about HIV is changing" is the theme for the 2019 National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Observed each year on September 27 the day aims to direct attention to the continuing and disproportionate impact of HIV and AIDS on gay and bisexual men in the United States.

'Tis the season of the renaissance faires and you don't have to travel far to experience the fun of ye olden days! On September 28-29 Folsom Lion's Park, 403 Stafford St. becomes a giant stage with hundreds of street-and-stage performers, vendors and cosplay attendees bringing the magic of a lost age back to life. The 27th annual Folsom Renaissance Faire is open to all ages and will also feature an international

jousting tournament. Folsomfaire.com

The 52nd Annual California Native American Day hosted by California Pow Wows 2019 will take place September 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the California State Capitol West Steps, 10th and Capitol Mall. Speakers will include Assemblymember James Ramos, Tribal Leaders, and other elected officials. In 1968 the California Tribal Leaders and Governor Ronald Reagan declared the fourth Friday of September as "California Indian Day."

Californianativeamericanday.com

This month's Drag Queen Bingo will be held October 3 at Mango's Sacramento, 1930 K St., and will benefit the Capitol City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The sisters are a queer order of Nuns meant to empower our community, by spreading Joy and Love in the Sacramento area. Come meet them and have a great night of Bingo starting at 7 p.m., or come early for burgers and beer!

Rainbowchamber.com

Sacramento is now home to the Global Transgender Safety Task Force, whose mission is to promote safety, security, well

being and empowerment for the vulnerable transgender and gender non-conforming community within the united states and around the world. They are hoping to hold their first conference in November.

Globaltrans-safetytasksforce.org

Special kudos to the "Eclectic? Trash?" reading group for starting another year. They have been a staple of our community for decades. If you want to know more about the group and their meetings at the Lavender Library, search "Eclectic Trash Fans" on Facebook.

Congratulations to model and activist Ayotunde Khyree Ikuku for being part of the new mural at the Never Board Graphics Co., 1518 Del Paso Blvd.

Congratulations to David Heitstuman on his third year anniversary as executive director at the Sacramento LGBT Community Center.

Happy Anniversary to Michael Dennis and Will Crews. Happy birthday to

Marghe Covino, JG Gonsalves, Councilmember Steve Hansen, Robert Boucher, Edward Nelson, Christine Allen, Justin Miller, Richard Riley, Amy Lane, and those with upcoming birthdays.

Got events, birthdays, anniversaries or did something awesome happen to you recently? Let Matt know at matthew.burlingame@gmail.com. Check out his books at JustKissTheGuy.com

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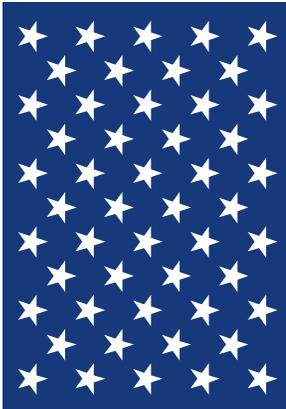


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# Two Tony Winners Set For Nor Cal Stages

by Chris Narloch

While we wait for the next Broadway Sacramento season to begin this November, with the hilarious “A Christmas Story: The Musical,” theater fans can enjoy two other Tony-nominated shows that are opening in Northern California this fall.

## Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,” a spectacular, special effects-filled new play by Jack Thorne, based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, Thorne and John Tiffany, arrives at San Francisco’s Curran Theatre this October.

With record-breaking productions currently running in London, New York, and Melbourne, the San Francisco production will mark the fourth engagement of the smash hit play, as well as its West Coast premiere in North America.

“Harry Potter And The Cursed Child” is the most awarded production in the history of Britain’s Olivier Awards, winning a record-breaking nine awards including Best New Play and Best Director.

The epic, two-part play made its Broadway premiere in April 2018 and was the most awarded show of the season, winning 25 awards in total, including six Tony® Awards.

The story catches up with Harry Potter in adulthood, and his life is even more complicated now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband, and father of three school-age children.

While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.

Don’t miss “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child,” which begins performances this Oct. 23 and will continue into 2020, at the Curran. For more information, go to [www.sfcurran.com](http://www.sfcurran.com).



Photo by Matthew Murphy from the Broadway production of “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child”

## The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

This extraordinary play won the 2015 Tony Award for Best Play and is scheduled to perform at Sac City College’s Art Court Theatre this Oct. 4-20.

Adapted from a highly acclaimed novel by Mark Haddon, “The Curious Incident...” follows a 15-year-old boy named Christopher who has an autism spectrum condition.

Christopher is exceptional at mathematics but ill equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched, and he distrusts strangers.

As the play begins, it is 7 minutes after midnight, and Christopher stands beside his neighbor’s dead dog, Wellington, who has been speared with a garden fork.

Christopher is determined to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington, and his quest takes him on a thrilling journey that upturns his world and leads him to uncover shocking secrets involving his own family.

A ‘relaxed’ performance for those who are sensitive to light and sound will be held on Sat. Oct. 19 at 2:00 p.m. For more information about the production, visit [www.citytheatre.net](http://www.citytheatre.net).

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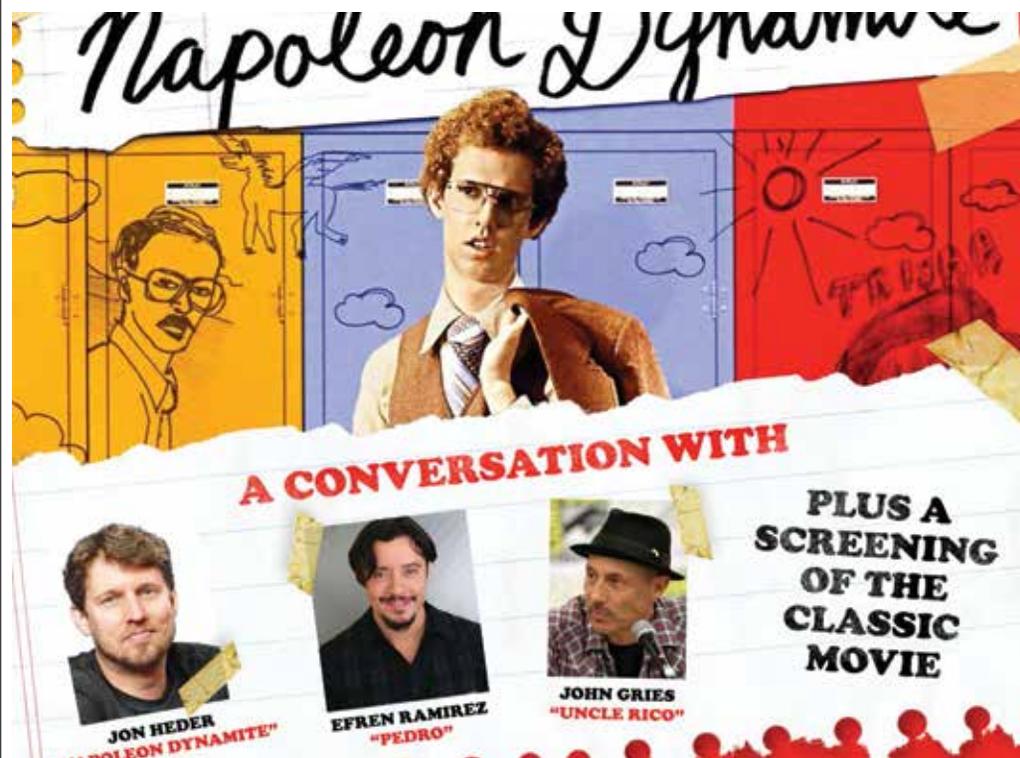
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# The Mondavi Center Season For 2019 - 20 Is A Winner

by Chris Narloch

The new season of shows at Mondavi Center in Davis gets underway this September, and there are a number of gay-friendly events that are not-to-be-missed this year and in 2020, including the return of Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, and an exciting pairing of Andrew Bird with special guest Meshell Ndegeocello. Read on for details of three other events this fall that I am very excited to see.



### Napoleon Dynamite Live!

The beloved indie classic “Napoleon Dynamite” is celebrating its 15-year anniversary. Since 2004 much has changed, but the characters, as enduring as they are endearing, stay in our hearts.

Appealing to the inner-teenager in each of us, “Napoleon Dynamite” is one of the most quoted movies of our time, making us laugh – and laugh hard – over and over again.

This unique evening includes a full screening of the film followed by a lively, freewheeling, moderated discussion with fan-favorite cast members Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite), Efren Ramirez (Pedro) and Jon Gries (Uncle Rico).

Napoleon Dynamite Live! will crack up the Mondavi Center on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10.

### Mary Chapin Carpenter & Shawn Colvin: Together On Stage

Carpenter and Colvin – longtime friends for over 30 years – will appear on stage together as an intimate acoustic duo, swapping songs and sharing stories.

This special show will feature the acclaimed songwriters performing material from their own vast catalogues as well as some of their favorite tunes by other songwriters.

Audiences are invited to share the artists’ “living room” as they play music and trade quips on stage in a warm, comfortable setting inspired by the pair’s long-lasting camaraderie.

Shawn Colvin and Mary Chapin Carpenter will perform at Mondavi Center on Sunday evening, Dec. 8.

### Pink Martini

Unparalleled purveyors of a multilingual blend of cosmopolitan sounds, Pink Martini delivers beloved songs from around the globe, and a dash of holiday music to celebrate the season.

Led by bandleader Thomas Lauderdale, who will be joined by vocalist China Forbes, the “little orchestra” draws inspiration from music all over the world, crossing genres of classical, jazz and old-fashioned pop.

As Lauderdale once said, “If the United Nations had a house band in 1962, hopefully we’d be that band.”

This performance will feature tracks from their phenomenal holiday album, Joy to the World, which features chestnuts like “White Christmas” alongside Hebrew prayers, Chinese New Year tunes and a samba-inspired version of “Auld Lang Syne.”

Pink Martini will grace the Mondavi Center stage on Tuesday evening, Dec. 17.

For information on single tickets, season subscriptions and to check out the entire Mondavi Center season, please visit [www.mondaviarts.org](http://www.mondaviarts.org).

# Hitchcocktober Returns To Tower

## Plus Linda Ronstadt & Judy Garland

by Chris Narloch

Sacramento's Tower Theatre is the place to be this September and October as that historic local movie palace pays tribute to the master of suspense (director Alfred Hitchcock) as well as two of the finest female singers in pop music history, Judy Garland and Linda Ronstadt.

### Hitchcocktober

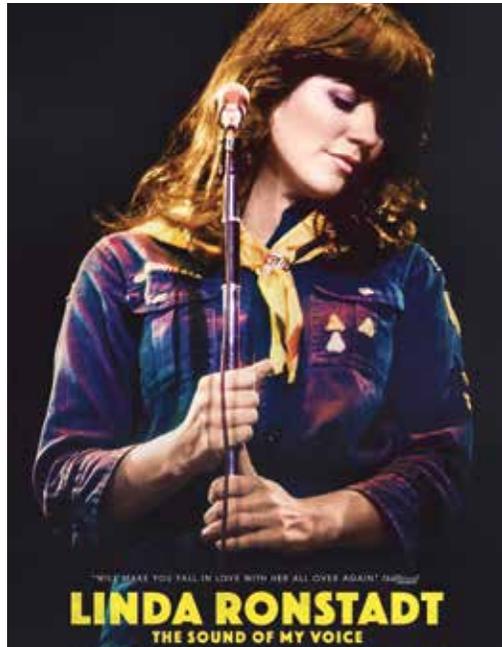
If you've never seen "The Birds" or "Psycho" on the big screen, you will have your chance this October when the Tower features five classic films directed by the great Alfred Hitchcock, one each Wednesday until Thursday, October 31 - when "Psycho" will screen on Halloween night.

The other titles in this year's Tower tribute to Hitch are "North by Northwest," "The Lady Vanishes," and "Dial M For Murder. Tickets are \$10.50, and all shows start at 7:00 p.m.

### Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice

If this film is still playing at Tower when you read this (and you are a fan of the amazing Linda Ronstadt), do not miss your opportunity to see the thrilling performance footage the film's directors have assembled for the singer's big screen documentary tribute.

Now 73, Ronstadt can no longer sing due to Parkinson's disease, but when she could sing she sang every genre of music imaginable (except for rap and heavy metal) and sang it all brilliantly, as "The Sound of My Voice" demonstrates over and over again.



### Judy

I wasn't able to review this movie before our deadline, but Renee Zellweger is getting serious Oscar buzz for her starring performance as the late, great Judy Garland circa 1968, the year before her death.

Garland arrives in Swinging London for a five-week sold-out run and embarks on a whirlwind romance with Mickey Deans, her soon-to-be fifth husband, while preparing for her shows.

Featuring some of her best-known songs, "Judy" celebrates the voice, the capacity for love, and the sheer pizzazz of "the world's greatest entertainer." "Judy" opens at the Tower on Sept. 27.

For more information about these and other Tower movies, visit [www.ReadingCinemasUS.com/Tower](http://www.ReadingCinemasUS.com/Tower).



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# You Can Take This Great Play "As Is"

by Chris Narloch

“Angels in America” and “The Normal Heart” are more widely known works, but “As Is” represents another highly acclaimed theatrical landmark dealing with HIV/AIDS. Sacramento’s Resurrection Theatre is proud to present this important play as the final production of their 2019 season.



Rick Grant-Coons, Thomas Dean and Jason Kaye star in “As Is.” Photo by David Kamminga.

Written by William M. Hoffman, and first produced in 1985, “As Is” portrays the effect that AIDS, a relatively new epidemic in the 1980s, has on a group of friends living in New York City.

A poignant, tragic, and sometimes humorous story about celebrating life and the people you love, the play depicts a recently separated gay couple, Saul and Rich, whose decision to split is reversed when Rich returns to Saul seeking emotional support after contracting AIDS from his new lover.

“As Is” explores how people with HIV/AIDS were treated by doctors, friends, and the country at large during the early days

of an epidemic, and those impersonal and dismissive attitudes lead Rich to realize the importance of support in the face of a terrifying illness.

Winner of the Obie and Drama Desk Awards, this powerful, deeply affecting play was originally presented Off-Broadway by the Circle Repertory Company, and then transferred to Broadway where it was nominated for a Tony Award.

Directed by Shawn B. O’Neal and featuring a ten-person cast, “As Is” will perform through Oct. 13 at Sacramento’s Wilkerson Theater, on 25th Street. To purchase tickets, visit [www.resurrectiontheatre.com](http://www.resurrectiontheatre.com)



If you’ve seen the trailer for “The Politician,” Ryan Murphy’s new dark comedy series, then you probably agree that it looks like guilty pleasure TV at its finest. Tony Award-winner Ben Platt (“Dear Evan Hansen”) stars as a ruthless candidate whose ambitions consume him. The supporting cast includes Gwyneth Paltrow, Jessica Lange, and rumored guest stars Bette Midler and Judith Light. See it beginning Sept. 27 on Netflix.

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From left to right, Chloe Boyan as Lily and Shelby Wulfert as Alexis. Photo by Yarcenia Garcia.

After a successful premiere at Theatre at Granite Bay that received national attention and an encore performance at Sacramento's Crest Theatre, "Ranked, A New Musical" will be produced by the UC Davis Department of Theatre and Dance as part of their third annual Ground and Field Theatre Festival.

This production will be directed and

choreographed by Broadway veteran Mindy Cooper, and will star guest artist Shelby Wulfert, best known for her role in Disney Channel's sitcom "Liv and Maddie."

"Ranked, A New Musical" runs Thursday, Sept. 26 through Saturday, Sept. 28th at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday.

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# Palm Springs Proves That Last Is Not Least

words and photo by Ed Walsh

The desert city will be the last to celebrate Pride this year. The celebration will be highlighted by a parade and festival that run over four days, beginning on Friday, Nov. 1 and ending on Monday, Nov 4. An estimated 140,000 people attended last year and organizers expect even more this year. And if you want to be part of it, it's never been easier to get to Palm Springs with new nonstop flights from Sacramento starting at \$99 each way.

Pride is given center stage in Palm Springs with a parade and festival on Palm Canyon Drive, downtown's main drag. Palm Springs Pride kicks off on Friday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. with the Stonewall Equality Concert, on E Arenas Rd, just east of Indian Canyon Drive. As the last Pride of 2019, it is also one of the last events that will honor the memory of the 50th anniversary of the

GayMart, Bear Wear Etc and Rough Trade Leather and Gear.

One of the biggest draws for visitors to Palm Springs is they city's 15 gay resorts (16 if you count the CCBC resort in neighboring Cathedral City). All are for men and are clothing optional. The last lesbian resort, Casitas Laquita, closed a few years ago. The gay men's resorts, with the



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Stonewall riots.

November weather in Palm Springs is near perfect with warm sunny days and cool nights. By mid-fall, the 110+ heat of the summer gives way to high temps in the low 80s. The weather is ideal for the many outdoor activities planned for Pride. The city shuts down Palm Canyon Drive on Saturday, Nov. 2, and Sunday Nov. 3, for the Pride festival. The parade steps off at 10 a.m. on Sunday Nov 3 at Tachevah and Palm Canyon Dr. and travels south to Amado where it ends at the festival. It is expected to last two hours. For more information on Pride, check out PSPride.org.

Some Pride attendees get the party started early. Palm Springs Leather Pride week begins Oct. 24. This year, Pride starts the day after Halloween, which is celebrated with a block party on E Arenas Road, between Indian Canyon Drive and S Calle Encilla, the city's gay business block, where most of the city's gay nightlife is situated,

E. Arenas is home to Hunters nightclub, the video bar Quadz, the piano bar Stacy's, the fabulous bar and restaurant BlackBook, the modern glass-walled Chill bar, and the new kid on the block is Eagle 501 bar, a Levi-leather bar that replaced Score. Shopping options on the block include

exception of All Worlds, offer free continental breakfast, free WiFi and Santiago, Hacienda, and Vista Grande even offer a free lunch. InnDulge, Vista Grande, and the Bearfoot Inn all throw in a nice perk: free use of the WorkOut Gym, a great small gym that unabashedly promotes itself as a gay gym. The gym is also sells day, week, and weekend passes, so you can still check it out if you are not staying there.

One of the Palm Springs best resorts, InnDulge, is also home to a wonderful play, Electricity. The two-actor show is set in a hotel room in the resort and follows the lives of two men from their class reunion in 1983 to 2013. Before the play starts, the audience is invited for a wine and cheese reception in the lobby and each audience member is given a name of a character referenced in the play. The actors interact with the audience in character before the play begins in a hotel room. Be sure to check out the play even if you are not staying at InnDulge.

Getting there:

Contour Airlines began flying nonstop to Palm Springs from Sacramento International on Sept 16 and will provide daily flights until May 14 before taking the summer off. Introductory flights are \$99 one way for the 90-minute flight.

# Palm Springs Pride Announces 2019 Lineup

This year's Palm Springs Pride festival returns to Palm Canyon Drive with a new Sip, Sashay & Celebrate event zone and a star studded lineup that easily rivals much larger cities in California, and beyond.

TLC, Heather Small, Kristine W, Maxine Nightingale, and BETTY top the lineup of the festival will take place November 1-3 in downtown Palm Springs, on Palm Canyon Drive as well as Arenas Road.

TLC, the iconic four-time Grammy® award-winning "best-selling American girl-group of all-time" will be featured in a 60-minute concert Saturday, November 2 and lead nearly 100 other acts for the city's annual Pride festivities. Formed in Atlanta, Georgia in 1990, the group quickly rose to fame earning four multi-platinum albums and four number-one singles: "Creep"; "Waterfalls," one of pop history's most prominent HIV/AIDS-awareness anthems; "No Scrubs"; and "Unpretty," a body-positive message that has inspired self-confidence for a generation.

The Arenas District Merchants Association presents a weekend of Pop, Drag, and Rock 'n' Roll, performances including M People singer Heather Small who joins Multi-Grammy-Award-Winning International DJ Lee Dagger of Bimbo Jones, Kristine W, the Queen of the 90's dance music, and pop, disco Grammy-nominated legend Maxine Nightingale. The Arenas lineup includes the all-female Black Sabbitch, and the high-

energy 80s Rock show, That '80s Band, among others.

Other acts appearing during the 33rd annual Pride Festival will be New York City's premier queer femme pop music duo Sateen along with the female pop band BETTY from The L-Word, dance diva Pepper MaShay, Aylene Artin, Torrey Mercer, Los Angeles-based comedian Jessica Inserra and London based Lucy Whittaker all perform on the new Pride Stage on Palm Canyon Drive at Amado presented by Effen Vodka.

Enjoy live performances by Josh Zuckerman, MARY, pop singers Tara Macri and Isabelle, Ted Fox with Joe Musser and the Roadhouse Rebels, Dj Aaron C, Luka and closing headliner OneUP Duo - LGBTQ "Finalist's" from NBC's The VOICE '18.

ADA VOX pop singer, drag queen & top 8 "Finalist" from American Idol '18 returns to the desert to anchor the free Friday night Palm Canyon Street Party with Prince Poppycock - Fan favorite from America's Got Talent. The party includes special performances from LA's Z LaLa and the acoustic duo of James Sings...Olivia.

Three days of dancing in the street will take place at the intersection of Tahquitz and Palm Canyon Drive. The new KGAY "Pride

of the Valley" stage presented by Gay Desert Guide will host Djs all weekend. Recording Artist DJ Kidd Madonny, Drew G, Ray Rhodes, Paul Cowling, Ryan Skyy, Vaughn Avakian, and Eric Ornelas will feature their signature dance mixes at this outdoor street party.

The festival will showcase emcees Bella da Ball and Alexander Rodriguez and feature special performances that include the fresh drag show Now Serving the Children featuring Ongina, the flamboyant and fabulous ladies of Risqué, Happyforyou, Djs Jeffree, LA-based Autumn Leilani, Peter Barona, Michael mAr, Probe 7, as well as Krave and Culture's fashion show.

And there's more. The US Bank stage at Palm Canyon and Belardo features many entertainers who volunteer their time and talent to give back to the community and support Pride in Palm Springs. On one stage alone, more than fifty local and breakthrough LGBTQ artists as well as some strong, talented, vocal allies, will perform during the festival. Look out for Keisha D, Cat Lyn Day as Marilyn, Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, Modern Men, Marina Mac, Steven Michael Dance Machine, Steven Fales, and Drag Kings Jesse Jones and Johnny Gentleman, and many more.

"We're proud to present a diverse group of LGBTQ+ and allied performers taking the stage at the 2019 Palm Springs Pride Festival in downtown Palm Springs and the Gayborhood on Arenas Rd.," said Ron deHarte, President and CEO of Greater Palm

Springs Pride. "This unprecedented lineup has been made possible by the support from the City of Palm Springs, PS Resorts, Effen Vodka, Arenas District Merchants Association, and Bud Light!"

Festival highlights include a Youth Zone, Children's Garden, Senior Cool Zones, LGBTQ artists, multiple HIV testing sites, health resources, 200 back-to-back exhibitors, food and beverage stations. You can also take your photo with Diva, the 20' tall pink poodle. There's something for everyone. Favorite bars and local businesses will be packed to the rafters and spilling out onto the streets for the biggest free LGBTQ street party in Palm Springs. The streets will be filled with Pride revelers, dancers, and open-air beverage lounges. Residents and visitors are invited to discover (and re-discover) all that Arenas Road and downtown have to offer.

Greater Palm Springs Pride ([www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org)) is a nonprofit community enhancement organization founded to promote public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and the transgender community and to promote the history, diversity and future prosperity of the Greater Palm Springs LGBTQ community. Palm Springs Pride has been a tireless advocate for equality and diversity since the first Coachella Valley Pride event was held in 1986.

For more information about Greater Palm Springs Pride, visit [www.pspride.org](http://www.pspride.org). Follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/palmspringspride](http://www.facebook.com/palmspringspride).



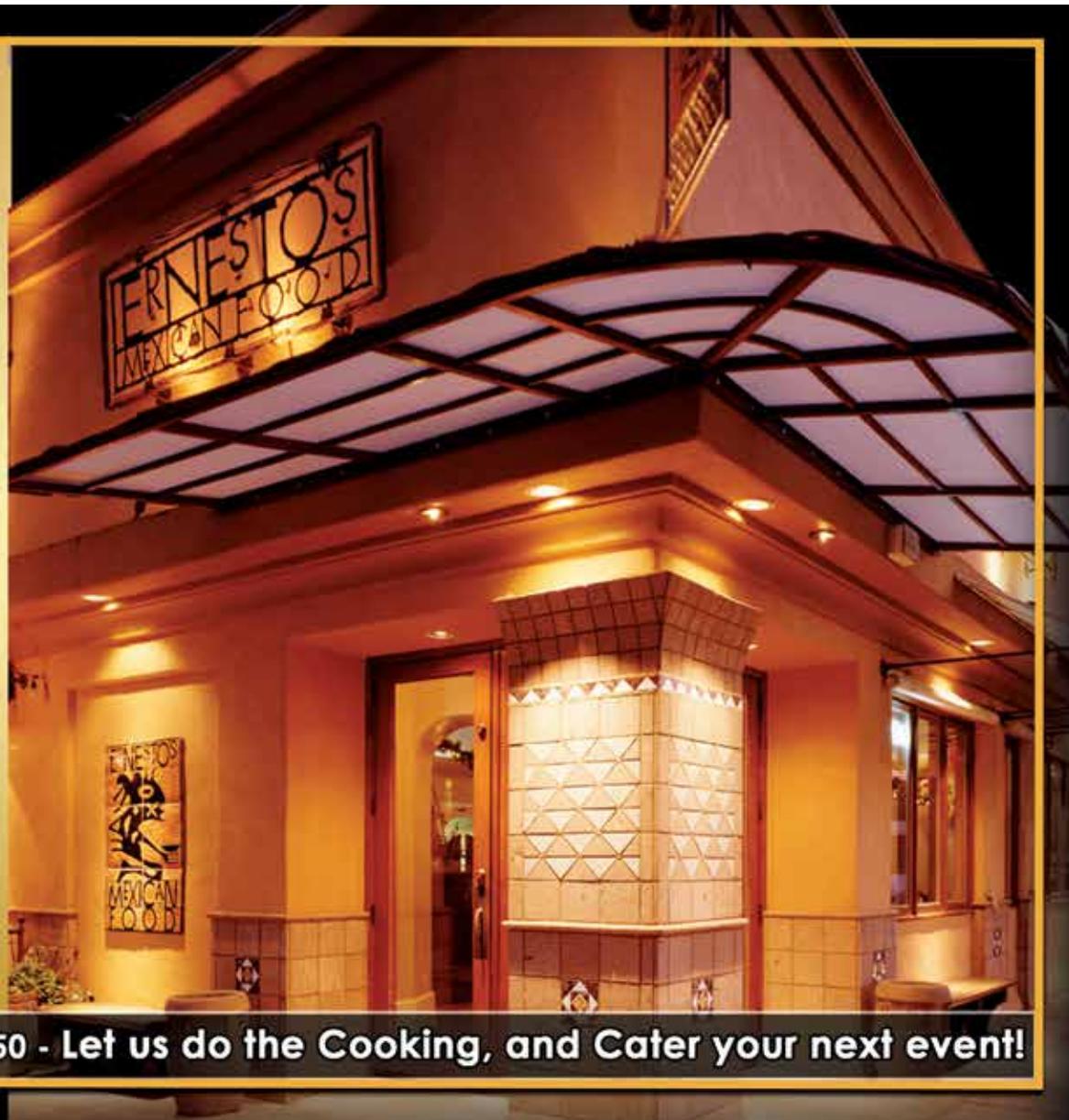
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# Get **BENT** At Sacramento's LGBTQ Film Festival

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by Chris Narloch



Sacramento's LGBTQ Film Festival (formerly known as SIGLFF and now called BENT) returns to the historic Crest Theatre this Oct. 11-12, and also takes over the Esquire IMAX on K Street for the festival's closing day Oct. 13, with a superb slate of some twenty-seven films over three days.

Board President Michael Dennis is (sadly) retiring after this year, but he goes out with a bang thanks to one of the strongest collections of films the Festival has offered in its 28 years, including two fine feature films, three dynamite documentaries, and so many great short films (22 in total) that they had to be spread over two nights.

Those shorts include marvelous mini-movies for every persuasion that represent every color of the rainbow and hail from Australia, Germany, Belgium, the UK, Canada, and the good old US of A.

The outgoing Board President is thrilled and a bit wistful when describing this year's Festival offerings, characterizing them as "an eclectic mix of awesome films from all our communities."

"I started in programming (film selection) fifteen or so years ago, when we would get together and watch VHS tape screeners, and it's been an honor to be the film festival's President for the last five years," said Mr. Dennis.



## GOOD KISSER

BENT will kick off its first night at the Crest with the sexy lesbian feature "Good Kisser" which involves a fling that turns into a weekend love triangle for Jenna, Kate and Mia.

(I wasn't able to preview "Good Kisser," but the festival circuit favorite has been described as "an amusing romp about a lesbian couple's first and perhaps final exploration into non-monogamy.")

Later that same evening (Friday, Oct. 11) the big screen at the Crest will showcase this year's first group of mixed short films, which include gay, lesbian, and trans stories plus everything in between.



## LES CREVETTES PAILLETEES (THE SHINY SHRIMPS)

**BENT**  
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The short films are almost always your best bet, and BENT 2019 does not disappoint, with sexy shorts such as “The Handyman,” which will definitely please the gay men in the audience, and intriguing ones like “Girls Weekend,” a lesbian short about a very dysfunctional family directed by actress Kyra Sedgwick.

Steve Scott, who joined the BENT programming committee this year, was surprised by the quantity and quality of films available to the Festival, saying “I may not have been prepared for the sheer number of quality LGBTQ+ films I would have to review to pick a precious few.”

“Speaking of which, I can’t wait for you all to see ‘Word Is Bond;’” said Mr. Scott. “In the age of Lil Nas X, I think we’ll all find something in this short film that chronicles a day in the life of a closeted rapper in ‘90s L.A.”

Saturday (Oct. 12) is a documentary-lover’s dream, as BENT screens two back-to-back documentaries – with a break for dinner in between -- that are essential viewing, especially given the crazy political climate in our country right now.

The matinee doc on Saturday, “Unsettled – Seeking Refuge In America,” takes place largely in the Bay Area and is a fascinating non-fiction feature that reveals the untold stories of LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers who are resettling in the U.S.

That same evening, ahead of another terrific collection of short films being screened, BENT will show my favorite film from this year’s Festival, “Gay Chorus Deep South,” which is not-to-be-missed.

An incredibly moving documentary that currently has a rating of 100% at [www.rottentomates.com](http://www.rottentomates.com),



## UNSETTLED SEEKING REFUGE IN AMERICA



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## GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH

“Gay Chorus Deep South” follows members of the S.F. Gay Men’s Chorus as they embark on a soul-stirring journey back to the homophobic deep South that some of them had fled as young men.

Another excellent documentary, “Changing The Game,” screens on Sunday afternoon (Oct. 13), this time at the Esquire IMAX, which should be a very impressive way to watch the story of three transgender high school athletes who have found a way to turn the negativity around them into a positive.

This year’s BENT wraps up at the IMAX that same evening with a very fun French comedy, “Les Crevettes Pailletees (The Shiny Shrimps),” that viewers of every persuasion should find immensely entertaining.

That feel-good film follows a homophobic Olympic athlete who is forced to do penance as the coach of the Shiny Shrimps, a flamboyant amateur gay water polo team. Let the games and the laughs begin.

There will be VIP pre-show parties and guest filmmakers, and you can find the complete schedule for this year’s BENT and purchase tickets or Festival passes at [www.bentfilmfest.org](http://www.bentfilmfest.org).



# Nor-Cal Choruses Sing Out In Sacramento

Two of Northern California's finest choral groups will have local shows this fall, one in late September and the other in October. Read on for details of upcoming concerts by Sacramento Women's Chorus and by Chanticleer.



The handsome and talented men of Chanticleer.

## Chanticleer

This highly acclaimed men's chorus based in the Bay Area is in its 42nd season, and the group is bringing its Trade Winds concert tour to Sacramento at the end of September.

Chanticleer will spotlight composer Chen Yi, and offer a brand new work by Zhou Tian, combining contemporary Chinese poetry with John Masefield's eponymous poem.

Chanticleer's foundational repertoire of early music will also be represented, by music of the sea and the spheres from Monteverdi, Gesualdo, Victoria, and, for the first time, Portuguese composer Filipe de Magalhaes.

Chanticleer will perform at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral on Sunday evening, Sept. 29. For more information, visit [www.chanticleer.org](http://www.chanticleer.org).



## Sacramento Women's Chorus

Enjoy some old timey, radio-like fun when the Sacramento Women's Chorus takes to the "air waves" to sing about all the various hats one may wear during a lifetime, from the stage of the newly renovated McClatchy High School performance center.

SWC's fall concert, "At the Drop of a Hat," is guaranteed to keep your toes tapping to many of your favorite songs, on Saturday evening, Oct. 19. To purchase tickets, go to [www.sacramentowomenschorus.com](http://www.sacramentowomenschorus.com)



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# Davis Musical Theatre Company Announces "Wine Experience"

Davis Musical Theatre Company proudly announces its Wine Experience fundraising event that will feature guided wine and pairings tastings. This will take place on Saturday, October 12 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm, at the Jean Henderson Performing Arts Center in Davis.

## What is a "Wine Experience"?

Attendees will learn how to be better able to decide what wine goes with what food, as well as learn a better understanding of the wines themselves. They will also enjoy sampling wines and pairings. There will be four tables, each table with a different wine.

At each table there will be a presenter to discuss the variety and the specific wine being presented for tasting as well as food pairings, including the food sample being provided.

There will be subtle recorded background music to add to the ambience and the venue will be decorated in barnyard chic as

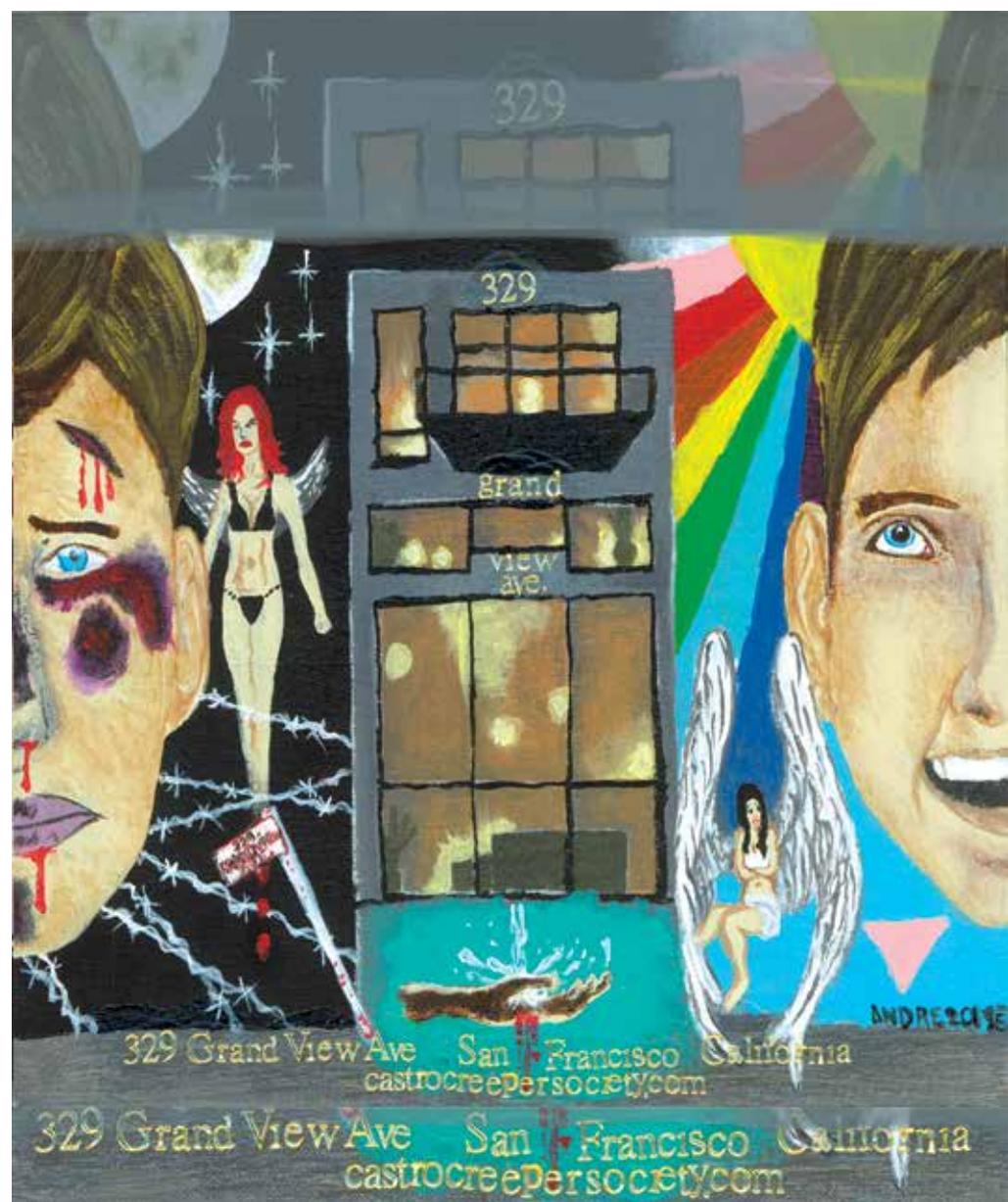


the event is contemporary with the annual harvest and crush.

The wine novice will learn what wine goes with what food and the oenophile may add to the presentations with their own experiences. All attendees will

enjoy the tastings. Ages 21 & over, please.

Admission is \$25.00 per person which includes tastings of 4 different wines and samples of four different foods, each food sample is paired to the wines. This is a reservation only event and reservations can be made at <https://dmtc.org/wine>



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compassion into creative media which can provide support for others.

Students can work in teams (or solo) to create digital entries ranging from one- to five-minutes, then submit to the FilmFreeway online platform, which supports more than 6,000 of the world's best film festivals and contests, including 47 Academy Award accredited festivals, and reaches more than 500,000 filmmakers and artists world-wide.

Youth under 18 will be required to collaborate with mentors, teachers, and parents. College-level participants have the option to work with a team or solo.

Winning entries will be announced late May of 2020 in Los Angeles, with screenings planned for July of 2020 at ComicCon in San Diego, and other venues being planned.

In partnership with UCLA TV & Film Archives and Outfest, selected entries will be archived in the Outfest UCLA Legacy Project Collection, the only program in the world exclusively dedicated to preserving LGBTQ moving images.

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