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**Natomas School Board Member
 Micah Grant is Anti-LGBTQ. Vote for
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By Kim Angulo

President, Stonewall Democratic Club of Greater Sacramento

Since his election in 2016 Micah Grant has repeatedly voted against anti-discrimination and policies that support LGBTQ students. Despite advocacy and education efforts by the LGBTQ community, Grant voted against policies that direct teachers to use appropriate gender pronouns and names for transgender students, voted against LGBTQ inclusive textbooks, and has cited religious beliefs as a concern for policies that support LGBTQ students.



Micah Grant is Anti-LGBTQ

Grant is on the ballot this November, and he must be defeated. Natomas Unified School District has open elections, which means that the top three vote getters win a seat on the School Board. The Sacramento Stonewall Democrats, the largest LGBTQ Democratic Club in the Sacramento region, supports incumbents Susan Heredia and Scott Dosick, and newcomer Mariana Sebeniano.

Susan Heredia and Scott Dosick have been strong allies of the LGBTQ community during their time on the School Board. Both voted for and have been champions of inclusive policies that support LGBTQ students and have actively engaged in

learning more about the problems faced by students in the district. Scott Dosick is a single dad with two kids in the district and a 20 year resident of Natomas. Dr. Susan Heredia is a former teacher, Professor of Education, and longtime advocate for public school students.

Mariana Sebeniano is a community leader, education policy advocate, and first time candidate. She will be an active ally for LGBTQ students and families on the Natomas School Board and deserves our support.

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One Of The Most Beautiful Things I Have Learned - Part One

By: Isabelle McTeer, She/Her

I like to joke that I was raised by hippies, but throw away that vision you just got of a long-haired white guy smoking a joint in a VW van with a psychedelic peace sign painted on the side. I was raised by social justice warriors. I know that term is supposed to be derogatory, but I wear it like a badge of honor. You bet your ass I battle for human rights.



My mother wanted to make sure that I was raised to understand the importance and beauty of diversity. People of all races, genders, and sexual orientations filled the content I was allowed to consume. Where my mother found all this in the 90's I will never know, she obviously put in the work. And her work paid off. I grew into a caring woman who is sympathetic to the plight of any oppressed group.

Ok, but why am I telling you this? I want you to understand the background I come from. I came from a family that while it had its many faults, was extremely accepting. (Please go check out my podcast *Be My Beard* to hear a much more in depth telling of my childhood and related traumas.)

But it still took me 26 years to understand that I was queer.

I saw queer people everywhere, and I love them. But I couldn't admit to myself that I am bisexual. I thought to myself "I can't be queer; I've always been boy crazy." Ignoring all the girls I also fantasized about. Or "I can't be queer; I enjoy penetrative sex too much." Yikes. None of us have the time to unpack all the heteronormative, sexist

bullshit in that thought.

The collective unconscious is so insidious we don't see the ways it infiltrates our minds. I was primed from birth to resist this mentality and it still seeped in like smoke under a door. And much like that smoke, it is indicative of a bigger fire burning right outside. In this past year, coming to understand my sexuality was like opening that door for the first time. The smoke was easy to ignore, but I had to face the raging fire in front of me. I opened that door and I saw my own internalized biphobia, racial fetishization, and my white savior complex.

One of the most beautiful things I have learned in this process is to forgive myself. You can't open that door and successfully face the fire with fear and loathing. That is just dousing yourself in gasoline and walking straight ins. You need to make your heart like water; deep and fathomless. Love yourself for everything that you are now and for the missteps of your past that have brought you to this point. Fall into that water like love, then walk into the fire being unapologetically you. That is the bravest and most glorious way to live in a world filled with so much hate.

Q-Prom, But Make It Spooky!

By Ariela Cuellar (she/her)
Community Engagement & Marketing Strategist

This year the Sacramento LGBT Community Center is pivoting its annual Q-Prom youth dance into a virtual Q-Prom celebration – just in time for Halloween. Originally, their Q-Prom was scheduled during the regular prom season in May of this year, but due to COVID-19 they had to postpone the event.



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Folks can register for free through their Eventbrite page (sacglbtcenter.eventbrite.com) and during the week of 10/26 attendees will receive a personalized link to access Q-Prom! There will also be various

pre-engagement events on the Center's Facebook page starting the first week of October.

Q-Prom is now a FREE virtual event for youth to enjoy, however it's never too early to sponsor a youth for a future in-person Q-Prom! Your contributions will directly support the Center in creating an affirming Q-Prom experience for youth to enjoy. You can make a donation by visiting the Q-Prom Eventbrite page, click register, choose the "donations ticket" and enter the amount you would like to donate.

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Nikole Hannah-Jones and Oprah Winfrey will expand "The 1619 Project"

"The 1619 Project" re-examined the legacy of slavery in the United States through a series of essays on the 400th anniversary of the first Africans' arrival in Virginia, exploring how slavery has shaped all aspects of society, from music and law to education and the arts.

Nikole Hannah-Jones, who was the

architect of the series, won a 2020 Pulitzer Prize for commentary.

Hannah-Jones will serve as the creative leader and producer in developing feature films, television series, documentaries, unscripted programming and other forms of entertainment showcasing Black creative voices.



Professional Bear Star Daniel Franzese will bring laughs and life lessons about body positivity and self-esteem to GROWLr Live, with three, one-hour TEDDY TALKS on consecutive Fridays at 6:00 PT, beginning September 25. Fans can ask Franzese anything during the live-streams, and all three of Daniel's TALKS are free to everyone on the GROWLr app.



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Wide Open Walls Returns For 2020

By Chris Narloch

After September 20, 2020, fans of public art like me will be able to enjoy another group of freshly painted murals in Sacramento, created by (mostly) local artists who will add much-needed color and beauty to this crazy year.

Not a moment too soon, WOW (Wide Open Walls) is back for its fifth year with an 11-day festival that began on Sept. 10 and is scheduled to add more than two-dozen new murals to buildings around Sacramento.

I haven't seen all of this year's works yet, but so far my two favorites are both by Cheyenne Randall, a local artist whose brand new murals on Del Paso Blvd. of a tattooed Elvis and a tattooed Sade are breathtakingly beautiful.

Appropriately, this year's crop of artists - 27 are listed on WOW's website in 2020 - include a large number of BIPOC (Black,

Indigenous, and people of color) individuals, whose murals will no doubt continue Sacramento's conversations about diversity and inclusion. (Over 400 artists from around the world applied for those 27 slots.)

Each year I venture out after the festival is over (and the paint is dry) to check out all of the new public art created by Sacramento's Wide Open Walls, and I urge you to do the same, since some of the most amazing murals are in obscure locations that you might never come across if you weren't looking for them.

Visit wideopenwalls.com for more info, including a tour map of this year's murals.



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Outword Mourns the Passing of Ruth Bader Ginsburg with this Flashback Book Review

Reviewed by Terri Schlichenmeyer

Please and Thank You. Those were The Magic Words you learned at your mother's knee, the ones that opened doors and gained favors. That was also when you learned something important, as you'll see in "My Own Words" by Ruth Bader Ginsburg (with Mary Hartnett and Wendy W. Williams): letters, when properly collected, can move mountains.

Born in working-class Brooklyn in 1933, Joan Ruth Bader was her parents' second daughter; sadly, their eldest died of meningitis just fourteen months later.

Theirs was a close-knit neighborhood, and the family had many of the luxuries of the day. Bader attended public school a block from her home; there, because of other girls in her class who shared her first name, she started using her middle name "for more official purposes." She was raised to be independent and was an avid reader, a notably talented storyteller, and she loved gymnastics but "was not... especially fond of math." And since she grew up in the shadow of World War II and was Jewish, she was fully aware of anti-Semitism.

Even as a child, in fact, young Bader chafed at inequality and "hypocritical rules." She was also eloquent in her writing and was first published (in a Jewish Center newsletter) at age 13. Her leadership skills apparent, she entered Cornell University the fall after graduation from high school; there, she was greatly influenced by two teachers, novelist and European lit professor Vladimir Nabokov, and constitutional scholar Robert E. Cushman. The latter man "encouraged Ruth to go to law school."

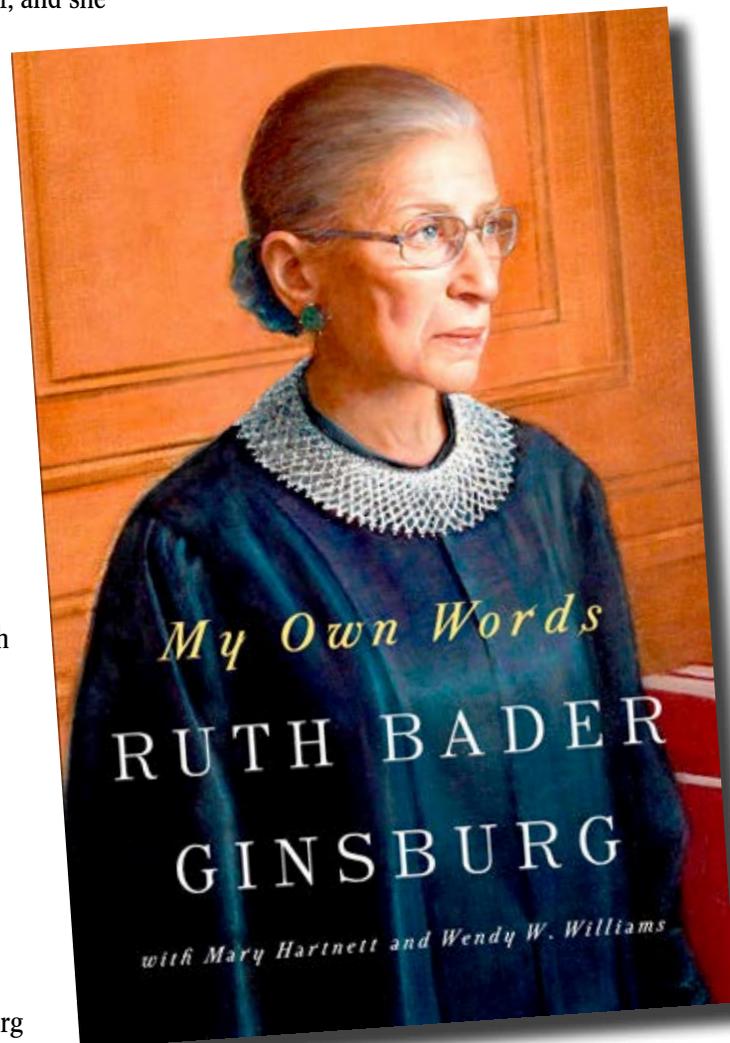
In mid-2003, co-authors Williams and Hartnett approached Bader Ginsburg and pointed out that it was time for her to tell her story, before someone else did. She had known both Williams and Hartnett for years through mutual interests and similar work, so "Without hesitation, I said yes to their proposal."

In her preface, author and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg says that "My Own Words" was meant to be written after a planned biography but her co-authors "thought it best" to wait on the biography until her "Court years neared completion." They "flipped the projected publication

order..."

You might wish they hadn't.

You'll hang onto every word of Ginsburg's life story. It's everything you'd expect from her, and it surely won't disappoint readers. What will, though, is that "My Own Words" aren't always her own words. Yes, you'll read transcripts of speeches by Ginsburg, legal briefs, bench announcements, introductions, and wisdom inside law review articles. Yes, you'll see her fierce strength in that which she firmly believed. But a good



amount of this book consists of various-length essays, speeches, and articles written by others about Ginsburg, including things written by her co-authors. That could be a disappointment; the written speeches and judgments are okay, but a biography...? Wait for it.

This Is. Not. A bad book. It's just not what you might expect, so be warned. If you want more biography, fewer essays, be patient; it's likely to be coming. In the meantime, "My Own Words" will please you.



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Diane Keaton's Brother Inspires Her Latest Book

By Chris Narloch

Diane Keaton, the Oscar-winning actress, style icon, director, photographer, and famed flipper of houses, can also add best-selling author to her list of accomplishments.

Keaton's third memoir, released earlier this year, is a fascinating portrait of the complicated relationship she shares with her tortured, younger brother, Randy.

For anyone with a family member who didn't fit and never found their way in the world, "Brother & Sister: A Memoir" is an extremely moving, sometimes painful, series of confessions.

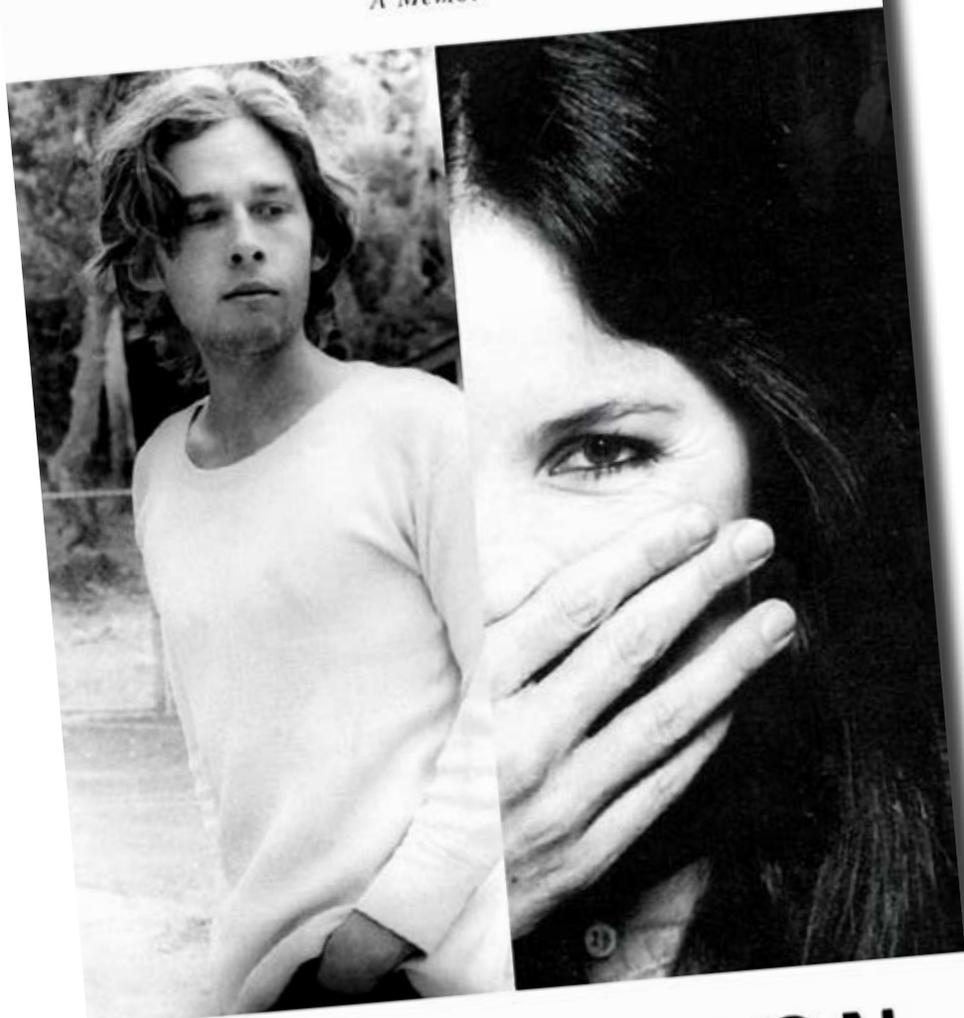
Keaton is very honest about the guilt she feels over not

optimistic, sometimes indulgent, mother and a tough, workaholic father who was clearly disappointed in his square peg son.

Now that their parents are gone, Keaton has devoted herself to her brother's care, visiting him every Sunday in a care facility for individuals suffering from dementia, which was exacerbated by his lifelong alcoholism.

BROTHER & SISTER

A Memoir



DIANE KEATON

trying to help her troubled brother more when he was younger. The actress is the oldest of four children and was the first to leave the nest. As many people do, she found it easier to throw herself into her career and not be involved in her family's turmoil.

Now that she is 74, Keaton clearly wants to atone for the avoidance of her family's dysfunction, which included an eternally

Her book chronicles the mystery of Randy's life, as Keaton attempts to understand what went wrong for her brother and wonders if anything could have been done differently to help him.

Ultimately, the actress comes to the conclusion that those questions are unanswerable and that forgiving yourself for your sins and forgiving the other person for theirs is the key to loving a difficult family member.



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Women's Rights & Voting Rights On Amazon Prime

By Chris Narloch

Amazon Prime members will have access to two must-see movies this month, one of them a frightening and timely documentary dissection of voter suppression efforts in the United States, and the other a very promising-looking feature film about Gloria Steinem and the fight for women's rights in our country.

The Glorias

Four different actresses, including Alicia Vikander and Julianne Moore, play feminist icon Gloria Steinem from her childhood in 1940s Ohio to her leading role in the women's liberation movement of the '70s, in this new biopic from the great director Julie Taymor (Broadway's "The Lion King").

The top-shelf cast of "The Glorias" also includes Timothy Hutton as Leo Steinem, Bette Midler as Bella Abzug, and Janelle Monae, who is in everything these days. I haven't seen this movie yet, but I have high hopes and will be glued to my TV screen come Sept. 30.



Julianne Moore plays Gloria Steinem in "The Glorias" on Amazon Prime.

All In: The Fight for Democracy

This dynamite documentary examines the often overlooked, yet insidious issue of voter suppression. The film interweaves personal experiences with current activism and historical insight to expose a problem that has corrupted our democracy from the very beginning.

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Abrams offers as evidence her own defeat by Brian Kemp, who remained as secretary of state in Georgia, effectively overseeing his own election, while running for Governor against Abrams. She makes a strong case that he used voter fraud and suppression to win.

Given our proximity to the U.S. presidential election on Nov. 3, "All In: The Fight for Democracy," which is now available, is essential viewing for anyone who cares about fair elections and the future of our democracy.

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From her sequined 1970s to her rockin’ 1990s, it’s all here in nine delicious discs that unfold Cher’s unrivalled career. The superstar who conquered television, radio, Las Vegas, and the big screen gets a tribute reserved for icons.

“The Best Of Cher” includes 10 star-studded episodes of “Cher” (the singer’s solo variety TV show), plus two of her unforgettable Vegas concerts (from The Mirage and the MGM Grand), a very personal documentary (“Dear Mom, Love Cher”), new interviews with Bob Mackie, Lily Tomlin, and Cher herself, and two of Cher’s legendary television specials.

If you’re too young to have seen Cher in the ‘70s, when she was at one of her many peaks, “The Best Of Cher” is a great place to discover what all the fuss is about and why so many of her fans consider her the ultimate diva.

This Time Life collection contains too many bonus features to mention, including a fun 2018 TV appearance on “The Late, Late Show with James Corden” that brings the set up to date and proves that the one-and-only Cher never goes out of style.

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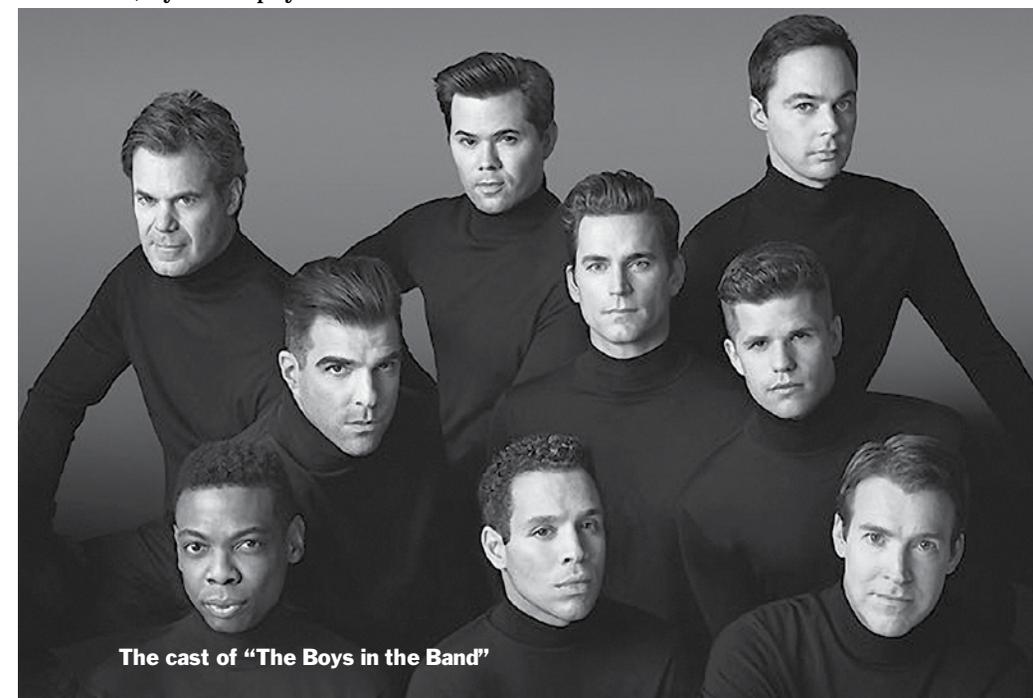
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A Netflix Trifecta For Ryan Murphy

By Chris Narloch

I have to laugh when people tell me that they've seen everything on Netflix. Really? All 4,000 movies and 1,000 TV shows? Of course, what they actually mean is that they have seen everything that was recommended to them by friends, and now they don't know what else to watch.

Now, it's true that not everything on Netflix is worth watching – and that's putting it mildly -- but there are at least three new productions coming soon to that wildly successful entertainment platform that look to be sure bets, and all of them were green-lit by the queerest man in TV land, Ryan Murphy. www.netflix.com



The cast of "The Boys in the Band"

The Boys in the Band

It should be fascinating to see what a new cast and a great director can do for "The Boys in the Band," the infamous 1968 play about a gay birthday party that descends in to a queer catfight full of bitchiness and internalized homophobia.

Filmed previously in 1970, this new movie features the terrific cast from a 50th anniversary Broadway production, including Matt Bomer, Zachary Quinto, Andrew Rannells, and Jim Parsons.

The 2020 film also has a great director in Joe Mantello, who helmed that recent theatrical revival and should know how to lighten up the melodramatic moments in the play. See it on Netflix beginning Sept. 30.

Ratched

If you've never seen the great 1975 movie "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest," which starred Jack Nicholson in one of his most iconic performances, as a patient in a mental hospital, now is the time to get caught up so you can enjoy Ryan Murphy's prequel series.

"Ratched" stars the always-fascinating Sarah Paulson as a young Nurse Ratched, the sadistic thorn in the side of Nicholson's character from the original film. It should be very interesting to see Paulson's conception of the character, as she evolves into a monster.

The new series costars Sharon Stone, Judy Davis, Finn Wittrock, Cynthia Nixon, Rosanna Arquette, Amanda Plummer, and Jon Jon Briones. "Ratched" premiered Sept. 18.



Sarah Paulson stars in "Ratched"

The Prom

If you missed it on Broadway, this Tony nominee for Best Musical has been adapted for the small screen with a big-screen cast that includes Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman, Kerry Washington, Andrew Rannells, and James Corden.

"The Prom" follows four washed-up Broadway actors who travel to a conservative town in Indiana to help a lesbian student banned from bringing her girlfriend to the high school prom. The Netflix movie premieres on Dec. 11.



Ryan Murphy and the starry cast of "The Prom"

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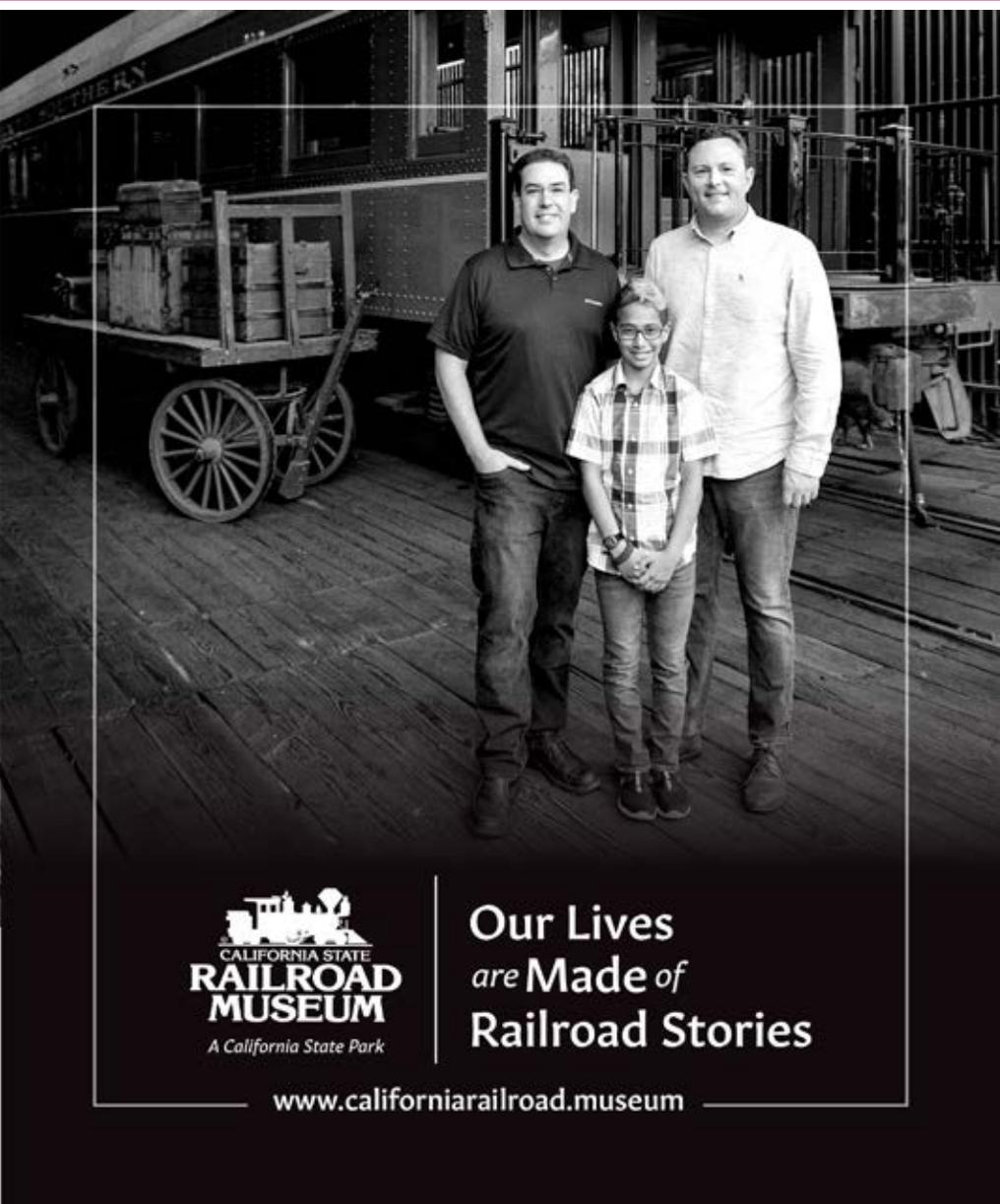


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The fabulous, futuristic fashions of Pierre Cardin

“House Of Cardin” Is A Perfect Fit

Recent documentaries about Valentino and also Alexander McQueen were cinematic catnip for followers of fashion, and movies about designers have become their own genre of film.

The latest such picture is the must-see movie “House Of Cardin,” about the avant-garde fashion designer Pierre Cardin,

who turned 98 this summer.

An Italian-born, naturalized-French genius of fashion, Cardin is famous for his Space

Age designs, his geometric shapes and motifs, and for experimental, unisex fashions.

Millions know the iconic Cardin logo and ubiquitous signature but few know the man behind the larger than life label. “House Of Cardin” is a rare peek inside the mind of a legend, an authorized feature documentary chronicling the life and designs of Cardin.

A true original, Mr. Cardin granted the directors exclusive access to his archives and his empire, and unprecedented interviews at the sunset of a glorious career.

“House Of Cardin” made its World Premiere at the Venice Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Queer Lion Award. The movie is now available for rent and purchase on-demand.

BENT Comes Home For 2020

By Chris Narloch

The hard-working folks who put on BENT (Sacramento's LGBTQ+ Film Festival) want you to know that they haven't forgotten you, and fans of queer cinema will be able to get BENT from the safety and convenience of their own homes this year.

BENT will probably return to the Crest and Esquire IMAX Theatres in 2021, but the challenges of 2020 have necessitated a virtual festival (this October 9, 10 & 11) that

preserves the same level of quality and diversity fans of BENT have come to expect. This year's slate of films is comprised of six programs: two narrative features, two

documentaries, and two separate short film collections. If you want to see everything this year, you can pre-order a Festival Pass for the package price of \$50 and watch all of the films, as often as you'd like, for the duration of the festival.

That's just \$8 and some change per program, as opposed to the \$10 fee for each program if you want to go a la carte. For fans who like to support BENT at the

highest level (or those who want a keepsake Pass, lanyard, swag bag, and printed program), a VIP Pass can be purchased for \$70.

Read on to learn more about the movies I was able to preview before our deadline. For more details about how to watch this year's BENT films online and how long you'll have access to them once you pay, please visit www.bentfilmfest.org.

Friday, October 9

BENT kicks things off with "Breaking Fast," a totally entertaining movie (part rom-com, part drama) about a gay Muslim man searching for love amidst the twinkling lights of West Hollywood.

A terrific performance by handsome Haaz Sleiman as the hero, Mo, anchors the film and makes us root for him after a painful breakup with another Muslim man at the start of the film.

Enter Kal, a charming L.A. actor played by the charming Mike Cassidy, and Mo is swept off his feet, despite reservations about dating an actor. Before long, Mo and his all-American guy are sharing traditional Muslim meals together during Ramadan and forging a cross-cultural romance.

I thoroughly enjoyed "Breaking Fast," and it deserves the 100% rating it currently has on Rotten Tomatoes. Don't miss it.

A festival of short films is also scheduled for Opening Night, but I didn't have time to preview all of those mini-movies this year, so you are on your own here. I will say that I always enjoy the short films, and the ones I did see this year were excellent.



Haaz Sleiman and Michael Cassidy star in "Breaking Fast!"

Saturday, October 10

The second day of BENT includes "Transkids," a hard-hitting documentary about four Israeli teenagers who undergo the process of life-and-identity-saving gender transformation in a country where military service is mandatory and Orthodox Jewish religion is the law.

I love a good documentary, and "Transkids" doesn't disappoint. For those who prefer non-documentary fare, there is another collection of mixed short films showing on Saturday, and you can visit BENT's website for more on that.



A vintage military recruiting poster.



Barbara Brass and Colonel Pat Thompson are the subjects of the documentary "Surviving The Silence"

Sunday, October 11

I wasn't able to preview the unofficial "women's feature," but it has received positive reviews from other film festivals, and it sounds like a winner. "Cocoon" ("Kokon") is a recent German film about a 14-year-old girl coming of age in Berlin, dealing with her first period and falling in love with another girl.

Last but not least – and BENT saved the best for last this year – don't miss "Surviving The Silence," a powerful documentary, with a strong local connection, about a lesbian couple who lived in the shadows of the closet for decades, afraid of losing the high-level military career of one of the women.

Colonel Pat Thompson and her wife Barbara Brass still live in the same Roseville house they have shared for decades, and after too many years of hiding they are now out-and-proud activists who recently participated in a local gay pride auto parade. They also frequently and publicly protest the Trump administration's homophobic and trans-phobic policies.

But activism wasn't always an option for the couple, and "Surviving The Silence" movingly depicts the scary years when hiding was the only way to get by in the military, especially when Col. Pat was tasked with discharging a fellow lesbian, Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was expelled from the military solely for being gay.

You'll be glued to your screen when Thompson meets Cammermeyer again face-to-face years later, but that twist has a happy ending which I will let you discover on your own in the film.

Until I saw this documentary, I had no idea that there was a crucial local connection to Cammermeyer's story, which was made into a high-profile TV movie starring Glenn Close that Barbra Streisand's production company aired in 1995.

With protections for queer Americans currently serving in the military under extreme threat from the Trump administration, BENT should be commended for showing this important, timely documentary.



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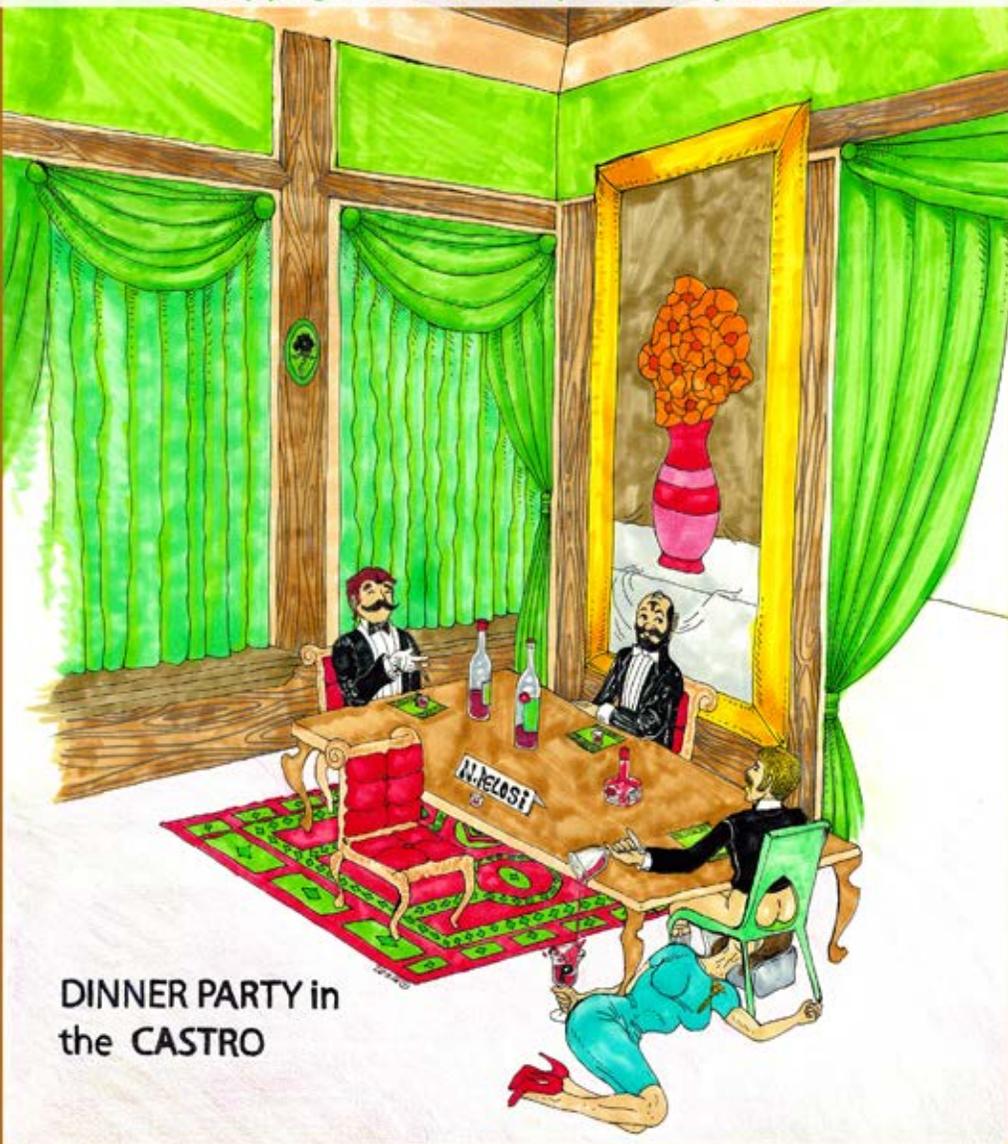


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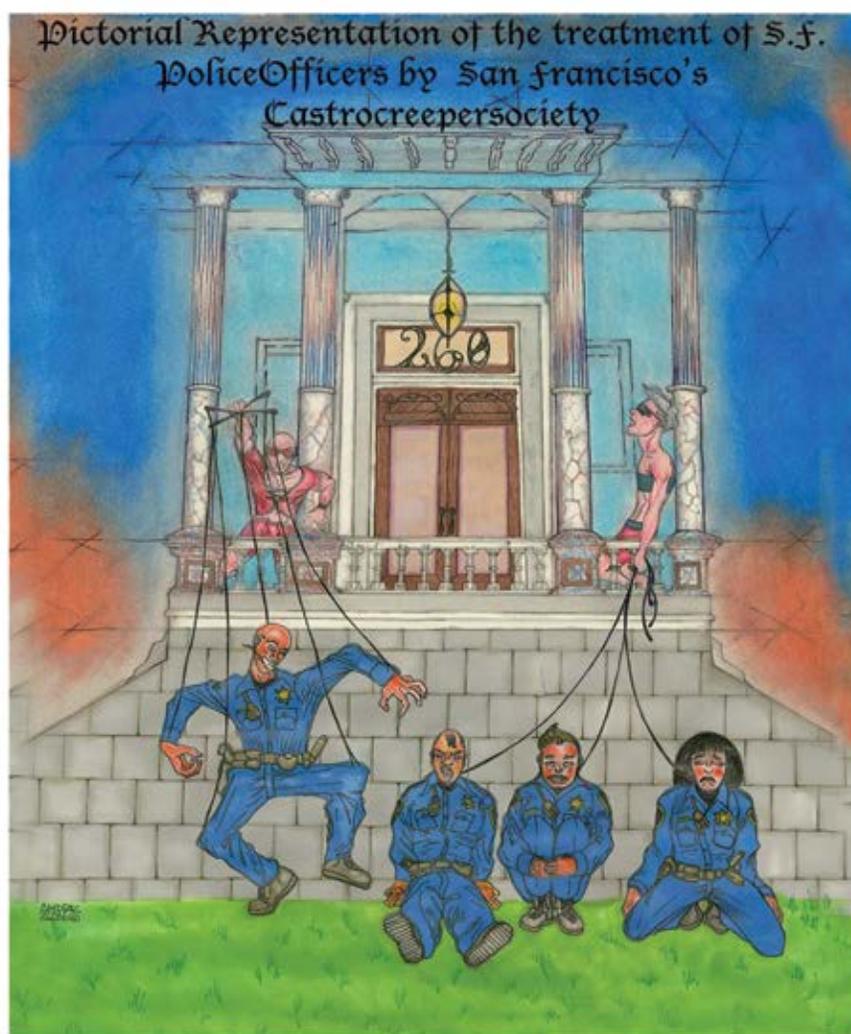
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If you're looking for a "free quickie" check out "Stalls," an amusing depiction of one man's down-and-dirty cruising adventure in the classy restroom of an opera house. "Stalls," the acclaimed, three-minute short film written and directed by openly gay Brazilian auteur Joao Dall'stella, is now available to watch for free on YouTube and Vimeo after playing at over 40 LGBTQ+ film festivals worldwide. View it at:
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Major Artists Unite To Trash Trump

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Critically acclaimed, award-winning artists have created unique works focused on Trump's failed leadership on issues like police brutality, racism, hate speech, immigration and the Coronavirus pandemic, overlaid with controversial statements from

Trump and his allies.

Viewers are urged to go to RememberWhatTheyDid.com, where they can pledge to vote, register to vote, learn about early voting or crowd-fund more billboards in battleground communities across the country.

Billboards just launched in Phoenix featuring the art of Nate Lewis (on the Coronavirus pandemic), Shepard Fairey (on police brutality), Rafael Lopez (on kids in cages), and Rob Sheridan (featuring Trump's quote, "Even if the world goes to hell and a hand-basket, I won't lose a penny").

See the art and learn more here:
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BTS Is Coming Soon To A Theatre Near You

Those K-pop cuties are at it again, and world domination can't be far behind for our favorite Asian boy band, BTS. Their latest movie hits theaters beginning Sept. 24.

With most live concerts cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, filmed shows on the big screen are the next best thing, and "Break The Silence: The Movie" should feed the beast for fans of BTS's bouncy bubblegum pop.

The fourth BTS film sees the global superstars on their first international

stadium tour and provides audiences with unprecedented access to each member of the band.

In addition to the full feature, attendees will be among the first BTS fans to view the record-breaking "Dynamite" video larger-than-life on the big screen.

At least one local cinema, the Blue Oaks

Century Theatres in Rocklin, will be showing "Break The Silence," with screenings on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 24.

For a regularly updated list of other movie theaters and dates, visit the official film website: www.BTSincinemas.com.



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Rogersound Labs Impresses In A Mighty Way

words and photos by Ron Tackitt

Yesterday Amazon delivered a record album to my front door. While I was very excited about it, it was actually music I have owned, and listened to, for years. However, I had never listened to it from a vinyl record before, only CD. The album was Andreas Vollenweider's "Down to the Moon." I like it so much because it is beautiful New Age music, that was recorded incredibly well. The level of detail, space and presence is fantastic, and hearing it from a turntable only enhanced the experience, especially through the Rogersound Labs (RSL) CG-25s.

However, I am getting ahead of myself. This is a story about a great pair of speakers (at any price) and their companion subwoofer, not about an old album from years gone by, re-visited. Well, sort of.

So much of this tale began for two reasons, COVID, and that my subwoofer was just old and no longer working properly. COVID meant that I was bored, at home, and it gave me time to play and experiment with my aging stereo. Since my old subwoofer only worked part of the time, I started looking online for a replacement. I'm not a huge bass freak, but I do like to have the fullness of sound they afford, especially

when watching movies. Coincidentally, I received an email from Rogersound Labs about the amazing response they were getting, from both the public and the press, about their new subwoofer, the Speedwoofer 10s.

I clicked, I read and I watched videos about the new sub. They all said pretty much the same thing, for the price it was an amazing value and very hard to beat. I liked the fact that it was compact in size, but that didn't hinder its performance. I sent an email to Rogersound Labs (RSL) to inquire, and soon received a replay from the owner of the company, Howard. (At this point, I think it is

only fair that I divulge that I used to work for RSL many, many years ago, in the late eighties. However, I have had little in the way of contact with RSL since then.)

Even after all the years, Howard remembered me and after an email or two, I decided to buy a Speedwoofer. He then asked if I would like to take a listen, and write about his flagship speakers alongside their subwoofer. I jumped at the chance and have had the speaker setup up and running for a while now. Normally it would not take me nearly as long to swap out something and give it a run. But, not only does time fly during COVID SIP, but I had also made a multitude of changes to my stereo system, and I wanted to make sure I could pinpoint what piece of gear was making what difference. This length of time also gave the speakers, and the sub, a chance to "break in." Say what you might, but I have always found this to be beneficial when it comes to brand new stereo gear. I will leave the exacting details about the equipment to RSL. They have a nice web site and all the specs are there. (www.rslspeakers.com)



The Setup

So, I set up a nice, neat and simple stereo-only system. I do love watching movies and TV through the stereo, but I gave up on actual surround sound a long time ago. That part of the industry just moves too fast and creates obsolete equipment far too quickly. Good stereo is still pretty wonderful and nowhere near the fuss, and expense.

The RSL CG25s are a bit larger than my old speakers, but I would still call them bookshelf speakers, and definitely best when used on speaker stands (like the ones I used for my old M&K speakers). Also, the RSLs are designed to be used either laying on their sides or standing upright. This makes them perfect for surround applications, if you are going for that, and they will definitely provide a matching, coherent front presentation for any good home theater. However, as I said, I set them on 28" stands, upright, and the subwoofer is placed on the left side of the stereo system, about 10 feet from the center "sweet spot."

I have to say that since the speakers are on loan, I have been concerned that I might mess up the beautiful, high-gloss finish of the CG25s. RSL is careful not to call the finish "piano black or lacquer, but instead refer to them as a high-gloss painted finish. It certainly is. The grills are simple and attractive and attach using powerful magnets, so no broken grill posts years down the road! I was also careful to notice that the grills don't interfere with the sound the speaker is putting out. I'd also like to note that because the speakers are meant to be either laid down, or stood upright, there is no logo on the grill. Oddly enough, I found myself missing some marking on the front of



the speaker. Call it years of marketing, but I just missed some kind of logo showing. (Maybe one on a magnet so it can spin with the speaker?) Pretty minor, and I got over it.

I spent a fair amount of time playing with the subwoofer, as it relates to the speakers, to get the cohesion and balance (to each other) just right. With my old setup I just never felt I needed to since they were simply not that good. Suffice to say that some simple trial

and error, listening, adjusting the volume of the sub, moving the sub an inch here, and inch there, and I have found that perfect balance I was looking for. Meaning that when I am listening to anything on the system, the speakers all perform seamlessly. It is very hard to hear where the speakers stop producing bass and the subwoofer takes over those duties. The room I have the system in is quite large but filling it with

amazing, full sound is not any issue. And, if I want a movie to have a bit more bass, the subwoofer's independent volume knob is easy to reach. (Correction) RSL offers a remote connection module for the sub, but note that it allows the use of No cable to hook up the sub. It does not control the subwoofer's built-in volume control, but it does help keep the installation much cleaner, in the room.

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The Equipment: Audiolab 6000A Integrated Amplifier with Bluetooth, Digital to Analog converters and a Phono section. \$1000. www.audiolab.co.uk • RSL CG25 Front Speaker. \$500 each. rslspeakers.com • RSL Speedwoofer 10S. \$399 each. rslspeakers.com • Vintage gear: Marantz CD Player with digital output, Technics Semi-Automatic turntable. IKEA metal TV stand.



Listening.

As any true “Audio Dork” will tell you, once you introduce something new to your system, you have to go seek out all your favorite “Audiophile” recordings to see how that new item makes your system sound. Yeah, I did that - for weeks. I pulled out all my CDs and leafed through them looking for old demo music, personal auditioning music and the like. I was very aware that I was dissecting the music, the sounds and the presentation and not really sitting back and and just listening, enjoying. But it’s a process, right?

A little while ago I reviewed some speakers that I was not completely fond of, and of course, I went through a similar process with those speakers as well. The

immediate difference was that I kept finding things I didn’t like about the first pair of speakers. The RSLs, in sharp contrast, just kept impressing me with their abilities.

To this day the RSL CG25s continue to show me things about the music I have been listening to that I never noticed before. Small sounds and noises in the music will appear and I will stop and marvel that it was new to me to be hearing that only now. Sometime this level of exactness and detail can become tedious and translate into sharp sounding speakers. I have not found that to be the case with the CG25s. I would never characterize them as mild or laid back, but they never assault the ears the way some brands of speakers might. I have found that

a good pair of speakers (paired with good electronics) present music in a way that “comes to you.” I never want to have to lean forward, with my hands cupped around my ears, to hear when the bongos come in, or the strings start to gently fill in the background in the song. Again, the RSLs present music to you in such an effortless way that none of that silliness is necessary.

Not everyone cares about how a speaker system can “image,” but once you have heard a good recording, on a good system, and with some good (great) speakers, from a place on the couch that puts you in the sweet spot, it’s hard to forget that experience. You guessed it. The RSLs are, shall I say, spot-on. Using the 28” speakers stands I had them on,

they effortlessly created an expansive stage of sound, or sound stage, and people and instruments were placed where they were meant to be within that stage of sound. This may be quite foreign to most, because they have never heard music played back at this level of quality. And it should be noted that there are also folks who will spend insane amounts of money to ever-improve on their sound stage experience... Upscale Audio is a stereo business all unto itself.

It should be noted that the Speedwoofer is a part of the all that I have mentioned above. Without excessive drama, it sat off to the side and expertly did its job. The bass it produced was always tight and controlled, never mushy. One could, easily, say musical.

The Music.

For those wondering what I have been basing all this gushing praise on, what sources have I been listening to? Here is a short list of some of the music I was most impressed by, when played back on my simple system and the RSLs:

Of course there is the before-mentioned Andreas Vollenweider “Down to the Moon.” His previous album, “White Winds” is equally impressive. There is a track on “White Winds” called The Glass Hall that can be torturous or beautiful, depending on the system it’s played back on. It’s sounds amazing on the CG25s.

Sade, You’re Not the Man (CD only track) is clearly one of her best songs, and it truly impressed on the CGs. The depth of her voice, the breath and space of her in the recording and then the subtlety of the accompanying instruments always makes me smile. It’s is beautiful music, especially when played back like this.

Hipsway’s Forbidden starts out with clean bongos and a bass riff. Then slowly builds. The lead singers voice is well recorded and distinctive. It’s great 80’s one-hit-wonder pop rock.

Queen Latifah’s “The Dana Owens Album” is a great collection of old standards sung by a completely unexpected source. I Put A Spell On You shows you Queen’s talent and the recording technician’s as well.

Taylor Swift Delicate is an interesting track. It played one evening while I was



The Music: Books and books of CDs and three record albums.

listening and I was quite impressed. It is a complex recording that most stereos would simply muddle together. Through the CGs though, all the little sounds and side happenings were audible and made it clear that she meant them to be there. I did notice that the soundtrack from the video IS muddled, but the audio-only is impressive.

Then there is Martina McBride’s “God’s Will.” I don’t listen to a lot of her music, but this is a sweet song. Originally, I didn’t realize what an amazing recording it was, until I took time to listen to it on the CGs. The intimacy and clarity of her mic-ing is crazy good. Probably the best vocal track I have ever heard.

Honorable Mentions: Enigma - Callas Went Away, Vangelis - Memories of Green, ATB - Too Much Rain, Black - Wonderful Life, Bryan Ferry - Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow, David Bowie - China Girl, Roger Wagner Chorale - Were You There?, Pink Martini - Amado Mio, ELO - Mr. Blue Sky, Norah Jones - The Prettiest Thing.

Conclusion.

I liked the Rogersound Lab’s CG25s, to say the least. I certainly wanted to like them before having a chance to spend time with them, but they have far surpassed my expectations. I am so very thankful to have had the time I’ve had, auditioning them. Eventually, I was able to get passed the “Let’s try *this* on them!” phase and relax and use them like they were my everyday speakers. Other than the “missing” logo on the front of the speaker, I found nothing about them that causes me any reserve. Most everything that

I say about the CGs must be extended to the subwoofer as well. The fact that it does its job so incredibly well and disappears into the audible landscape proved just how good it is. Whether you are using the sub with this pair of speakers or any other, it really is a great value, and an awesome performer - especially for its size, and price.

For just one more test, I replaced the CG25s with my old speakers to hear the difference. Bad move. The difference is not subtle. My old speakers, just don’t hold a

candle to the RSLs. The CGs soundstage, clarity, detail and overall presentation is so superlative that they really make a case for saving up my money and buying a pair of my very own. They are that good.

I love that I got to play “stereo” with the RSLs during this time staying in place, to stay safe. I have enjoyed my time with them, and that they helped me get re-acquainted with old music I love, regardless of what the music was playing on. Listening to them in my system makes me smile. Thank you RSL.

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Netflix Brings Back "Lucifer" for a Fifth Season

by Ron Tackitt



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A couple of years ago my brother told me about a show he was watching, on Fox, about the Devil going on vacation in LA and not wanting to return back to home, back to Hell. My brother loves graphic novels and video games, so at first I scoffed at him, like I do a lot.

However, on one of his trips visiting, we watched several episodes and I was genuinely hooked. The premise was tongue-in-cheek, but the production quality, the writing and possibly the most important, the actor who played the Devil, was quite good, and very handsome.

Fox produced it for three seasons, then dropped it. Who knows why. But there were now lots of fans of the show. Fans who didn't care to get caught up in the hard and fast religious aspects that the show was pushing up against, but enjoyed the way the show subtly made fun of all the above.

After Fox killed the show, I was quite disappointed.

Then Netflix stepped in and purchased

rights to it! Yay! Netflix to the rescue. But, the first season Netflix produced looked like they just wanted to wrap up the story in a nice neat bow and call it a day. Actually, not so.

As proof, here is season Five. Or at least a portion of it. They are releasing it in two parts, like the final season of "Sex and the City."

I tried not to binge watch the new episodes but... they are good. Bravo, Netflix, you do the Devil proud! LOL!

The new episodes are fun and engaging. There are lots of fun twists and the same irreverent attitude. I am very much looking forward to the second half of this new season!

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