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From the Pub Happy Pride!



by Fred Palmer, Publisher, Outword Magazine

We at *Outword* want to welcome everyone to California's Capitol Pride, whether this is your first celebration or your 50th. *Outword* celebrates this Pride in our 21st year as an LGBT owned business and boy have we seen a lot over the years.

We have participated in Pride when it was just a gathering in McKinley Park, on the Capitol grounds, in Southside Park for many years and now on the iconic Capitol Mall between the Capitol Dome and the Tower bridge.

We have watched and listened to countless

The best way to fight is to educate and to vote, and I ask you to help our fight for equality and do both. Speak to family and coworkers and let them see the face of Gay America, educate and inform your neighbors and friends. It is your job and the benefit will be felt by all of us. The alternative is not



Me in the parade for Pride 2012.

drag acts, karaoke singers, gay men's chorus performances, women's chorus performances, color guards and cheerleaders! And we have enjoyed headliner entertainment that just gets bigger and better every year.

Pride is a time to celebrate all the many colors of the rainbow that make up the fabric of our community.

It is a time to remember the history of how we got to where we are today, and that is why every year we remind people of the history for the fight for equality, the history of things like the meaning of the pink triangle and who wore them, the history of the rainbow flag and the meaning of its colors.

Since the first pride celebration following the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, many in our community have fought for equal rights, and yes, we have won many of these battles, but the truth is there is still hate out there and people who attack our community.

National hurdles have been won, but still some individual states are trying in every way that they can to discriminate. The reaction from our community and our straight allies is amazing and seems to be able to defeat those that are still trying to discriminate.

Over the years we have lost many of the LGBT pioneers of the gay rights movement – heroes who we should never forget for their help. I think many of them would be proud of the efforts we have made, but would still be outraged that we are still working so hard and fighting political battles.

acceptable, as we cannot go backwards.

Pride is also about business and an opportunity for gay owned and supportive businesses like *Outword* and our advertisers to meet the gay public, ask for, and earn your business.

American businesses are realizing more and more that our community represents an incredible buying power and we should take advantage of the muscle power in our Gay Dollar. A recent report states that the U.S. LGBT buying power exceeds \$884 billion with a population of 16.3 million. We also spend more than the average American on travel and entertainment with a high level of brand loyalty. Spend wisely and let your consumerism speak loudly and proudly.

Take a moment to walk around Pride in your town and thank all the sponsors and vendors for being a part of Pride and supporting not only the event, but our community as well.

As always we want to thank our advertisers and our readers for a wonderful 21 years of support for our business. Also, a big thanks to all of our staff; Ron, Charlie, Chris, Kaye, Corey, and all of our contributing writers and photographers, especially Colt and Matthew, that keep *Outword* fun, educational, entertaining, inspiring and enlightening.

We will celebrate our actual 21 year anniversary this August and plan to throw one heck of a party. You will all be invited, so stay tuned.

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The Sacramento LGBT Community Center is hosting their 8th annual Q-Prom for LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, so gather your friends and come join them for a night of laughter, music and dancing!

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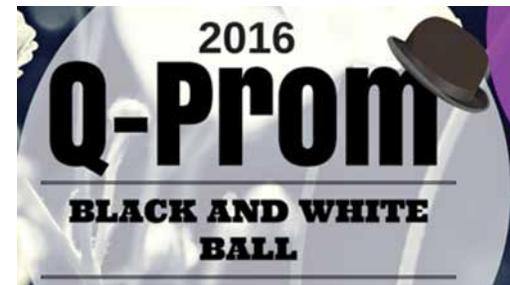
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Tickets are \$10 in advanced at the Center or qprom2016.eventbrite.com and \$15 at Door.

Your ticket includes entry to the event, light snacks and refreshments.

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E-mail Jesse Archer for more information on the 2016 Q-Prom at jesse.archer@saccenter.org.



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New Book for Youth Focuses on LGBTQ History and Pride

For LGBTQ people and their supporters, Pride events are an opportunity to honor the past, protest injustice, and celebrate a diverse and vibrant community.

The high point of Pride, the Pride Parade, is spectacular and colorful. But there is a whole lot more to

nonfiction book written expressly for young readers, Robin Stevenson, sets out to answer these questions as she explores the history and importance of the Pride Day celebration.

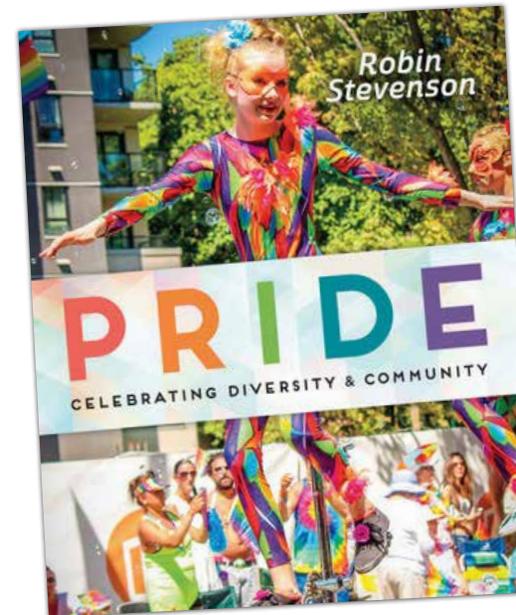
The beautiful book focuses on youth involvement in the Pride movement and includes personal accounts and quotes from LGBTQ youth.

“As useful and appealing as this book will be to a general audience, there will be another group of readers seeking it out with more focus. These stories, sad and happy, are where vulnerable preteen kids may see themselves,” said Sarah Ellis, in her Quill & Quire review.

Stevenson has written numerous novels for children and teens. This is her first work of nonfiction.

“It is important to contribute to the conversation on diversity and equality,” says Andrew Wooldridge, the books publisher at Orca, “and to provide marginalized youth with a much-needed book that not only treats them with respect, but celebrates them.”

For more information visit www.pridethebook.com.



Pride than rainbow flags and amazing outfits. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it?

In her new book, *Pride: Celebrating Diversity & Community*, a groundbreaking

And the Winner Is...

We asked you, our Readers, to send in one of your Coming Out Stories in 50 words or less - a challenging request, but we received many outstanding replies. As you can see though, the content for this issue is huge, and we just didn't have enough space to print them all!

So here are the top two:

“I served eight years in the military under “Don't Ask, Don't Tell” and came out to my dad a couple years after getting out. I was scared but so tired of hiding. He surprised me when he said I'd always be his son and that he loved me no matter what.”

“While serving in the Navy during Viet Nam and not hearing from my parents in over two years, I decided to write the “Dear Mom” letter. A quick reply was “That is between you and your God.” The reply to “Dear Mom, I am an atheist,” never came.”

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Chill Out at PFLAG's Ice Cream Social



Now that things are heating up in Sacramento it's time to cool down with some ice cream, and there is no better place to do that than at PFLAG's 7th annual Ice Cream Social. There will be ice cream in cones and cups, sundaes, root beer floats and good friends to share it with! So come on out on Sunday, May 29th, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Taylor's Kitchen, 2924 Freeport Blvd.

BFFs Turns Female Buddy Comedy on Its Head



BFFs, an ensemble comedy, explores the relationship of two female best friends who take advantage of the luxuries of a couples' retreat by pretending to be lovers. However, the "Closer to Closeness" weekend blurs the line between their reality and fiction and they find themselves questioning where the line is drawn between "lover" and "BFF" Releases on iTunes, Amazon and on InDemand on June 3, and you can watch the trailer at www.bffsthemovie.com

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My Child Just Came Out To Me, Now What?

by Currey Cook

Ask Lambda legal recently received this question from a worried mother: “My daughter recently came out as lesbian, and while I was shocked at first, I want to be there for her and be supportive.



“But to be honest, I don’t know where to start, or what the best resources are for more information. There is so much online, and I’m not sure what to trust. What do you recommend?”

It’s likely that it took a lot of strength and courage for your daughter to come out to you, and now it’s important for her safety and well-being that you demonstrate your love and support.

As the National Director of Lambda Legal’s Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project, I have seen firsthand the damage that can come from parents’ rejecting their lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) children.

LGBT youth are overrepresented in foster care, juvenile justice systems, and among youth experiencing homelessness. In fact, it’s estimated that a staggering 40 percent of homeless youth in the United States identify as LGBT, and many of those youth have been kicked out by or run away from parents who did not accept them for who they are.

The best place to start is your local LGBT community center. (Here in Sacramento, that would be the Gay and Lesbian Community Center, located at 1927 L St and on the web at SacCenter.org.)

These centers can provide you and your daughter with educational resources and social events with a group of people who identify with your experience. Another excellent resource is an organization called Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). They offer a volunteer-based peer support network and have chapters all over the country.

You might have questions, you might feel uncomfortable, or you might just not know what to say. Please know that your reactions are normal and your feelings are absolutely

OK. The important thing is that your daughter knows that you love her even if you may need some time to gain understanding about this aspect of her identity.

There is actually a project dedicated to this very concept called the Family Acceptance Project. The Project’s research has shown a clear link between family rejection and negative health outcomes for LGB youth. Conversely, the Project has found that family acceptance can actually lead to positive outcomes for LGBT youth, protecting them from suicide, depression, and substance abuse.

It’s important to recognize that while a person’s identity as LGBT can sometimes evolve over time, it is not something that can be changed at will. You might hear about “reparative” or “conversion” therapy, which claim to make gay people straight or transgender people identify with their sex assigned at birth.

However, these therapies are ineffective at best and harmful at worst. In fact, every major medical and psychological association has spoken out against conversion therapy, citing its use as leading to higher levels of depression, anxiety and self-destructive behaviors.

I commend you for wanting to support your daughter, and I think that with time, you’ll find that her sexual orientation is an aspect of her identity just as yours is and she’s still that awesome daughter you raised and love. By letting her know you love and support her, you’ll help guarantee she is healthy and successful.

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Chicago to Host Pride Bowl IX

by Jared Garduno

During Pride month one city offers a unique opportunity for LGBT athletes to celebrate the spirit of competition by playing the sport they love – flag football. The annual Pride Bowl tournament began in 2008 when the Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association (CMSA) introduced flag football to the Pride month calendar.

On June 24-25 nine football fields near the Chicago lakefront will serve as the backdrop to this year's contest. The CMSA will host the largest Pride Bowl in its nine-year history, including 34 teams competing in their respective divisions – Open A, Open B, and new to this year's lineup, a women's division.

For two consecutive years players, volunteers, referees and fans have gathered to view the A division title game between the Washington Generals and Cleveland Rockers. And for both years the Generals have carried the trophy off the field.

Brandon Waggoner, captain of the two-time defending Pride Bowl champion Generals said that "Chicago is an amazing tournament that is well run. Competition levels are perfectly aligned and I like the timing of it being halfway during the season, leading up to the national Gay Bowl in October."

Chances are we will witness an all-D.C. dual in the final game this year due to a rise in the ranks of the D.C. Admirals who finished in second place during last year's

national tournament.

The B division has continued to drift out of the shadow of the A division. Last year's championship game provided proof that the B division is no longer viewed as the little brother in the annual competition. Teams in the B division certainly can stand alone and claim their own light.

Former upper division team, the Houston Hurricanes traded divisions and faced the up-and-coming Denver Summit Orange team. Houston walked away with bragging rights after a tough, hard-fought game and winning the B division. But just three months later the Summit would avenge its defeat and claim the top spot on the Gay Bowl National Champion podium.

With the past two years of growth and a majority of their starting lineup from the past two tournaments intact, Summit Orange walks onto the field in Chicago on the 24th highly favored to win its first Pride Bowl title.

Over the past four years the National Gay Flag Football League women's division has



National Gay Flag Football League players in action at a recent Duel in the Desert tournament in Palm Springs.

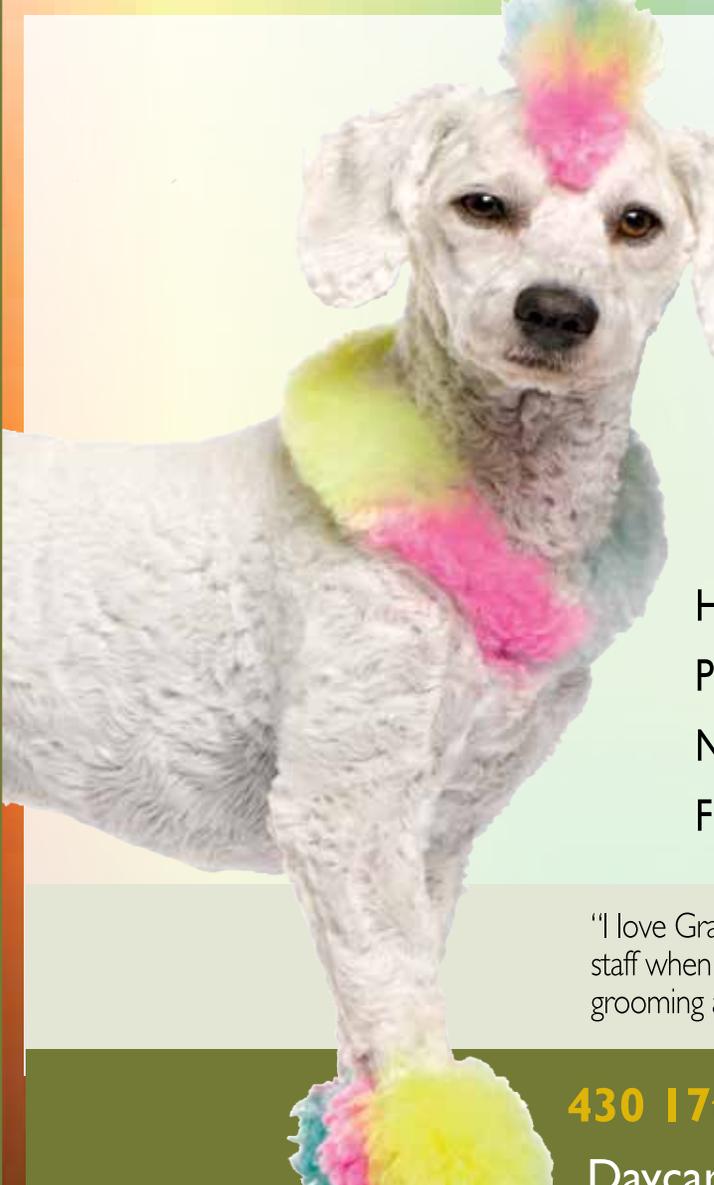
seen tremendous growth that includes a growing thirst to compete in Pride Bowl. Chicago's rich history of female competition in flag football runs deep and assures a competitive two days of football.

Six teams will participate in the Pride Bowl's inaugural women's division play, including a team from the Mile High city of Denver that has proved its dominance. The Denver Gay and Lesbian Flag Football League has provided a Women's National Gay Bowl champion every Gay Bowl since 2012.

Will home field advantage provide Chicago with the opportunity to finally knock a Denver team out of the top spot? That's been the big question for everyone in the weeks leading up to this highly anticipated women's division play.

With a tradition of excellence provided by the Chicago host committee, 32 referees, eight field painters and 50 volunteers will be assured of an entertaining weekend. "It's exciting to know that Pride Bowl maintains a prime place on the calendars of teams from throughout the country," said Matt Herek, tournament director. "To have the opportunity to show off the best of Chicago to 400 athletes is more than we could ever ask for. Pride weekend is about more than just a parade, and Pride Bowl provides another way to celebrate the best of the LGBT community."

Jared Garduno is the commissioner of the National Gay Flag Football League (NGFFL ngffl.com) and a freelance writer for Compete Magazine, competenetwork.com.



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Gays With Kids Website Celebrates Two Years

Gays With Kids, a first-of-its-kind website that helps gay dads navigate fatherhood, celebrates its second anniversary this June. Co-founded by husbands Brian Rosenberg and Ferd van Gameren, the proud fathers of three young children, the online community supports gay men raising children and those considering having them.



The founders of Gays With Kids Ferd van Gameren and Brian Rosenberg with their family. Photo by Robert Figueroa, FotoFig.com

In two years Gays With Kids, gayswithkids.com, has built the world's largest collection of gay dad content including in-depth feature articles, family profiles, news and advice, much of which is not often covered in mainstream media.

"People come to us for the gay angle on creating and raising families. Visitors to Gays With Kids - our website, Facebook page, Instagram account, Twitter and YouTube channel - want positive and accurate portrayals of gay dad families," says Rosenberg. "Gay dads want to see families like theirs. They want to connect with them."

"We discuss all relevant topics, such as the realities of foster care and adoption; best practices for domestic and international surrogacy; single parenting and coparenting; and hot-button topics like divorce, coming out, monogamy and HIV," van Gameren explains.

The dads have learned quite a few things themselves since launching Gays With Kids two years ago. First, gay dad families are not

just found in big cities or along the East and West Coasts. They are everywhere, including the suburbs, remote rural villages and the Bible Belt.

Next, in addition to facing the usual challenges of parenthood, most gay dads encounter social challenges like having to explain their family and/or confront homophobia.

Some gay dads face negative consequences of coming out to wives, children and other family members.

"Most gay dads are not looking to affirm the 'dad' part of their identity, but the 'gay' part. We're dads all the time," says van Gameren. "The difficult part is blending our new identity with our former gay selves."

Big changes are ahead for Gays With Kids, including the launch of an ecommerce section to the site, a new membership app, and an increase in output.

"The website is our fourth child," says Rosenberg, "and we couldn't be happier with its growth."

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Senate Confirms Eric Fanning as Secretary of Army

The Senate on Tuesday evening, May 17th confirmed the long-stalled nomination of Eric Fanning to be Secretary of the Army, making him the first openly gay leader of a U.S. military service.

The voice vote approval came after Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., dropped his opposition to Fanning. Robert's had been blocking the nomination on the belief that detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, would be sent to the Army prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, or other facilities in the United States.

Reportedly, a senior Pentagon official notified Roberts that the clock had run out on moving detainees to Fort Leavenworth and he then joined the vote to confirm Fanning.

"Eric brings many years of proven experience and exceptional leadership to this new role," Obama said in a statement when he nominated Fanning. "I am grateful for his commitment to our men and women in uniform, and I am confident he will help lead America's Soldiers with distinction. I look forward to working with Eric to keep our Army the very best in the world."

"Eric Fanning's historic confirmation today as Secretary of the U.S. Army is a demonstration of the continued progress towards fairness and equality in our nation's



Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning

armed forces," Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin said in a statement.

Fanning previously served as the Army secretary's principal adviser on management and operation. He was undersecretary of the Air Force from April 2013 to February 2015, and for half a year he was the acting secretary of the Air Force.

"I'm honored by today's Senate confirmation and thrilled to return to lead the total Army team," Fanning said in a statement Tuesday night.

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Imagine being a scared 13 year old who has been removed from your home for safety concerns and the social worker is unable to locate a home for you to live in. This is the reality for many of our LGBTQ youth.

Every day approximately 10 children enter into foster care in Sacramento and the surrounding region. Based on a recent UCLA study many of these children identify as LGBTQ and sadly, in the LA study, one in five youth identified as LGBTQ.

Not only are our youth over-represented in the foster care system but their outcomes are also poor. Our youth are more likely to:

- Stay in foster care longer
- Have multiple placements
- Live in a group home
- Runaway

Sierra Forever Families is partnering with Sacramento County and other local non-profits to change these statistics. We are looking for those in our community who are interested in being a resource for these youth. We need everyone from mentors and temporary resource families to those who can open up their hearts and homes and adopt.

In our region, we have youth that live in group homes because there is not a family that accepts them due to their sexual or gender identification. Every month we have

youth that languish in the foster care system and hide who they are or risk losing their placement.

These youth often don't ever get the chance to experience stability or security, moving from one placement to the next. Over time those moves add up. Can you imagine what it's like to move 20 to 30 times, never landing very long at any one place?

Or having to change schools with every move, losing contact with any friends you may have made, falling behind in classes, and not experiencing any love through all the formative years.

No wonder the outcomes for these youth are so poor.

We can change their future with your help. Visit our booth at the Pride Festival next to the Kids Zone to learn more about being a mentor, opening up your home and becoming a temporary resource family or adopting and providing the permanency and love that all children need.

For more information, contact Erin Somers at 916-368-5114 or visit sierraff.org.



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Cares Community Health's Title Sponsorship of Pride

by Janet Parker, Director of Strategy & Market Development

This year Cares Community Health is a "Title Sponsor" of Sacramento Pride. While Cares has been a sponsor for many years, the urgent need to raise awareness about PrEP has driven this year's sponsorship to a higher level.



We want our efforts to educate the community about this method to prevent the transmission of HIV to be very visible and hard to ignore.

We've done a great job in bringing down transmission rates in Sacramento, and with newly formed collaborative efforts between health care providers, agencies, and the community we can reach a state of zero transmissions of HIV in Sacramento.

PrEP is the use of HIV medications for people who do not have HIV to prevent them from getting HIV. This is known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). It has been proven to be an extremely effective way to reduce the likelihood of HIV transmission.

PrEP is most effective when combined with other prevention efforts, including using condoms and counseling. Many insurance plans and Medi-Cal will cover the cost of PrEP medications.

Many people think that PrEP can help end HIV and there is evidence that may be true. Clinical trials have shown that among the men who said they took most of their daily doses, PrEP reduced the risk of HIV infection by 73 percent or more, up to 92 percent for some.

Coupled with HIV testing and keeping HIV infected people in medical care, PrEP can have a dramatic impact on the HIV infection rate. While the infection rates in California have been falling gradually, we continue to see way too many new cases of HIV among young people under the age of 24.

To get the word out about PrEP, we have:

- Launched a new website: getPrEPsac.org
 - Placed ads on Facebook, Twitter, Scruff and Grindr
 - Optimized search engine marketing on Google, Bing, Yahoo
 - Run behavioral targeted display ads on sites frequented by potential PrEP users
 - Wrapped transit buses in PrEP ads, along with bus tails and bus interior signage
 - Organized Pride parade marchers behind one of the PrEP wrapped buses
- You don't have to talk to an HIV specialist to get PrEP. You can talk to any general health provider who is qualified to write a prescription, including doctors, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Many people have difficulty talking about sex and some doctors may not be aware of PrEP or in some cases, may be opposed to PrEP. If your doctor doesn't know about PrEP, you may have to educate him or her. You can start by educating yourself and by being prepared when you visit your doctor. Check the CDC website for information or refer to getPrEPsac.org website for a list resources.

If your provider doesn't feel comfortable prescribing PrEP, ask for a referral to someone who can help. Your insurance plan will most likely require a referral if you are seeing someone other

than your Primary Care Provider.

It would also be a good idea to check out your insurance coverage for PrEP medication as well. Currently the only medication approved for PrEP is Truvada. It is expensive but is covered by many insurance plans and by Medi-Cal. Depending on your income, discounts may be available from Gilead, the manufacturer of Truvada. Check the CDC web site for information or refer to getPrEPsac.org.

PrEP doesn't work unless you take it as prescribed. So if you get on PrEP, be prepared to take it every day and refill your medication in a timely manner. In addition to taking the medication, your provider will want to see you quarterly for lab tests.

Cares Community Health is committed to ending new HIV infections. Along with Harm Reduction Services, Golden Rule Services, Gender Health Center, Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation, Sacramento Gay & Lesbian Community Center, Sacramento County HIV/STD Prevention, Surveillance, and Ryan White Staff, and the AIDS Education & Training Center we have formed a collaboration called Zero Together, working together to end new cases of HIV. Funding for this coalition comes from The CARES Foundation.

Janet Parker is the Director of Strategy and Market Development at Cares Community Health. She can be reached at www.getprepsac.org/contact.



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Briefly Put

ACA Takes a Stand Against TN Discriminatory Law

In light of the passage of Tennessee SB1556/HB1840, the American Counseling Association has decided that the 2017 annual meeting will not be held in Tennessee.

"This was not an easy decision to make," said Richard Yep, CEO of ACA. "After thoughtful discussion, the ACA Governing Council made the difficult – and courageous – decision on behalf of our membership. Of all the state legislation I have seen passed in my 30 years with ACA, the new Senate Bill 1556/House Bill 1840 is by far the worst. This law directly targets the counseling profession, would deny services to those most in need, and constitutes a dilemma for ACA members because it allows for violation of ACA's Code of Ethics. By relocating from Tennessee, ACA is standing up to this discriminatory law and we remain committed in the battle to ensure that this law does not become the national standard."

See more at: www.counseling.org



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CA Assembly Passes Bill to Ban Travel to Anti-LGBT States

The California State Assembly on April 9th passed a bill by Assemblymember Evan Low (D-Silicon Valley) that would ban state-funded travel to states that discriminate against LGBT individuals. Assembly Bill 1887 passed on a bi-partisan 54-21 vote.

"AB 1887 sends a clear message that we do not tolerate discrimination in California or anywhere beyond our borders," Assemblymember Low said. "Just as we strive to be a state that provides equal opportunity for all, we should not be spending our tax dollars in states that allow discrimination toward the LGBT community. We are stronger by being inclusive," he added.

The bill, sponsored by Equality California and the National Center for Lesbian Rights, would prohibit the use of taxpayer dollars to fund travel to states like North Carolina and Mississippi and other states that enact laws that sanction or require discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

WH Appoints Transgender Woman to Serve on Advisory Council on Faith-based Neighborhood Partnerships

The White House has announced that the National LGBTQ Task Force's Barbara Satin has been appointed to serve on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-based Neighborhood Partnerships. Satin is the first transgender woman to serve on this presidential body.

"I am both honored and humbled to be selected to serve on the President's advisory council. Given the current political climate, I believe it's important that a voice of faith representing the transgender and gender non-conforming community – as well as a person of my years, nearly 82 – be present and heard in these vital conversations," said Satin, Assistant Faith Work Director, National LGBTQ Task Force.

As an active member of the United Church of Christ, she has served on the denomination's Executive Council and was involved in the church's 2003 decision to affirm the inclusion of transgender people in the full life and ministry of the United Church of Christ. Satin is a United States Air Force veteran.

HHS Issues ACA Regulations Banning Anti-Trans Discrimination in Health Care and Insurance Coverage

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced final regulations around the non-discrimination section of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The regulations state that it is now clearly illegal to deny healthcare coverage related to gender transition.

Given that coverage exclusions still exist in many health insurance plans, these regulations will benefit a huge number of transgender people across the country who have been denied the healthcare they need.

"This is a historic day for transgender people and their families, who have suffered without the health care they need for too long," said NCTE Executive Director Mara Keisling Equal. "Coverage and equal treatment are medically, legally, financially, and morally right, but too often, they have been out of reach for transgender people."

According to the new regulations, insurance plans cannot deny coverage for medically necessary medications, surgeries, and other transition-related treatments for transgender people in a discriminatory way, such as when they cover the same services for people who are not transgender or when they do not have a legitimate, medically-supported reason to exclude the service.

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Why the Need for Special Housing for LGBT Elders?

by Rachel Iskow

All over America, including here in Sacramento, LGBT elders who led the fight for future generations to be “gay, out and proud” are being forced back into the closet.



A rendering of Mutual Housing's proposed affordable LGBT-welcoming senior housing at 16th and F Streets in Sacramento that could become home to 53 households whose occupants are age 62 and older.

In a demoralizing and heart-breaking turn for the LGBT movement, our elders who move into senior independent living and assisted care communities are being harassed, bullied, or simply made invisible.

Homophobic staff and residents of senior housing facilities are turning the autumn of our lives – the years we are at our most vulnerable – into lonely isolation. Why is this happening and how can we help ensure our elders are able to age in grace and pride?

Older LGBT adults are more likely than other elders to live out their final years alone. We are less likely to have children and are often estranged from our families of origin. We are less likely to be married.

Being alone often means older LGBT adults have less money than the general population and at the same time, fewer family members to provide care as we age. A recent study of LGBT seniors in San Diego reported that 45 percent had difficulty paying rent or mortgage.

Since LGBT people often create their own unique family through friends and neighbors, moving can be a significant burden. LGBT seniors often face discrimination in housing.

A study by Services and Advocacy for LGBT Elders (SAGE) found that when it comes to housing:

1. 13 percent of LGBT seniors had been discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation when searching for housing;
2. 25 percent of transgender older people had experienced housing discrimination because of gender identify;
3. 24 percent of older LGBT people of color experienced housing discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity, compared to 18 percent of older non-LGBT people of color.

The bottom line is, we have few choices when it is time to move to senior housing due to a need for increased support or financial issues resulting in the loss of our homes. We are forced to compromise as we age. LGBT seniors face harassment in senior living environments and often live in fear at

a vulnerable point in our lives.

That is why building affordable housing like Lavender Courtyard by Mutual Housing—that welcomes LGBT seniors—is so essential. This planned apartment community, to be constructed at the corner of 16th and F Streets, will be open to all seniors age 62 and older, and will have a special sensitivity to LGBT elders. There will be deep connections to LGBT service providers and support groups. Staff will be trained in the challenges of all seniors, and specifically, LGBT seniors.

In recent years, several housing properties targeted to LGBT elders have opened across the nation – only a handful are affordable to seniors living on modest fixed incomes. Lavender Courtyard by Mutual Housing will be one such community.

These LGBT-friendly senior housing communities, while ground-breaking and critical to the well-being of our elders, can't be our only response. There just aren't enough resources to build specialty housing for the three million LGBT elders who will be part of the population in the next few decades.

As such, it is essential to:

1. Work with local senior housing owners and managers to educate them on LGBT issues;
2. Explore other approaches, such as innovative “home-sharing” programs.
3. Connect older LGBT adults with supportive housing resources in their community.
4. Train volunteer advocates to support elders who are victimized in senior housing communities.

As importantly, LGBT seniors need to learn about the law so they can protect themselves from discrimination in housing.

Rachel Iskow is the Executive Director of Mutual Housing California. She has been an affordable housing developer and advocate for over 25 years. Information about the upcoming LGBT-friendly senior housing can be found at www.mutualhousing.com/ LavenderCourtyard.

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Community Grand Marshal Jerry Sloan Calls for Tenacity

I am very honored to have been named as the Community Grand Marshal for this year's Sacramento Pride, and would like to share with you a little bit about my life, our LGBT history and visions of our future.

I came out in 1960 in Kansas City MO., at the tender age of 22. I am now 78.

At age 11 I started attending an independent fundamental Baptist church and became thoroughly indoctrinated in its theology. At that time, Southern Baptists were more liberal.

During grade and high school I had crushes on other boys.

Jesus was coming soon, I was told, and I graduated from high school when I was 16 and two weeks after my 17th birthday entered Baptist Bible College in Springfield MO., where the late Reverend Jerry Falwell was a school mate.

By 1960 I started to realize my feeling for other guys was not "normal." I started to explore what that meant.

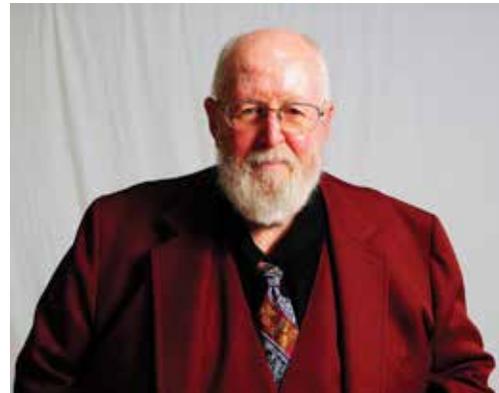
When I came out there were no Pride Celebrations, LGBT community centers, Lavender Libraries nor sympathetic reference books in the public libraries. Our only resource was a gay bar.

In 1974 I became affiliated with the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). This affiliation led me to work with Sacramento MCC and the Reverend Elder Freda Smith.

A year later I became senior pastor of MCC in Ft. Worth Texas.

My mother Gloria and I moved to Sacramento in 1980 and I have lived here for the last 36 years. I love Sacramento, especially the LGBT community.

Due to an appearance on a KCRA-TV live morning talk show I confronted Falwell about a critical remark he made in a TV sermon about MCC. He denied the statement. When I said I had a tape of him making the statement he challenged me to produce the tape and that he would give me



2016 Sacramento Pride Parade Grand Marshal Jerry Sloan

\$ 5,000 if I did.

I did, he reneged. I sued. I won!

In 1986, in the early years of the HIV/AIDS crisis, with the help of the Falwell money, Dale Jansson, John Hennessey, the late Timothy Warford and I founded the Lambda Community Center, which has now evolved into the LGBT Community Center.

For thirty years thousands of young people and adults have come to the Center for all sorts of reasons and found answers to help them lead happy and fulfilled lives.

We still have many battles ahead of us. Baby Boomers are now becoming Senior Citizens and as this number grows many will be forced back into the closet because of their living conditions.

For the next five years, even if a Democrat becomes president, our national political agenda will be stalled because the House will be controlled by Republicans who are not generally LGBT friendly.

We can expect on state and national levels to see more attacks on women's health and reproductive issues.

We must stand firm and remember, "Tenacity is the watch word!"

Nominations are open for the 2016 Pride Awards

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center's Pride Awards annually recognizes individuals and organizations whose compassion, innovation, generosity and community service create a safer, more welcoming, collaborative and just community.

Know someone who embodies these qualities? Nominate them today <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016PANomination>

The 2016 Pride Awards will take place on the iconic Capitol Mall, the same place where we host Sacramento Pride. This is a first for this type of event on Capitol Mall and we couldn't be more excited to be able to host the

Pride Awards there! Along with the Awards, there will be a live Auction by

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Diana Rogalski - Intrinsic Insurance Services

How long have you been in business? 2 years.

What is your favorite thing about your business? I love educating families and business owners about insurance options and solving the puzzles that come with special situations.

What Charities do you support? Sacramento Rainbow Foundation, Make A Wish, Youth Development Center, UC Davis Children's Miracle Network.

Who inspires you? Anyone who shows compassion and humanity in difficult situations.

What made you decide to go into business? I wanted the freedom to help my clients the way they needed to be helped and with responsiveness that could be counted on.

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? Savings and credit cards.

Any growth for your business in the future? We hope to never stop growing and look to grow both organically with agents and by buying agencies as well.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? Fortune favors the brave. Take a chance and find reliable partners along the way.



Cameron Bordner, Attorney at Law - Molsby & Bordner, LLP

How long have you been in business? Since June 2010.

What is your favorite thing about your business? I really enjoy being able to help people by resolving their problems. It feels good to take the burden off of our clients, put it on us, and hopefully find a solution to a problem that they, on their own, were unable to find.

What Charities do you support? High Fives Foundation, Yogis for Good, Humane Society of Truckee Tahoe, Disabled Sports USA.

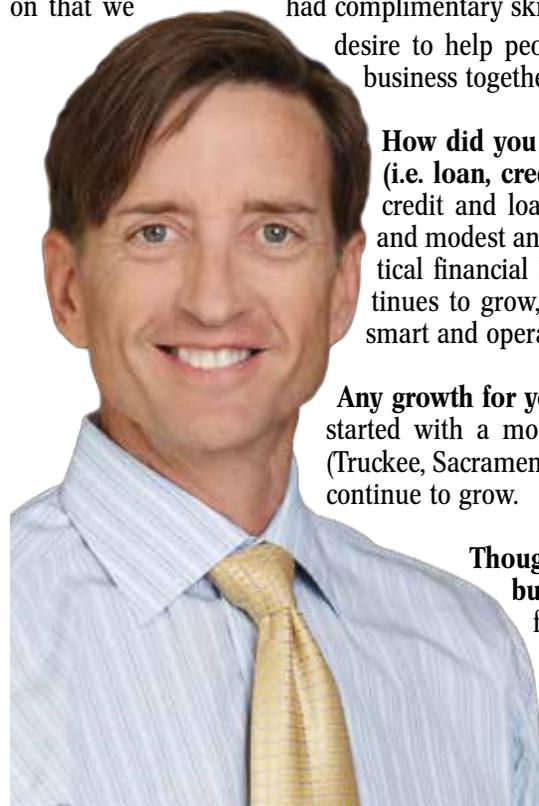
Who inspires you? Really anyone who uses their capabilities and resources to help others. I am inspired by people's selflessness and desire to help the greater good.

What made you decide to go into business? My business partner, Rich, and I realized early on that we had complimentary skill sets, a great synergy, and a strong mutual desire to help people. That formula almost made forming a business together a "no brainer."

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? We made initial purchases on credit and loans, but more importantly we started small and modest and never let our egos outweigh our very practical financial limitations. As our business grew, and continues to grow, we remain committed to being financially smart and operating within our means.

Any growth for your business in the future? Absolutely. We started with a modest single office and now we have three (Truckee, Sacramento and Reno) with plans to open more as we continue to grow.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? Taking the first step is the most difficult because it's risky. Once you've jumped in and started your business, you have to continually strategize and educate yourself so that you can make informed decisions every step of the way to ensure your business' success.



Jeremy Fristoe - Infinite Entertainment

How long have you been in business? I started my Disc Jockey career / business in 1996 after purchasing my first set of speakers.

What is your favorite thing about your business? My Favorite thing about the business is seeing the client's faces after an event. The smiles, the hugs and the over all good time they had with friends and family. For just a short period of time you can help the clients forget there worries, life and the negativity that comes with today's struggles.

What Charities do you support? I am big believer in giving back to the community and believe we as a company are blessed because of it. Each year Infinite Entertainment will provide services for the Gender Health Center, Joe 238 Foundation, Walk for Thought (Sutter Brann Drama Center), Girl Scouts Annual Regional Father / Daughter Dance, Mind Institute and we are BIG supporters of LGBT center and Pride.

Who inspires you? I am inspired by others, not one particular person but people in general and what we over come each day, how we deal will adversity and how we come together and make things happen. I believe heroes are everyday people doing extraordinary things.

What made you decide to go into business? I turned my love of music and the art of being a disc jockey into a business after I realized just what I had to offer. I was blessed with a gift and with this gift I have the ability to provide a fair price and run a business in a non-traditional manner. Not to mention the ability of being my own boss allows me to give back in ways one could only have dreamed.

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? Fresh out of High School and not having credit I applied for a \$2,000 Personal loan from Wells Fargo Bank. Wells Fargo went ahead and approved the loan because I had been a member since my junior year of high school.



Any growth for your business in the future? Infinite Entertainment currently provides Disc Jockey Services for several types of events, live sound for some of Sacramento's biggest festivals and custom event lighting however we are currently in the process of purchasing Photo Booths to our inventory. We feel by adding Photo Booths we will be able to provide new and existing clients a service that captures the moment while helping use create that environment most clients describe during our initial consultation.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? If you are looking to be the boss or make large of sums of money then maybe owning a business isn't for you. The amount of time you spend creating your brand takes years and success doesn't happen over night. You also must believe in the product you are producing along with your core network, employees, friends and family. And finally you have to protect your dream and don't ever let anyone step on it, in the end it's your hard work, creativity and sweat that prevails and the rewards can be beyond amazing working for yourself and owning a company that allows you to give back while earning a living.

Bonnie Osborn - Writeway PR & Marketing

How long have you been in business? Since 2004.

What is your favorite thing about your business? The diversity of my clients plus the explosion of new communications platforms means every day brings the opportunity to explore new ideas and learn new skills. I can honestly say that since I started my own business I have never been bored.

What charities do you support? Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, RainbowPAC, Rainbow Chamber Foundation and other LGBT-supportive and HIV/AIDS organizations; and the Sojourner Truth Museum/Sojo Arts.

Who inspires you? Hillary Clinton, Asm. Susan Eggman, Sen. Cathleen Galgiani, Sojo Arts ED Shonna McDaniels... and Téa Leoni as Madam Secretary.

What made you decide to go into business? Three years as communications director for a large non-profit, during which I had three new executive directors, one per year.

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? Personal savings carried me for the first few months; from then on my business was usually self-sustaining. I now have a business line of credit for those times when payday arrives before the check does.

Any growth for your business in the future? I'm in the process of developing a new line of business, so high hopes!

Thoughts to share with anyone wanting to start a business? Know your strengths and weaknesses and find the right people to fill in where you are lacking. And be prepared for it to become all consuming.



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Beth Hassett – WEAVE

How long have you been in business? WEAVE has been in business for 38 years--I've been involved with WEAVE for 21.

What is your favorite thing about your business? Making a difference--in the community and in the lives of victims of violence. I go home every day feeling like I did something to make the world a better place.

What Charities do you support? WEAVE, of course, the Sacramento Theatre Company, my Alma Mater, the University of Utah, American Leadership Forum and many other non-profits with smaller contributions throughout the year.



Who inspires you? People in our community who work hard to keep the non-profit world, and WEAVE, healthy, vital and vibrant as volunteer board members, donors and fundraisers--Ashley West, Garry Maisel, Bryan Merica, Arlen Orchard, Patrick Harbison, Laura Braden Quigley and Neil Forrester, just to name a few.

What made you decide to go into business? I wanted to put my finance degree to work to make the non-profit world stronger. I need to be in the thick of things making my community better, more empathetic, safer.

Any growth for your business in the future? WEAVE is growing fast--new initiatives, such as our work in Anti-Human Trafficking, and prevention work with youth, are impacting victims and our community in new, innovative ways.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? Dream big. Push your vision to the extreme. Bring the right people along with you for the ride.

Fairfield Falcons Youth Football, Inc.

How long have you been in business? 48 years.

What is your favorite thing about your business? Helping children achieve their highest potential both scholastically and athletically.

What Charities do you support? Anti-bullying and educational endeavors. Also during the month of October we support Breast Cancer awareness.



Who inspires you? The children we serve.

What made you decide to go into business? At the time the children of the Fairfield/Suisun community needed constructive things to do.

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? The founding board and coaches all chipped in what they could to purchase equipment, pay for practice and game fields, and other program needs.

Any growth for your business in the future? We are hoping to expand our reach by starting an after school tottering program, and maybe add on other sports besides youth football.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? You have to start the business for the passion and the love of what you are doing, not just the potential money earnings, that will come later.



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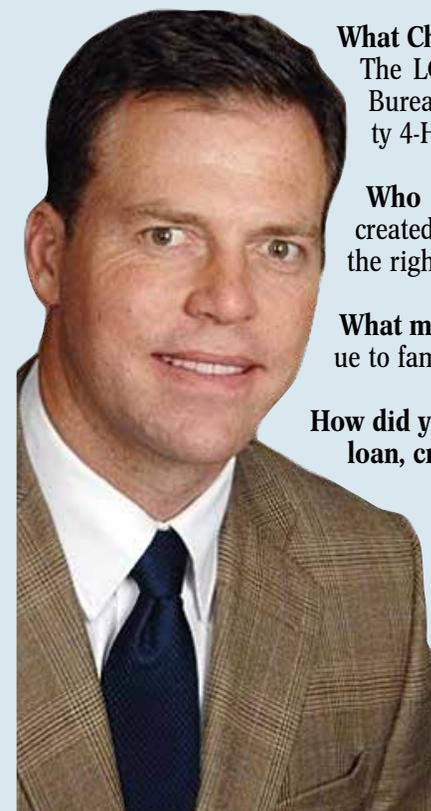
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Paul Weubbe - Billy's Farm

How long have you been in business? Since 2003.

What is your favorite thing about your business? Working with customers and providing that first job to young folks.



What Charities do you support? RCC Foundation, NCAC, The LGBT Center, St Francis, Loaves and Fishes, Farm Bureau Scholarships, Aids Life Cycle, Sacramento County 4-H, Elk Grove FFA.

Who inspires you? Thomas Jefferson - someone who created so much of our culture. People with Passion to do the right thing.

What made you decide to go into business? Provide value to family and serve the community.

How did you get money/capital to start your business (i.e. loan, credit card...)? Savings, annual cash flow.

Any growth for your business in the future? Expand the walnut part of the farm - 25 acres to go into walnut production, and a special events park - near done with that work - for events, weddings, etc.

Thought to share with anyone wanting to start a business? It takes work, perseverance and growing slowly, with a budget.

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Out & About

NorCal AIDS Cycle Raises Over \$250,000

Riders and crew members of the NorCal AIDS Cycle rode triumphantly into Sacramento on Sunday, May 15 after completing a 4-day fundraising ride that covered over 300 miles to raise money and awareness for HIV/AIDS service providers in the Sacramento Valley and beyond. And while the ride may be over, you can still contribute to this great cause - and sign up for the 2017 NorCal AIDS Cycle startin in June - at norcalaidscycle.org.



Riding the Wave with Wilson Phillips at Sacramento Pride

by Chris Narloch and Charles Peer

Wilson Phillips was the best selling all woman group of 1990 – they sold 10 million copies of their self-titled debut album, and placed three singles at number one on the Billboard Hot 100. But Hold On, pun intended, now they are coming to Sacramento and will be headlining Sacramento Pride!



Wilson Phillips will be headlining Sacramento Pride on June 4, 2016.

Leading up to the 25th year anniversary of their self-titled album, Wilson Phillips, consisting of Carnie Wilson, Wendy Wilson and Chynna Phillips, has a lot to celebrate. Since the beginning of their union in 1990, Wilson Phillips has won the Billboard Music Award for Hot 100 Single of the Year for the now iconic single “Hold On.” and were nominated for four Grammy Awards, as well as two American Music Awards.

After a 10-year hiatus, Wilson Phillips reunited and were back to business releasing albums and making appearances. In 2011, they appeared in the blockbuster hit comedy *Bridesmaids* and starred in a TV Guide Network reality show: *Wilson Phillips: Still Holding On*. Additionally, Chynna Phillips competed on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* and Carnie Wilson hosted *Karaoke USA* and participated on *Celebrity Wife Swap*.

Dedicated, their latest recorded album in 2012, was released in honor of their 20th anniversary, and consisted of cover songs originally penned by their parents (The Mamas and Papas and The Beach Boys). Created without the input of their family members, the album's renditions of hits such as “California Dreamin” and “God Only Knows” epitomize the harmonies of Wilson Phillips and accentuate the classic songs with a breath of fresh air.

With five studio albums under their belt and their impressive pedigree as the

daughters of two legendary groups: The Mamas and Papas, and The Beach Boys, respectfully, Wilson Phillips's harmony-rich sound still sets them one notch above the rest.

Outword was able to connect with Wendy Wilson and ask her a few questions about the group and their current tour:

What's it like being out on the road again 25 years after your first album, and are you touring all summer?

Well, we've pretty much been doing dates for the last eight years, but not necessarily touring. It feels amazing to be out there playing the music that people identify with, remember and love.

Was there a lot of pressure in the beginning having famous fathers and being born into rock music royalty?

This may sound funny, but it never dawned on us to feel pressure to succeed or to prove ourselves in the beginning. I think we were just too young and innocent to have those fears. We were compared to them constantly, however.

Your first album was so enormous. That must have put a lot of pressure on the band too?

The band was riding the wave just like we were. It was a great time. If they felt pressure, we never knew about it.

Do you enjoy playing Pride events, and are your gay fans especially loyal and

devoted?

We do enjoy any event that people really appreciate the music. The Pride shows are some of our best ones because of the sheer passion the fans exude!

How did you become backup singers for Rihanna, Kanye West and Paul McCartney?

We were asked to sing on one of Rihanna's and Paul Mc. Cartney's songs by Kanye West. We were screaming with excitement. It was a lot of fun and an honor to work with them.

Has the record industry and the concert industry changed a lot in 25 years?

Things have changed tremendously in the past 25 years! The focus for us has been on doing dates and less about recording. With the invention of iTunes and YouTube, artists don't really sell as many records these days. People can buy just the songs they want, and who could blame them? We actually enjoy doing smaller venues because you can connect with your audience more intimately. In the beginning we were all about recording and churning out product. Although we eventually want to make another record, playing live is really special too and strong. (Our band is awesome!)

You can catch Wilson Phillips live at Sacramento Pride on Saturday, June 4th, visit sacramentopride.org. Learn more about Wilson Phillips at www.facebook.com/wilsonphillipsmusic/



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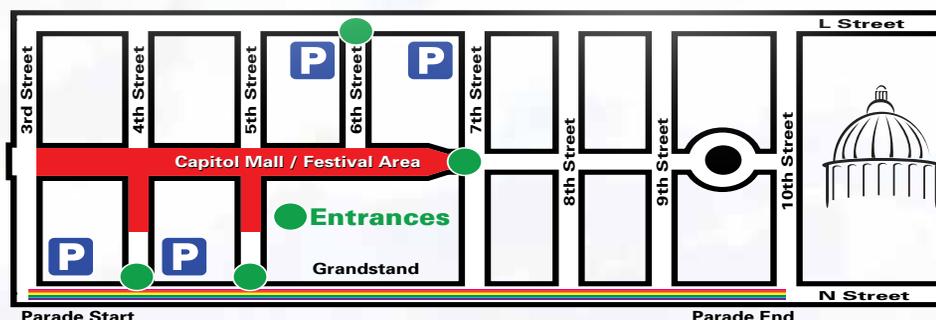
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- 400 Capitol Mall (Wells Fargo Tower).
- Check www.sacramentopride.org before you leave home for traffic alerts or changes.

Parking Hints and Tips:

- Please note: Meters and limited-time parking are enforced on Saturday and will be strictly monitored by the City of Sacramento.
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Highlights



Dance Pavilion

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Kids Zone

KIDS ZONE

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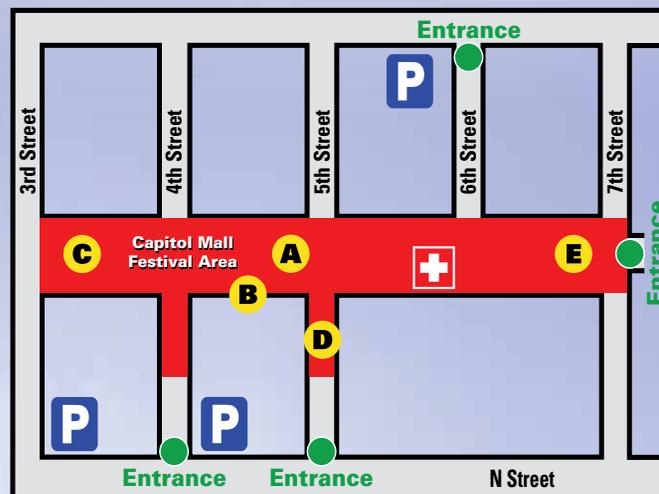
Art Zone

Join Altered Egos Art House in the Art Pavilion featuring artists Stevie Ellis, Amber O'Brien, Nicole Silkman, Megan Traynor, Thomas Lesenana, Kent McCord, Teresa Lourdes, & Penelope C. Bring the kids by to participate in this year's Kids Art Zone project benefiting the St. John's Program for Real Change!

Sober & Proud Tent

The Sober & Proud tent, sponsored by Consumers Self Help Center, will provide awareness, literature and support to individuals interested in getting clean and sober and/or maintaining sobriety as a part of the LGBTQ community. Stop by the Sober & Proud tent, join a 12 step meeting, meet new people, and see what it's all about!

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- A** Art Zone
- B** Kids Zone
- C** Food Court
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About Sacramento LGBT Community Center

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center creates events, programs and pathways to services that help lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people feel welcome, needed and safe.

The Center works to support vulnerable and homeless LGBTQ youth and improve their ability to make positive life choices. We seek to prevent new HIV infections, support HIV/AIDS affected individuals, and the reduce stigma associated with HIV and mental illness as well as improve access to culturally competent health resources and improve health coverage rates in the LGBT community. We provide a connection to culturally responsive and supportive community resources as well as educational opportunities for LGBT family building, economic empowerment, and access legal services.

We aim to increase the cultural responsiveness of businesses, organizations and public agencies throughout the region by providing workshops and sensitivity trainings. The Center's community groups offer support for everyone from those newly coming out to armed services personnel, from the youngest Girl Scout to the oldest person in our elders group. We have long been an advocate for LGBT rights, provided enriching volunteer opportunities and encouraged a diversity of artistic expression and community events.

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Welcome To Sacramento Pride!

by Steve Hansen

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, welcome to Sacramento Pride 2016! On June 4th, we come together to celebrate our community, our progress, and recognize the work towards equality still to be done.



first openly LGBT Sacramento City Councilmember, I am proud of the progress we have made to create an inclusive, LGBT-friendly city. Our recent successes include:

- Working with Mutual Housing to create the Central Valley's first LGBT-welcoming affordable senior housing community, located in the heart of the Central City.
- Strengthening City protections for LGBT employees and residents.
- Working with the community to officially designate Lavender Heights as Sacramento's historic LGBT neighborhood by establishing rainbow crosswalks at 20th and K.
- Supporting the Federally Qualified Health Clinic designation of the CARES Clinic (now Cares Community Health), one of the earliest HIV/AIDS healthcare providers in the Sacramento Area.

My vision for our city is one that is modern, vibrant, and inclusive. Thank you for joining us at Sacramento Pride. Enjoy our wonderful city!

Sincerely,
Steve Hansen
Council District Four

Sacramento City Councilmember Steve Hansen

As Sacramento hosts its 32nd annual commemoration of the Stonewall uprising, we are grateful for the hard work by and community spirit of the organizers. We thank the Sacramento LGBT Center and the staff for an amazing event.

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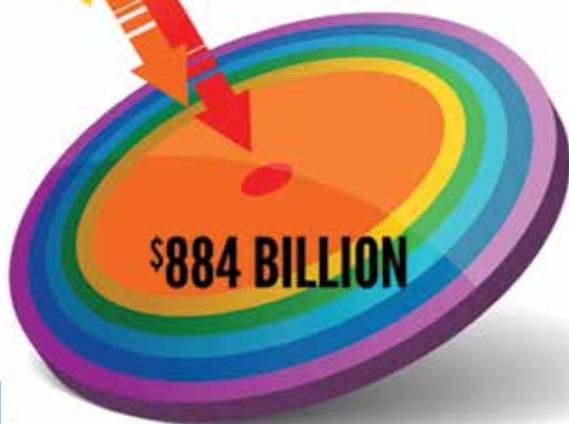
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Grab Your Purse & Get Ready for Bob the Drag Queen

You've just won Season Eight of *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Now what do you do? Well, if your Bob the Drag Queen you grab your purse and head to Sacramento for Sacramento Pride!



Bob the Drag Queen

That's right, just days after watching everyone else sashay away, Bob the Drag Queen is coming to Sacramento Pride's main stage on Saturday, June 4th on the Capitol Mall, where he will amaze his many fans with a live performance showcasing the talents that catapulted him to the title of America's Next Drag Superstar and a \$100,000 prize.

"This season was the most competitive ever," said RuPaul in a released statement. "And still, all things



considered,

America's Next Drag Superstar could only be Bob the Drag Queen. Her charisma, uniqueness, nerve and talent is gigantic, and the world of entertainment has been blessed with a bright new star!"

The 29-year-old drag performer, real name Christopher Caldwell, is a fitting winner

for the title, since as he says, it was season one of the show that inspired him to take up drag.

His first drag performance is on the web where he did stand up comedy in September 2009 at the NY Comedy Club, under his then drag name Kitten Withuwip (www.youtube.com/watch?v=waDBHY2nEjQ) with a now timely quip, "You know the best thing about being a tranny? I can use any bathroom I want to!"

A favorite from the start of Season Eight, Bob's sharp wit and brassy attitude won over not only the fans of the show, but the other queens competing for the title. His signature line "Purse First," was created the day of the show while making a costume for the first challenge. Finishing quickly, and with fabric left over, he created a purse - and a legend was born.

So grab your purse and sashay down to the main stage for what promises to be a great show.

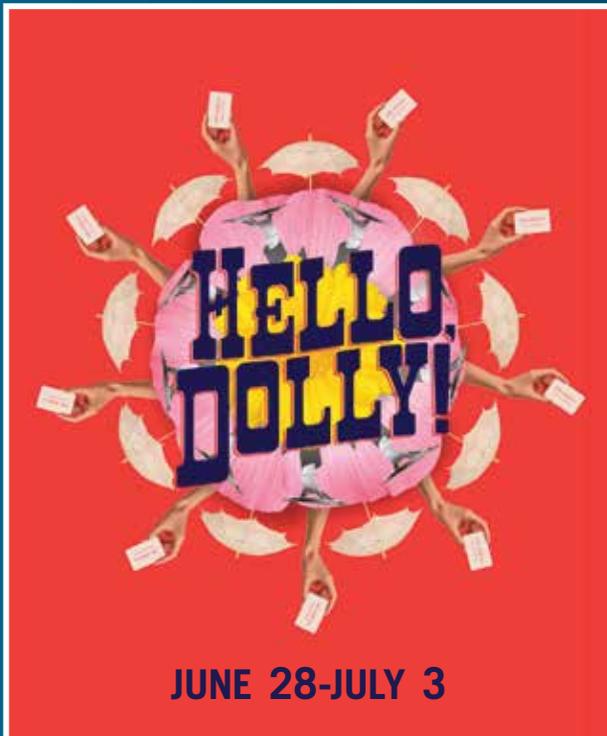
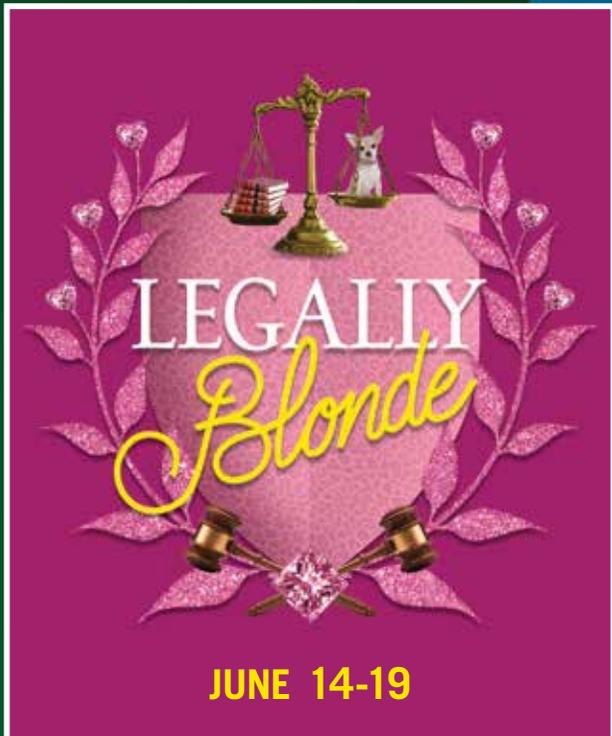


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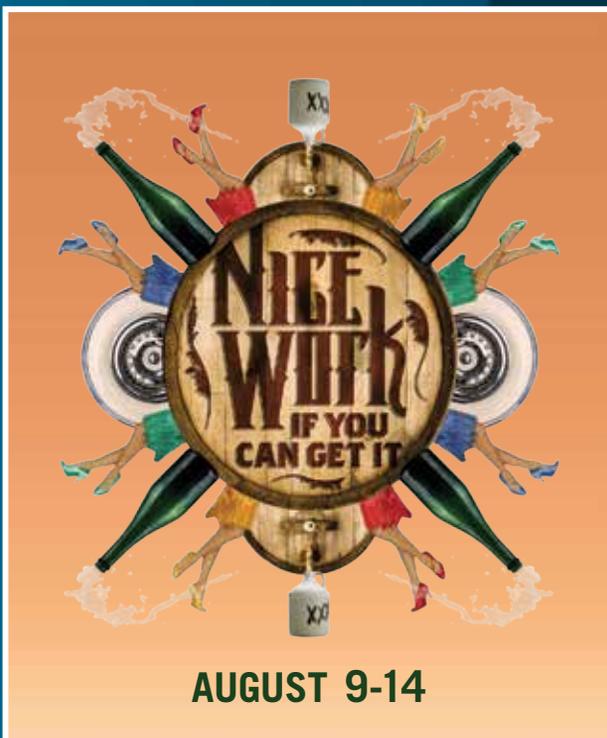
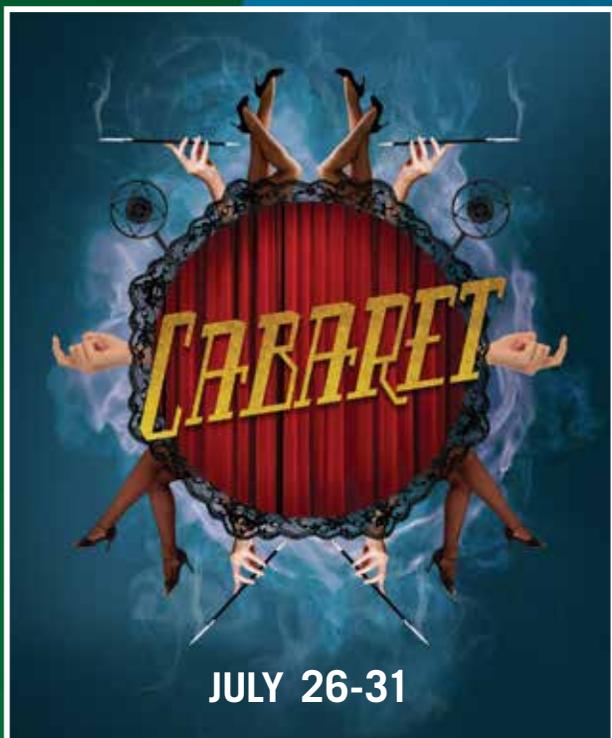


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Book Den Manager Jo Anne Marie with Pam Whitely

The Friends of the Sacramento Public library operates the Book Den, which sells gently-used quality books and media, including many audio books.

While the shelves of the Book Den contain many titles of interest to the LGBT community, this is the first time that they are being pulled together for a special - and continuing - spot on their own shelves.

"In the past the books have been on the psychology/mental health (!) shelves without a separate label," said Assistant Manager/

Office Manager Pam Whitely, a proud PFLAG mom. "We're changing that!"

The Book Den is a community nonprofit organization and its facility, located at 8250 Belvedere Ave., Suite E., can best be described as a large warehouse filled with thousands and thousands of book and other materials.

Unlike many musty, dusty used bookstores you may have visited, it is clean, well lit and the books are well organized and easy to find - just what you might expect from the Friends of The Sacramento Library.

The Book Den is open Thursdays from 9 -2 and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 - 5. Additionally, they hold regularly scheduled Warehouse Sales, and the next one is on Saturday June 4.

Proceeds benefit all 28 branches of the Sacramento Public library by funding the purchase of new materials and system-wide programming efforts like Summer Reading.

For more information, call 916-731-8493 or email bookden@saclibfriends.org.

Girls Will Be Boys in San Francisco, Queer Movies at the Silent Film Fest

by Chris Narloch

Fans of classic films from the silent era will want to mark their calendars for this June when the San Francisco Silent Film Festival returns to the Castro Theatre for four days.

This year's slate of films will feature such big-name silent stars as Louise Brooks, Wallace Beery, Pola Negri, Emil Jannings and Douglas Fairbanks.

Directors include such cinematic powerhouses as Rene Clair, Victor Fleming, William A. Wellman, Fritz Lang, Yasujiro Ozu and Anthony Asquith.

The queerest program this year is probably *Girls Will Be Boys*, a double bill of two cross-dressing classics: Ernst Lubitsch's 1918 German film *I Don't Want To Be A Man* and Richard Wallace's American film *What's The World Coming To?* from 1926.

In the Lubitsch film, the high-spirited female lead character longs for the freedom to smoke and drink and carouse just like a man, and so she has herself fitted for a tuxedo.

The zany Hal Roach production of *What's The World Coming To?* takes place in a future "one hundred years from now - when men have become more like women and

women more like men."

Live musical accompaniment for the *Girls Will Be Boys* program will be provided by Maud Nelissen, and the combined running time for both films is 67 minutes.

The 2016 San Francisco Silent Film Festival runs June 2-5. *Girls Will Be Boys* plays one time only, on Sunday, June 5 at noon.

For a complete list of this year's films and to purchase tickets, visit www.silentfilm.org.



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The "Looking" Movie to Screen at The Castro Theatre

by Chris Narloch

Frameline, the king of queer film festivals, returns to San Francisco for its 40th anniversary celebration of LGBTQ cinema this June.



Looking

The full slate of films had not yet been announced as of *Outword's* deadline, but I can confirm that Frameline40's Closing Night Film and Party will feature a screening of the highly anticipated finale of *Looking*, HBO's groundbreaking gay series.

Queer director Andrew Haigh has completed his 86-minute film version of *Looking*, which will reportedly wrap up the story of Patrick (Jonathan Groff), Agustin (Frankie J. Alvarez), and Dom (Murray Bartlett), three gay BFF's living in the Bay Area. (Dom's funny fag-hag friend Doris, played by Lauren Weedman, also returns in the movie.)

Whether Patrick reconciles with bad-news-boss Kevin (Russell Tovey), renews his

relationship with sexy charmer Richie (Raúl Castillo), or chooses the non-committed life, we will not say, letting you savor the potent particulars as they unfold.

In addition to *Looking*, the San Francisco International LGBTQ Film Festival will feature 11 days of cinema celebrating the diversity of queer stories from across the globe, this June 16-26, at the Castro Theatre and other venues around the Bay Area.

The Castro screening of *Looking* takes place on Sunday, June 26 at 7:00 pm, and you must be 21 to attend the Closing Night Party.

Tickets for Frameline40's Opening Night and Closing Night programs are already on sale at www.frameline.org.

Levi's Launches 2016 Pride Collection

The Levi's brand has announce its global Pride Collection for 2016 in partnership with the Harvey Milk Foundation. A long-standing ally to the LGBTQ community, the Levi's brand will commemorate the election and legacy of Harvey Milk through a range of gender-neutral product with a portion of the proceeds benefitting the Harvey Milk Foundation.

As a non-profit organization, the Harvey Milk Foundation works across the globe to spread Harvey Milk's vision: a world where all individuals, without exception, are afforded the same, equal human rights.

The Levi's brand is supporting the Harvey Milk Foundation in its ongoing global work through The Levi's x Harvey Milk Foundation Pride 2016 Collection, the physical representation of Levi's belief in equality for all people while continuing the legacy of one outspoken, courageous and pioneering individual, whose inspiring example will never be forgotten.

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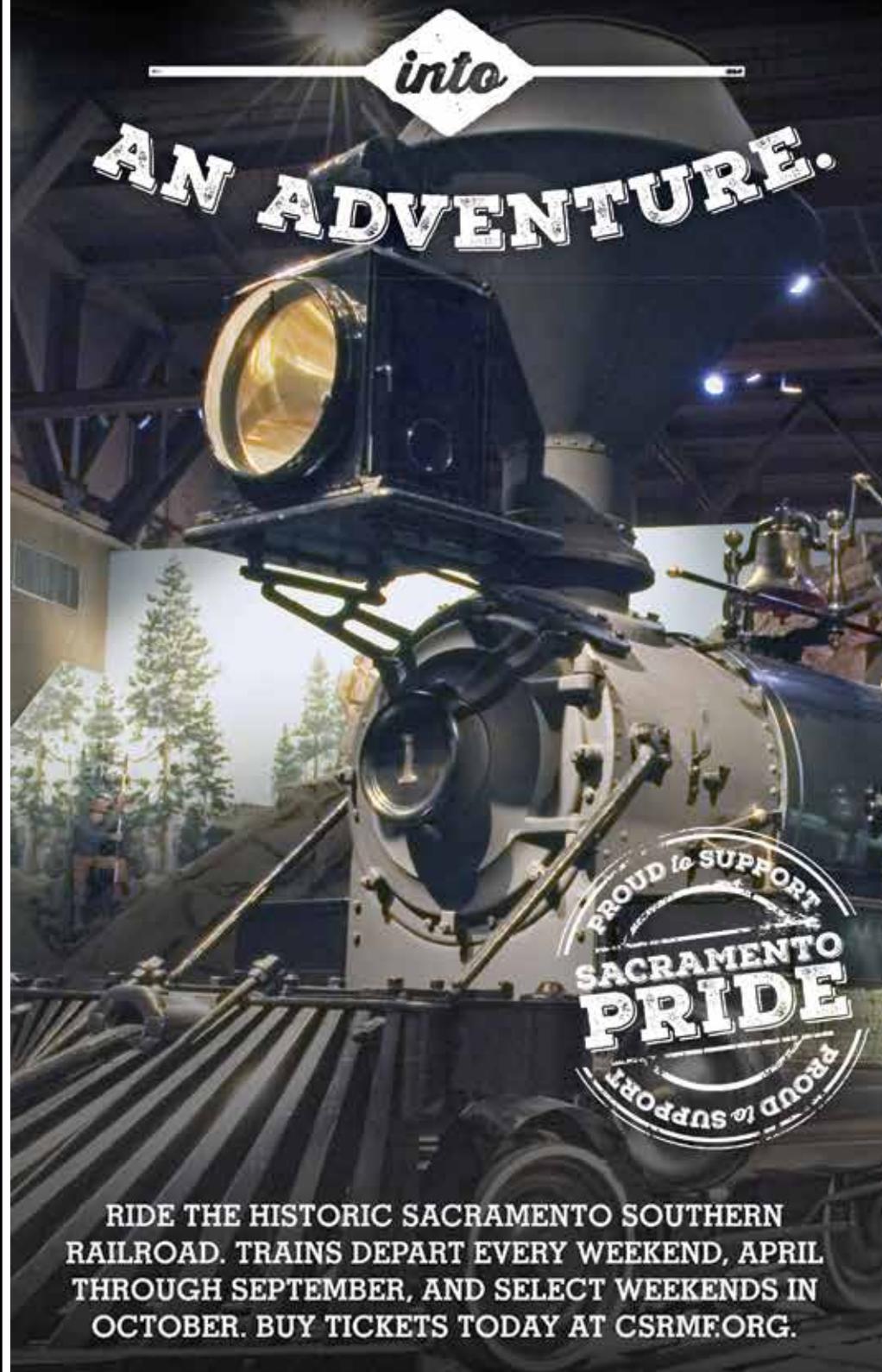
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Kennedy Gallery: 10 Years of Bringing Art to Midtown

For six months Michael Kennedy lie in a hospital bed in a coma. Hooked to a feeding tube, his body shrunken and atrophied and his friends never giving up hope.



Michael Kennedy with his painting *Transplanting the Universe*.

Pericarditis, an inflammation of the membrane surrounding the heart, brought on from an unknown bacterial infection had all but taken his life. That was eleven years ago.

Just over a decade later, Kennedy celebrates not only being alive, but also the tenth anniversary of The Kennedy Gallery, a dream many said he would never achieve.

The gallery is currently located in a renovated Victorian at 1114 20th St. in what was formerly the home of B-Bops Costumes. It features three floors of art, boasts over 22 resident artists and in the past decade has had 151 exhibits, hosted 1,112 artists, and won three Best of Sacramento awards, and has been featured in PBS' The Jewel of Midtown.

"Not bad for a gallery I was told would never succeed," laughs Kennedy.

After recovering from his hospital stay, Kennedy found himself facing the challenge

of rebuilding his life from scratch. He decided to make his art the central focus of his life and started a roaming art space business managing wall space exhibits for local LGBT owned and friendly businesses.

Not long afterward, an opportunity arose to join the newly formed Sacramento Art Complex. Kennedy was one of the first artists invited to join.

"I took the space at the very end," recalls Kennedy. "I figured people were going to walk all the way to the very back, they were going to want to see something spectacular, and that's what I made sure to give them. And it worked. It was a good choice."

Two months later the small upstart was growing rapidly and expanded into a second space. In April 2007 after a year of steady and successful growth, Kennedy received an offer to move into a space between K and L, adjacent to the now Mango's Dance Club.

Originally Kennedy planned only to take

the front half of the building and make a go as solo gallery.

"I found out there were a number of artists from the complex who were going to be leaving and they were looking for a space to share together," Kennedy explains. "So the suggestion was made to take the whole building, divide it up into a number of spaces and make Kennedy Gallery a collective space for various artists to create and show their work. We had about fifteen resident artists the month we opened."

On the first Second Saturday that they were open in the new location, Kennedy Gallery had over 1,000 visitors.

"We ran out of wine the first two hours," laughs Kennedy. "I had to send my aunt, who was there to help out. down to the liquor store to buy more."

The Gallery spent just over five years in that space enjoying the benefits of a strong market economy. As the recession hit, the gallery was among many businesses affected. With the building they were in being sold,

Kennedy was forced to look for a new home for his family of artists.

The home they found was right next door in a three story Victorian in desperate need of renovation.

"When I first saw the inside I have to admit I wasn't quite visualizing the gallery in this space," says Kennedy. "A lot had to be done before we could even move in. It was a big transition on very short notice. But after five years we have transformed it into an amazing space."

Because of the recession not only fewer people were buying art, but the standard practices for getting, buying and selling art were no longer working. Kennedy took the opportunity to reinvent his gallery with an entirely new business model.

"We are not the type of gallery where a customer comes in and there's someone staring down their nose through a pair of carefully perched glasses trying to size up how much money you have," Kennedy

explains, "We took that concept even further as we built a gallery that welcomes everyone regardless of their knowledge of art, their spending potential or whether they just want to explore something new on their lunch hour."

Another unique facet about Kennedy Gallery is in how it jurys the art it displays. While many galleries focus on the recognition of the artist's name and notoriety, Kennedy focuses strictly on the art itself and if it has both the quality and diversity he strives to present.

"We've had art pieces by children hanging next to art by Gregory Kondos," Kennedy says with a smile. "We want the purchaser to know they are getting a quality piece of artwork, whether they are looking for something to build the value of their collection, or something that speaks to them to hang in their home."

On Saturday, May 28 the gallery will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an all day event that will include a barbecue, catered food, various live entertainment, and a full service bar including Margaritas, beer and wine. The event will last from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

"Many of our current and past resident artists will be there throughout the day giving live demonstrations," says Kennedy. "Master potter Mark Pratton will be there demonstrating how to throw pottery. Others will be doing live painting and answering questions about various styles and techniques."

Through all of its successes Kennedy Gallery very proudly makes no bones about being an LGBT business. Kennedy and his resident artists have donated many pieces of artwork to charity functions over the years including CARES, CGNIE, the softball league and even the leather community.

"There are still many LGBT artists who struggle with being recognized as serious artists on the same level as many mainstream counterparts," says Kennedy. "We are accepting of all artists and welcome submissions from everyone. But we also have a strong commitment to promoting and exhibiting LGBT artists. It's important to keep telling our story and making our voices heard in all artistic media, for future generations to enjoy."

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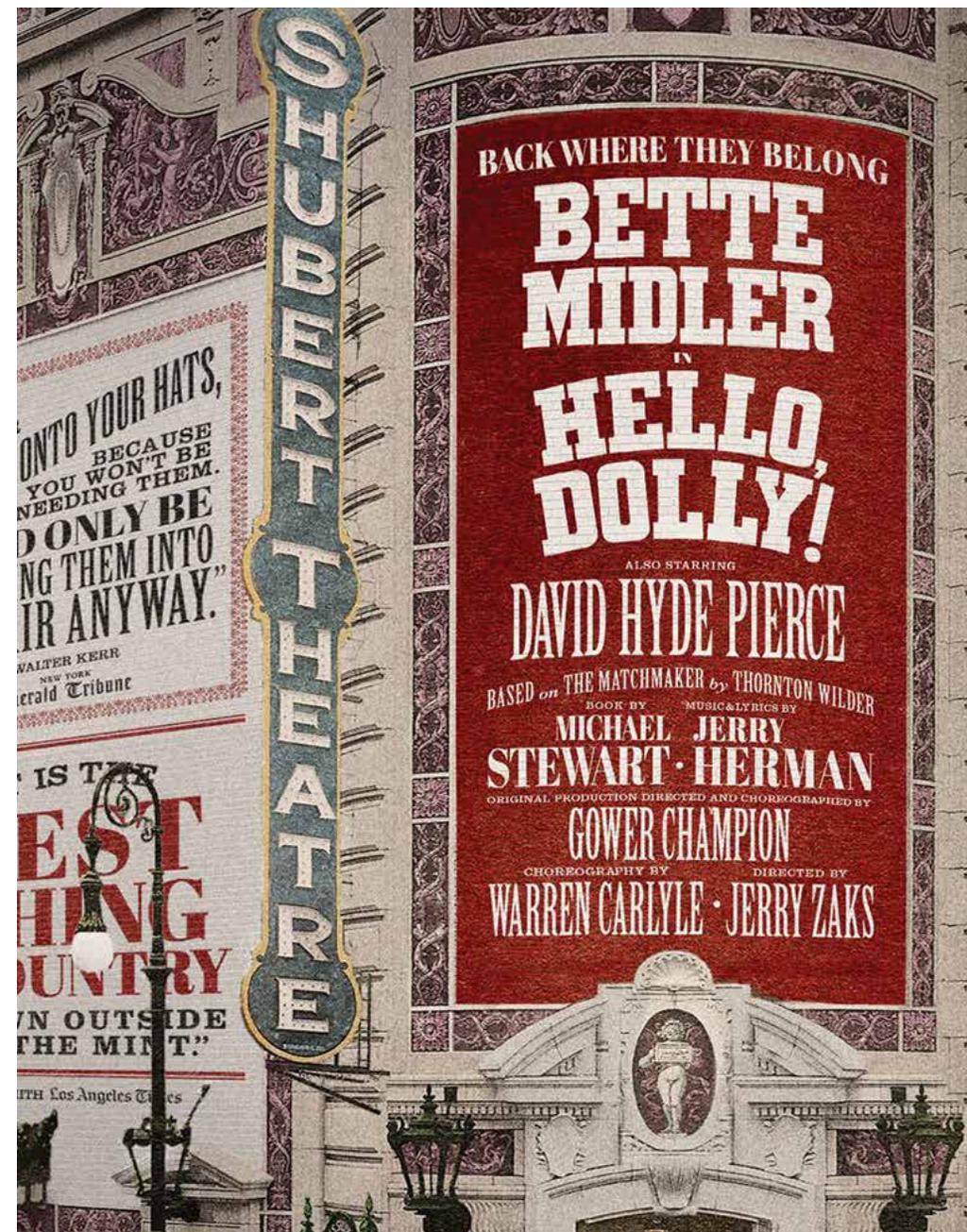
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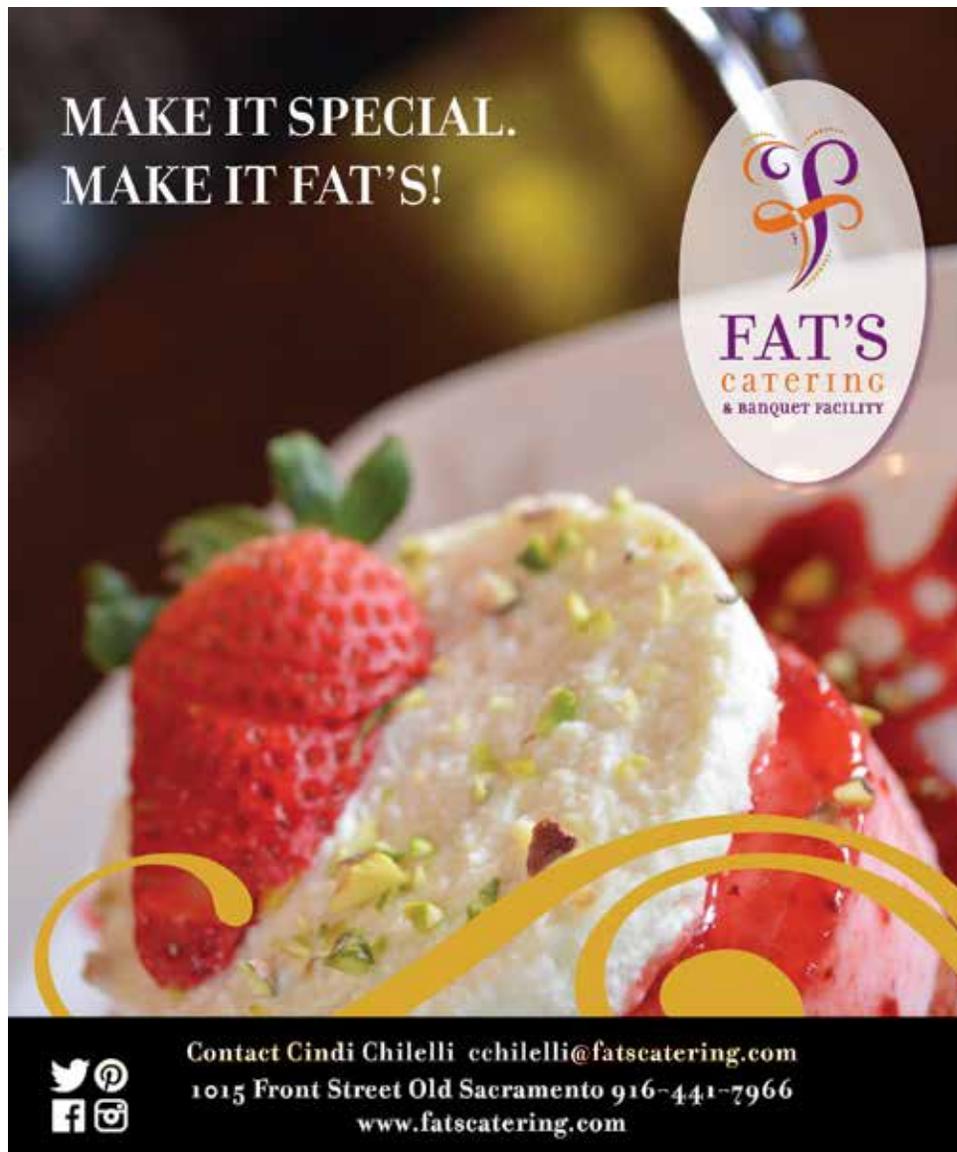
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Don't Miss Nick Adams at Feinstein's at the Nikko

by Chris Narloch

Nick Adams, who possesses one of the best bodies on Broadway and a lovely voice to boot, will grace the stage of Feinstein's at the Nikko Hotel in San Francisco this June, sharing stories from his life on Broadway and on the road.



Adams, who played one of the three leads in the original Broadway production of *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, will celebrate his "30ish" birthday at Feinstein's, and will perform a selection of Broadway and pop songs that have inspired him.

In addition to his award-winning role as Adam/Felicia in *Priscilla*, Nick has been seen on Broadway in *A Chorus Line*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Chicago*, *La Cage aux Folles* and *The Pirate Queen*.

Nick also starred as the last Fiyero in the First National Touring production of the Broadway blockbuster *Wicked*, which played in Sacramento in 2014.

Don't miss this handsome, triple threat talent when he returns to Northern California for two performances only, on Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11.

Tickets for Nick Adams at Feinstein's at the Nikko range in price from \$45 - \$65 and are available now by calling 866-663-1063 or visiting www.ticketfly.com.

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Are You a "Friend of Dorothy?" The Symbols of Pride

by Matthew Burlingame

In 2016 most of the world recognizes the six striped rainbow flag as the unquestioned symbol of the LGBT community. Whether flying high above the Castro or stretched a mile long down the streets of Washington D.C its bright colors signal the unification and acceptance of sexual and gender diversity.

Each stripe represents a different meaning: red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sun, green for serenity with nature, indigo for harmony, and violet for spirit. The first rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, who created the flag in response to a local activist's call for the need of a community symbol. Originally, it contained eight stripes, the two missing stripes were hot pink for sex and turquoise for art.

As the face of activism within the LGBT community has evolved and changed within the new millennium, many factions have used the concept of the pride flag to create flags that specifically represent their unique part of the spectrum.

Some of these flags include magenta, blue and deep lavender for bisexuality, black, gray, white and purple for asexuality, and light blue, pink and white for transgender.

Other groups also have unique flags that are often combined with various representative symbols such as the bear, leather and motorcycle communities.



The Pride Flag

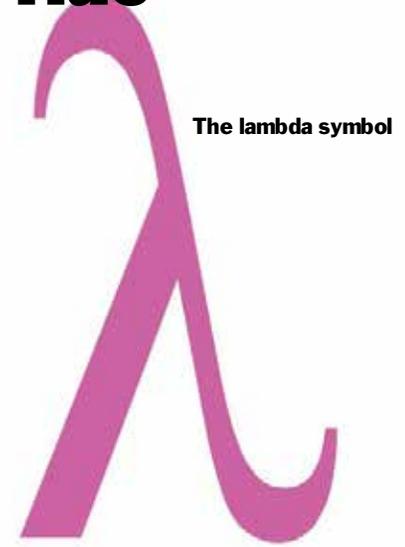
While symbols of homosexuality date as far back as humanity's desire to self identify, few outside of the modern movement are known, or are left open to interpretation.

Both in ancient Rome and 19th-century England color green has been associated with homosexuality. During the first century Barnabas, also known as Joseph one of the prominent Christian disciples in Jerusalem, made reference to animals such as the hare, hyena and weasel when inferring homosexuality. Even mythical creatures such as the Phoenix burning and rising from its own ashes are thought to have been code for same-sex love.

The labrys, a double edged hatchet or ax popular among ancient matriarchal societies as both a weapon and a harvesting tool remains one of the most commonly recognized iconic lesbian symbols.

Inferring lesbian and feminist strength and self-sufficiency, it is associated with Demeter the goddess of the earth who used a labrys as her scepter. Ceremonies in her honor, as well as in honor of Hecate the goddess of the underworld, are believed to have included lesbian sex.

In the early 20th century discretion was of the utmost importance. Unlike today, when many openly wear representative symbols, even in the most liberal cities, gays and lesbians had to be careful. More discreet



The lambda symbol

ways of making themselves known to others like themselves were used.

A red tie, a certain style of clothing, pinky rings and sometimes certain types of flowers. American journalist and poet Walt Whitman used the plant Calamus as a symbol of homoerotic love, while other poets of the time referred to the plant Ladslove.

The lambda symbol was first adopted in 1970 by the New York Gay Activists Alliance and is still one of the more recognizable symbols and names among the LGBT movement today. While there is no definitive answer as to why the symbol, which is the Greek lower-case letter L is supposed to represent, some feel it stands for liberation

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movement. Another school of thought is that in physics the Lambda denoted concerted energy or a wavelength.

The most commonly held belief, however, derives from tales of the ancient Greeks placing the lambda on shields of Spartan warriors, who fought battles alongside their male lovers. The theory being that warriors would fight more fiercely knowing that their lovers were both watching and fighting alongside them. Today, the symbol denotes LGBT pride and activism.

In December 1974 Boston gay rights activists tried making a purple rhinoceros the symbol of the modern gay movement. The thought behind it was a gentle creature that is often misunderstood, but that fights ferociously when angered. But the campaign, which mainly targeted the Boston subway system, never caught on and eventually faded into obscurity. Yet it lives on in some aspects, such as San Francisco's Theater Rhinoceros, a well known LGBT focused theater.

Other modern symbols used to denote

LGBT concerns range from twin gender signs interlocked: male/male or female/female with variations for bisexuals and transgenders, to the Human Rights Commission's famous yellow and blue equal logo.

The red ribbon is another symbol well known to our community representing HIV/AIDS awareness and the victims it has left in it's wake. Pink breast cancer ribbons and now white teen suicide awareness ribbons are also closely tied to the LGBT community.

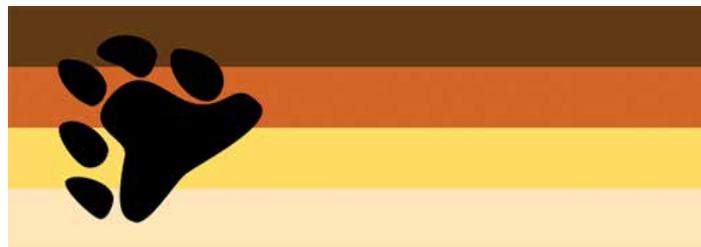
But there is no LGBT symbol born from a more heinous origin than that of the inverted pink triangle. Though we now claim this symbol as one of pride and empowerment, it is rooted in one of the largest human tragedies in history: the Holocaust.

From the years 1933 to 1945, homosexuals were one of the many groups targeted for extermination by the Nazi regime, though it is also a group many historians often exclude.

Prisoners in the concentration camps wore a colored inverted triangle to designate their



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The Bear Flag

reason for incarceration, which alternatively served to form a social hierarchy among those imprisoned. A green triangle marked its wearer as a regular criminal; red for political prisoners, two yellow triangles overlapping for Jewish prisoners and pink for homosexuals, who were considered to be undesirable even the among other prisoners.

Variations of a black triangle were used for lesbians, prostitutes, women who refused to bear children, female gypsies and women with other "anti-social" traits. Today some lesbians and feminists claim the black triangle in the same manner that the wider LGBT movement uses the pink.

The symbol which once represented a vile regime's persecution was resurrected in the 1970s as the icon of unity and strength for the new gay rights movement. In the 1980s, it was accompanied by the slogan "Silence = Death" as the AIDS Coalition To Unleash

Power (ACT-UP). It remains today the most recognizable symbol of LGBT pride next to the rainbow flag.

Whatever acronym you use or symbol you wear or wave to represent the unique individual you are, do so with the knowledge that generations before

you have fought and sacrificed for your right to express yourself openly and with pride – and be sure to say "Hi" to Dorothy!

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Local Entrepreneur Goes Hella Norcal

by Matthew Burlingame

Sometimes the best ideas come when they are least expected. For Adam Hennessy that moment came while in Yuba City when he and his husband of six years Robby Woodward were visiting a friend.

"We were in the backyard drinking and saying 'hella' every other word," jokes Hennessy. "And I was like someone needs to make a T-shirt that says 'Hella Norcal.'"

Over the next two years the idea stuck with Hennessy, until one afternoon while editing photos taken on a local excursion he wrote "Hella Norcal" on several images and showed them to his friend Mary Rose, explaining what he hoped to one day do. She loved the idea and encouraged him to pursue his dream.

"The very next day I began the process of trademarking the phrase Hella Norcal," Hennessy recalls.

So why hella?

"I moved here from Kansas City, Missouri about ten years ago," he explains. "When I first went out everyone kept saying the word 'hella.' It's a very unique word native to Northern California. No one outside of this area says it. Then a month later I found myself saying hella every other word, too."

In January 2016 with encouragement from his husband, their English Bulldog Mimi, best friend Bobby Stillwell and a group of enthusiastic supporters, Hennessy began the transition from being part of corporate America into becoming a full time entrepreneur.

"All the men in my family – my dad, grandpa and Pop have all been innovative entrepreneurs," says the 34 year old. "So I feel it's always been in my blood."

The response to the product has been amazing. Not only is Hella Norcal popular in Northern California, but also among Norcal natives living across the country that want to represent a small piece of home.

While the basic style shirts consist of the Hella Norcal logo, it's Hennessy's

scenic shirts that have been stealing the show. Displaying iconic images from photographs taken on road trips of Northern California coupled with the Hella Norcal logo, the new line of shirts steal the show.

"Northern California has a very unique and beautiful landscape," says Hennessy. "And we have a unique word that is only used in Northern California. So I thought it was a perfect

plans for other types of clothing including bandannas, socks, coffee mugs, sweatbands, booty shorts, underwear and more. Hella Norcal hats and beanies are already available for purchase.

As Hella Norcal expands into a wider variety of designs, Hennessy has enlisted the help of artist Chris Rau, whom he has known since first grade.

"He's an incredible artist," he praises.



Adam Hennessy

blend.

Shirts generally range from \$15 to \$25. It is important to Hennessy to make certain his shirts are affordable and accessible to everyone.

"I want to see them being worn as I walk down the street," he says excitedly. "I want to see someone I don't know wearing my shirt and thinking how awesome it is that person bought something that I created."

Current sizes range from small to XXL, but as sales and interest increase requests are being made for not only larger sizes but for baby and toddler clothes as well. Hennessy says both requests are in the works as well as

Rau is designing a line of LGBT pride shirts that will be debuting this summer.

And what's Hennessy's favorite shirt to wear?

"The one with my nephew skateboarding," he says happily. "It's just hella dope. Plus I'm proud that the shirt looks hella cool, with a hella cool kid doing a skateboard trick."

To find out more about Hella Norcal Clothing visit hella-norcal.com

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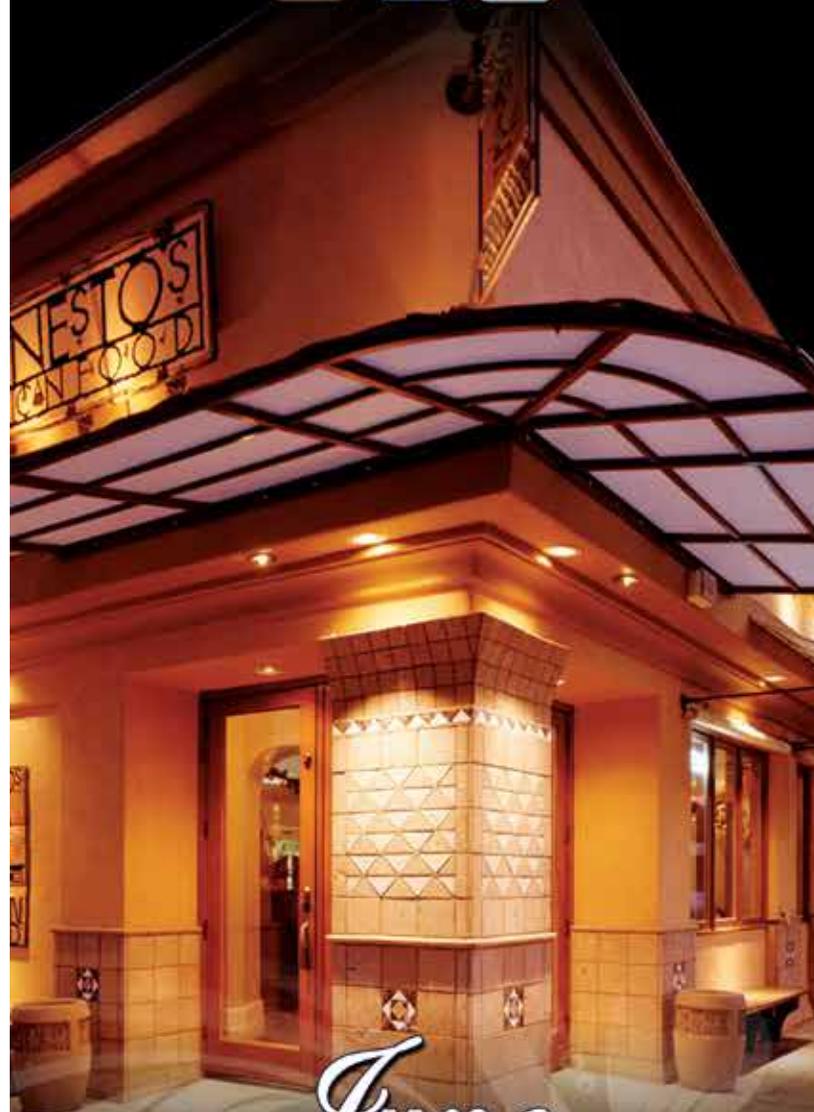
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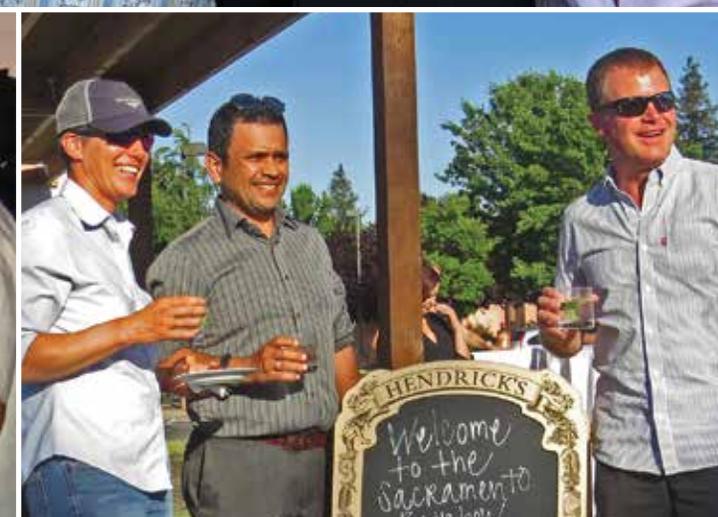
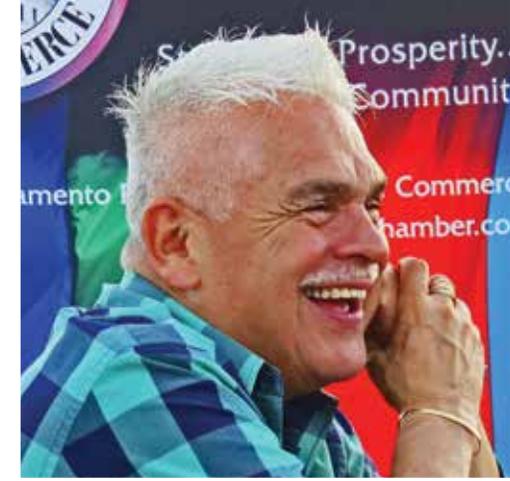
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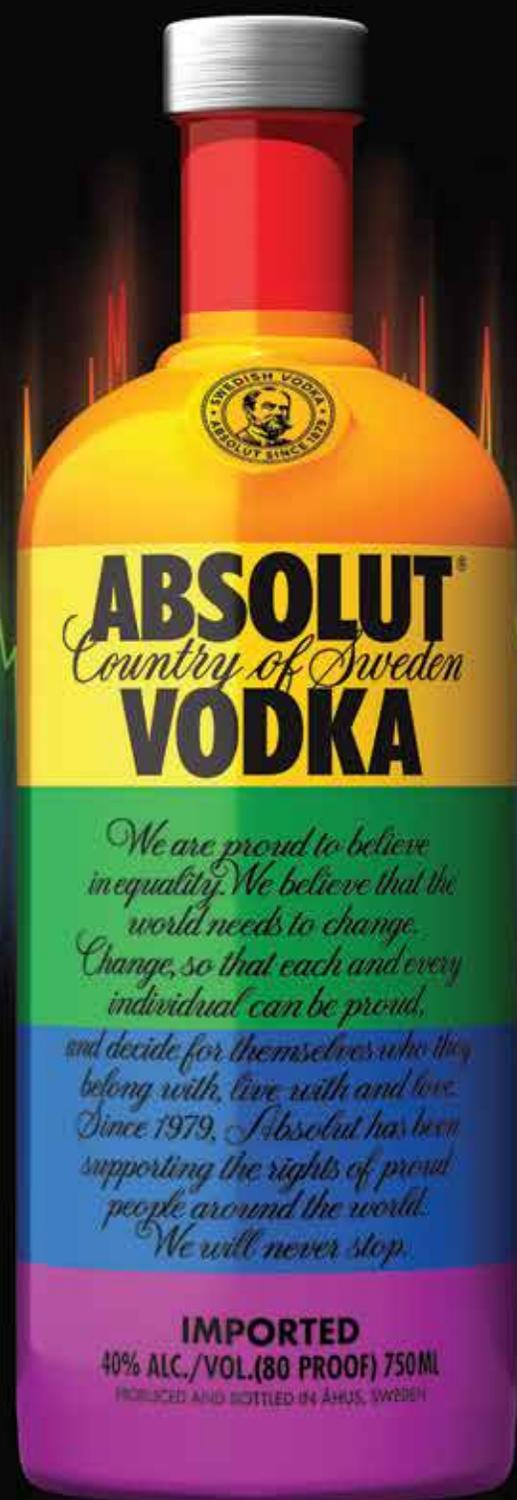


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Go Down Under for a Touch of Pride Aussie Style

by Adrian Sanchez

I had been wanting to go to Australia for many, many years and finally, 2016 was the year to visit. Timing was just perfect as Sydney was celebrating Gay Mardi Gras, which in many ways is so similar to San Francisco Gay Pride and at the same time is so different, with so much more glamour.

After having seen Priscilla Queen of the Dessert many times, Gay Mardi Gras was definitely a good resemblance of the movie. I'll tell you that for sure the city is very proud of its diversity and support of LGBTQers, so make sure to check it out once in your lifetime, you will be amazed.

The first stop in the trip was Sydney, and after a 13+ hour non-stop flight from San Francisco, my husband and I landed, on a beautiful sunny day.

There are many ways to get around in Sydney, but for sure it has a great similarity with the city of San Francisco. Their train system is very efficient and covers all key points that you need to see, or you can also ride Uber whenever you feel like splurging a little more money.

Upon arrival, I recommend taking Uber from the airport, so that later you can familiarize yourself with the train system. If you do take the train from the airport it will cost you about \$20AUS to get to Circular Quay, the main central location by the water.

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Airbnb was our selected option to stay in Sydney and it was just fantastic! We had our dear great hosts, Louise and Matt, who have a beautiful refurbished warehouse in the St. Peters neighborhood, which is only about 15-20 mins from Circular Quay.

We have seen pictures of Circular Quay and the wharf in many blogs, magazines, commercials, etc. The Sydney Opera House, the Sydney Harbor Bridge and the main wharf were just stunning, better than I could have imagined. Taking the train from St. Peters station to Circular Quay is only about a 15-20 to minute ride and as soon as you get off at the station, the majestic view includes both the Opera House and the bridge.

Walk around, take the obligatory picture(s) and go crazy with Instagram, there's no bad spot in Sydney to take the best Instagram



The Rocks neighborhood of Sydney is a fun departure from the big city, with great resaturnts and shops.

picture.

On day two (while recovering from jet lag) we had to come back and see more of the City Business District (CBD). We walked all the way from Circular Quay to the Sydney Bridge and found our way into The Rocks neighborhood which is a hip trending area with old warehouses and buildings being turned into luxury condos, a marina, restaurants and more.

In this area is where we found two restaurants that I recommend: the Henry Dean restaurant for brunch during the weekend, with amazing views and great atmosphere – I totally felt like a local there; and the Hotel Palisade, one of the oldest hotels in Sydney. The other restaurant to check out is Hicksons' Food & Wine, where we had dinner on a Friday night. It's small,

by the water, not touristy, and felt like the local's hangout.

There is so much more to see and explore in Sydney and you can find more about the entire thirteen days that we spent there on my blog at medium.com/@triponmesf.

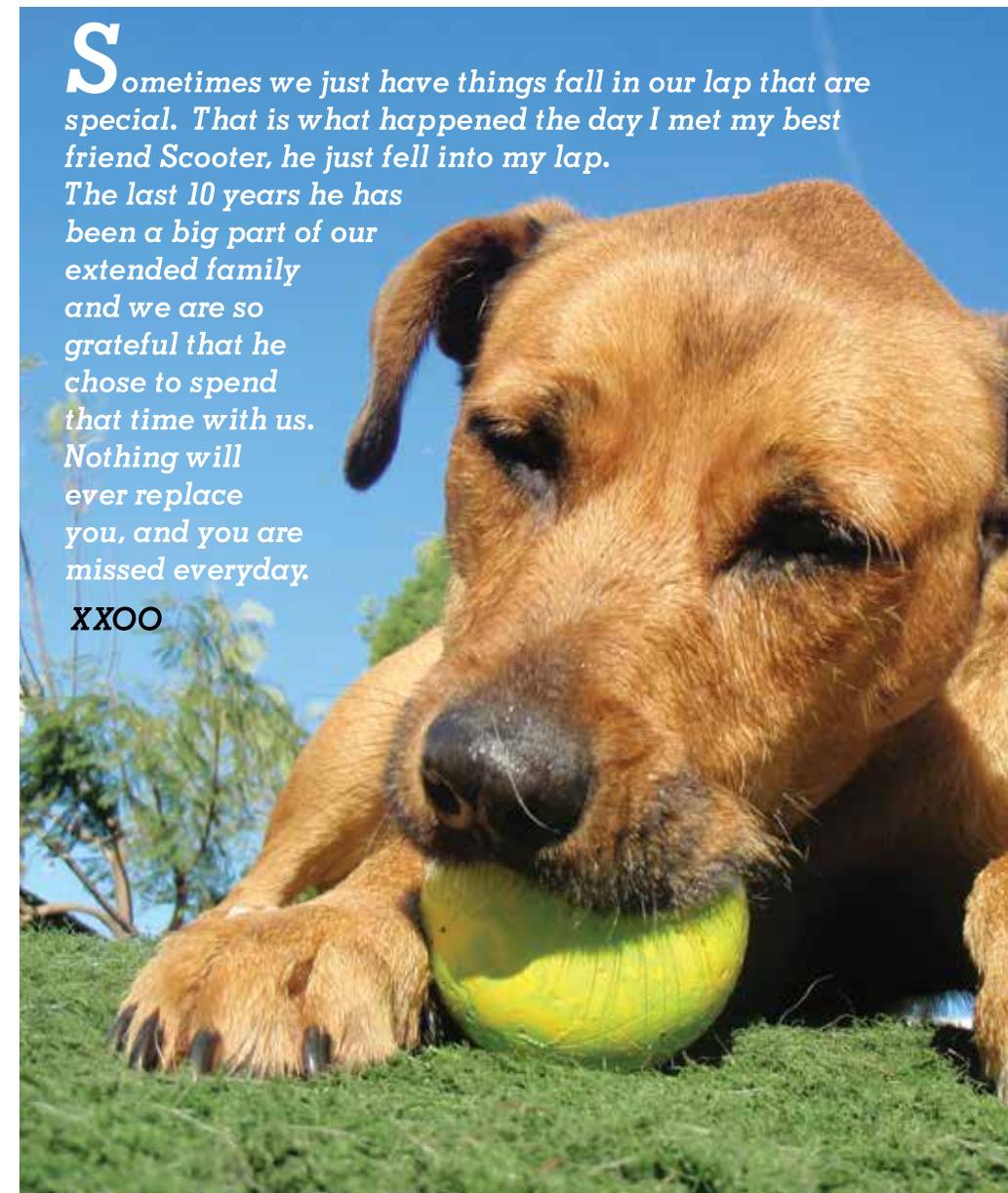
In the mean time, start looking at airfare, it's more affordable this year than 2015. And the best news is that for the first time in several years the U.S. dollar is stronger than ever against the Australian dollar. Go Down Under.

Adrian Sanchez is a passionate Travel blogger that spends most of his trips in Northern California, U.S., Mexico and Europe. For more about him visit his blog medium.com/@triponmesf. He can be reached at adsanchez77@gmail.com.

Sometimes we just have things fall in our lap that are special. That is what happened the day I met my best friend Scooter, he just fell into my lap.

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Five Reasons the LGBT Community Should Watch *General Hospital*

by Dave Rupel

The ABC daytime drama *General Hospital* (*GH*) is 53 years young and just a few weeks ago won the Emmy for Best Daytime Drama. *GH* also won three of the six acting awards. And it's never been a better time for the LGBT community to tune in.

Here are five reasons you should catch-up with the goings on at *General Hospital*:

Strength In Numbers.

There are currently five LGBT characters on the canvas: hunky doctor Lucas Jones; Lucas's fiancé, reformed schemer and lab tech, Brad Cooper; their friend, nurse Felix Dubois; out lesbian professor Parker Forsythe; and recently expelled college student, Kristina Corinthos. That's more LGBT characters than on any other daytime drama and most prime time shows.

Timely Storytelling.

Young Kristina has previously only dated guys before and was quite shocked to find herself smitten with her lesbian college professor, Parker, who is happily married to a woman. Is Kristina gay? Bisexual? Or is she "sexually fluid" like the millennials call it? Kristina can't quite figure it out and is currently distracting herself by dating hunky Aaron - yet she can't get Parker out of her thoughts. This story explodes in July!

A Gay Wedding?

Lucas and Brad have been eager to marry, but have had trouble finding the right place and time. They might have found a way to do it at the end of May - but with Lucas's former mob boss dad Julian reverting back to his old ways - and mysterious, unexplained deaths happening at the hospital, will Brad and Lucas get there happily ever after?

The Nurses Ball.

This annual hospital variety show/fundraiser was revived a few years ago and is a fundraiser to fight AIDS. In between the fun of song and dance (and the hunk parade of Magic Milo and the Magic Wands) there is great drama and poignant moments. The Nurses Ball airs Wednesday though Friday, May 25-27.

The Return Of Robin Scorpio-Drake.

Legacy character Robin, daughter of Robert Scorpio and Anna Devane, debuted in 1985. Actress Kimberly McCullough started playing Robin at age 7 and literally grew up on camera. In 1994, teenager Robin's love story with HIV+ Stone Cates

was groundbreaking. The show's decision to allow Robin to contract HIV from her boyfriend was both heartbreaking and realistic. Stone died, but Robin has not only survived, she's thrived, becoming a wife, mother and Chief of Staff at GH. (She's also been kidnapped a few times and presumed dead, both rites of passage on soap operas.) Robin returns to *GH* to deliver an emotional speech on why donating to AIDS causes is still important today on Friday, May 27.

So if *GH* was your jam in high school or college, or even if you've never watched give us a try! I promise one thing, you'll be entertained!

General Hospital airs weekdays on ABC at 1:00 p.m. on channel KXTV 10 in Sacramento. *GH*'s Executive Producer is Frank Valentini. Head writers are Shelly Altman and Jean Passanante. Dave Rupel is one of ten other writers who make up the writing team under Jean and Shelly.



Dr. Lucas Jones (played by *Desperate Housewives* alum Ryan Carnes) kissing his fiancé, lab tech Brad Cooper (played by Parry Shen) in a scene from *General Hospital*.



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2016 Music Circus Season Features Four Premieres

California Musical Theatre has announced the 2016 lineup for Sacramento Music Circus at the Wells Fargo Pavilion, the 66th season for the venerable institution.

The season includes four shows that have never been produced at Music Circus: The smash hit musical comedy *Legally Blonde*, based on the hilarious film starring Reese Witherspoon; the family favorite *Seussical*, a journey through the witty and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss; *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, the song-and-dance spectacular filled with the music of George and Ira Gershwin; and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, a brand new musical exploring the dark themes of the epic novel while featuring the beautiful music of the animated Disney film.

The 2016 Music Circus season will also feature two shows that are all-time patron favorites, the irresistible musical theatre gem *Hello, Dolly!* and the Tony-winning Kander and Ebb classic *Cabaret*.

"One of the things we hear most from our subscribers is that they want to see new titles at Music Circus," said Richard Lewis, California Musical Theatre President & CEO. "We're very happy that the 2016 season includes four Music Circus premieres."

Following the success of the critically acclaimed production of *Hair* in the 2015 season, which season subscribers had the

option of adding to their season, subscribers will again have the opportunity to add a sixth show, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

In two schedule changes, a Sunday evening performance will no longer be offered, and each show will have a Sunday matinee – starting at 3:00 – which will be available for the first time as a season subscription.

Five-show season tickets (without *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*) range from \$225 to \$315, depending on performance time and seating location. Six-show season tickets (including *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*) range from \$270 to \$378. Single-show ticket prices range from \$45 to \$73. For *Seussical* only, a special price of \$40 is available for children age 4 – 12. No one under age 4 is admitted to any Music Circus show.

Single-show tickets are available at the Wells Fargo Pavilion Box Office, 1419 H Street in Sacramento, or by phone at 916-557-1999

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Brooks Almy as Mrs. Dolly Gallagher Levi and company members in the 2007 Music Circus production of *Hello Dolly*. Photo by Charr Crail.

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Harvey Fierstein to Star In NBC's *Hairspray Live!*

Oscar, Golden Globe, SAG and Grammy Award-winner Jennifer Hudson and multiple Tony Award-winner Harvey Fierstein will headline the cast of NBC's *Hairspray Live!*, the network's next live Broadway musical holiday event following the phenomenal success of *The Wiz Live!*

Also joining the creative team will be acclaimed television director Alex Rudzinski, who received extraordinary reviews for his television direction of *Grease Live!* Rudzinski was also the TV director for *Dancing With the Stars* from 2005-14.

"We are beyond thrilled with this incredibly talented duo of stars for *Hairspray Live!*," said Robert Greenblatt, Chairman, NBC Entertainment. "Harvey Fierstein created the role of Edna Turnblad on Broadway in an indelible Tony-winning performance that demanded to be

As an actor, he is a member of an elite group who have won Tonys as Best Actor in a Musical (*Hairspray*) and Best Actor in a Play (for his own *Torch Song Trilogy*). As a writer, Fierstein won Tonys for *La Cage Aux Folles* and *Torch Song Trilogy*, and received three more Tony nominations for writing *Kinky Boots*, *Newsies* and *Casa Valentina*. His adaptation of *Funny Girl* is currently running, along with *Kinky Boots*, in London.

Hudson, who will play Motormouth Maybelle, is currently completing a triumphant run in the acclaimed revival of



Harvey Fierstein in the Broadway production of *Hairspray*

memorialized on film, and we're happy he wanted to step into her shoes one last, unforgettable time. We're also so grateful that the incomparable Jennifer Hudson will play Motormouth Maybelle and we know her rendition of "I Know Where I've Been" will literally stop the show."

Based on the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, *Hairspray Live!* takes place in 1962 Baltimore. Teenager Tracy Turnblad's dream is to dance on "The Corny Collins Show," a local TV program. When, against all odds, Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celebrity overnight and meets a colorful array of characters, including the resident dreamboat, Link; the ambitious mean girl, Amber; an African-American boy she meets in detention, Seaweed; and his mother, Motormouth Maybelle, the owner of a local record store. Tracy's mother is the indomitable Edna Turnblad, and she eventually encourages Tracy on her campaign to integrate the all-white "Corny Collins Show."

Harvey Fierstein, who is also writing the teleplay, will play Edna Turnblad, a role he created and won a Tony Award for in the stage version of *Hairspray*. The quintessential Edna, Fierstein portrayed the character for the show's first two years of its seven-year run at the Neil Simon Theatre on Broadway.

The Color Purple – performing the role of Shug Avery in her Broadway debut. She won an Oscar and Golden Globe in 2007 for her iconic performance as Effie White in the hit film *Dreamgirls*. Her sensational rendition of the song "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going" was greeted with instant acclaim by film critics and moviegoers alike and made Hudson the person to beat as best supporting actress for the Academy Awards.

Hudson's incredible vocal talents were first recognized with her appearance on the third season of *American Idol* in 2004, where she impressed both the show's judges and a national TV audience. Soon after, she released her first album, *Jennifer Hudson*, which debuted at #2 on the Billboard 200 Chart and sold more than 500,000 copies in the U.S. through the first six weeks. The album was nominated for four Grammys and won for best R&B album.

Hudson continued on the bigscreen following *Dreamgirls* and has since co-starred in such films as *Sex and the City*, *The Secret Life of Bees* and Spike Lee's latest film, *Chi-Raq*. Her TV credits include NBC's *Smash*, Fox's *Empire* and HBO's newest telepic, *Confirmation*.

Hairspray Live! will air Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. and will originate from Los Angeles.

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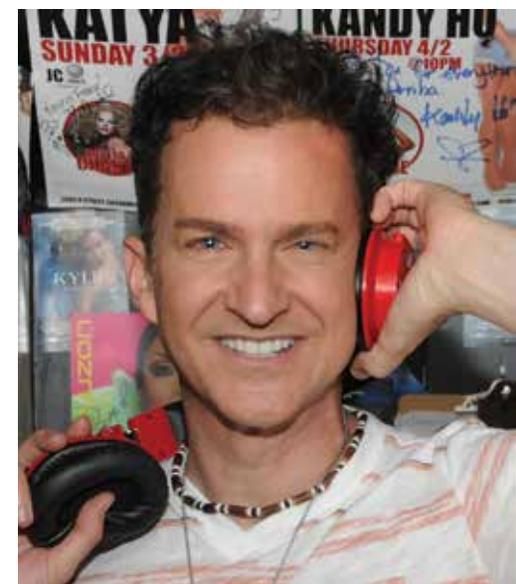
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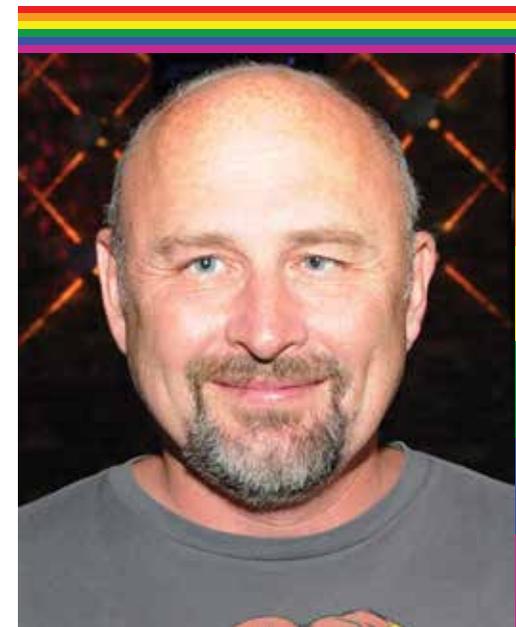


Clay Gibson

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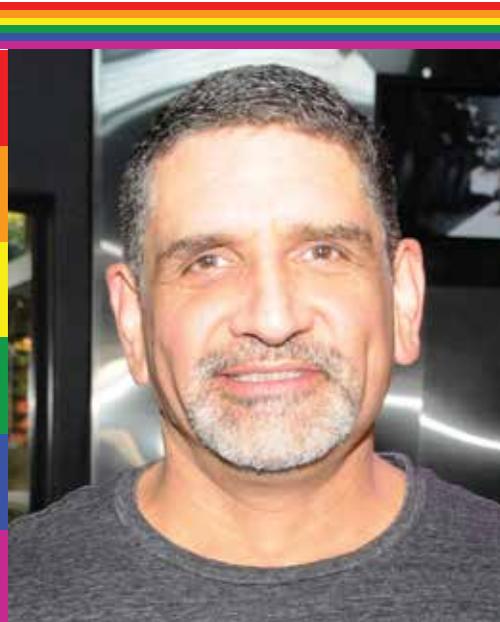


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Out Music Award Winner Jason Walker is So Happy



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(Soul) Sisters Are Doin' It for Themselves, Tamia, Darlene, Leona & Andra Reviewed

by Chris Narloch

Aretha Franklin was and is the undisputed Queen of Soul, but there is currently a healthy crop of other soul queens, young and old, who also have big voices and know how to use them.



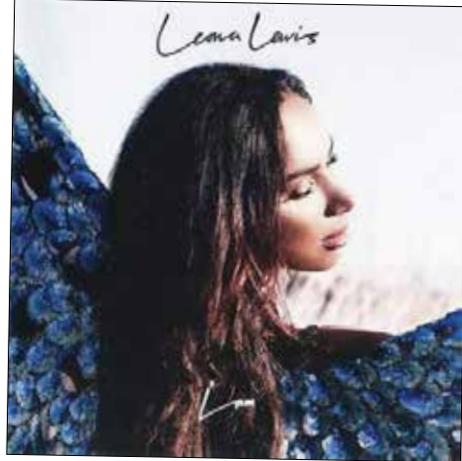
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Darlene Love –

Introducing Darlene Love

The first new album in decades from legendary vocalist Darlene Love has a joke built in to its title, since Love was “introduced” to her fans more than fifty years ago through her iconic hits “He’s a Rebel” and “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” with producer Phil Spector.

Introducing Darlene Love superbly capitalizes on the singer’s newfound fame from her appearance in the documentary *20 Feet From Stardom* with fourteen killer cuts including Spector’s “River Deep, Mountain High,” Bruce Springsteen’s “Night Closing In” and Elvis Costello’s “Still Too Soon To Know.”

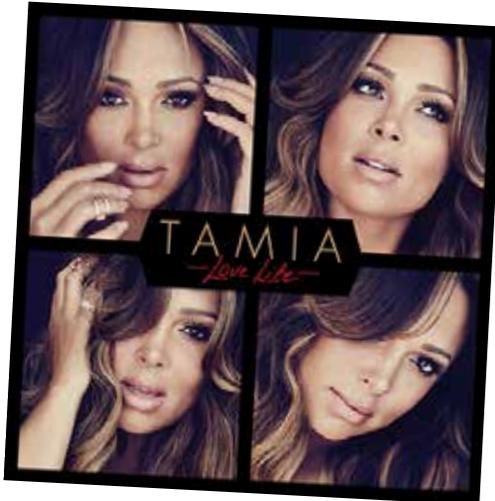


Leona Lewis – I Am

We haven’t heard much from this British belter since she exploded on the scene in 2007 with “Bleeding Love,” the international smash single that put her on the map. I didn’t care for that song’s lyrics, and Lewis struggled to duplicate its success on subsequent CDs but she is back in a big way with *I Am*.

“Thunder,” the first track on the disc, gets the ball rolling with Lewis’s declaration, “I’m coming back with the thunder,” and she proves it with powerful performances on

such standout songs as “Ladders” and the beautiful Diane Warren ballad, “You Knew Me When.”



Tamia – Love Life

This Canadian-born powerhouse has been nominated for six Grammy awards and has been around for a couple decades, so why isn’t she as famous as Rihanna or Aretha? I don’t know the answer to that question, but I do know that *Love Life* is a sultry set of songs by a sensational singer.

The CD is appropriately titled, and Tamia sings about love and sex like a pro on the record’s thirteen tracks. My favorite cuts on this dynamite disc are the sexy and funny first single, “Sandwich and a Soda,” and Tamia’s gorgeous cover of the Deniece Williams’ classic “Black Butterfly.”

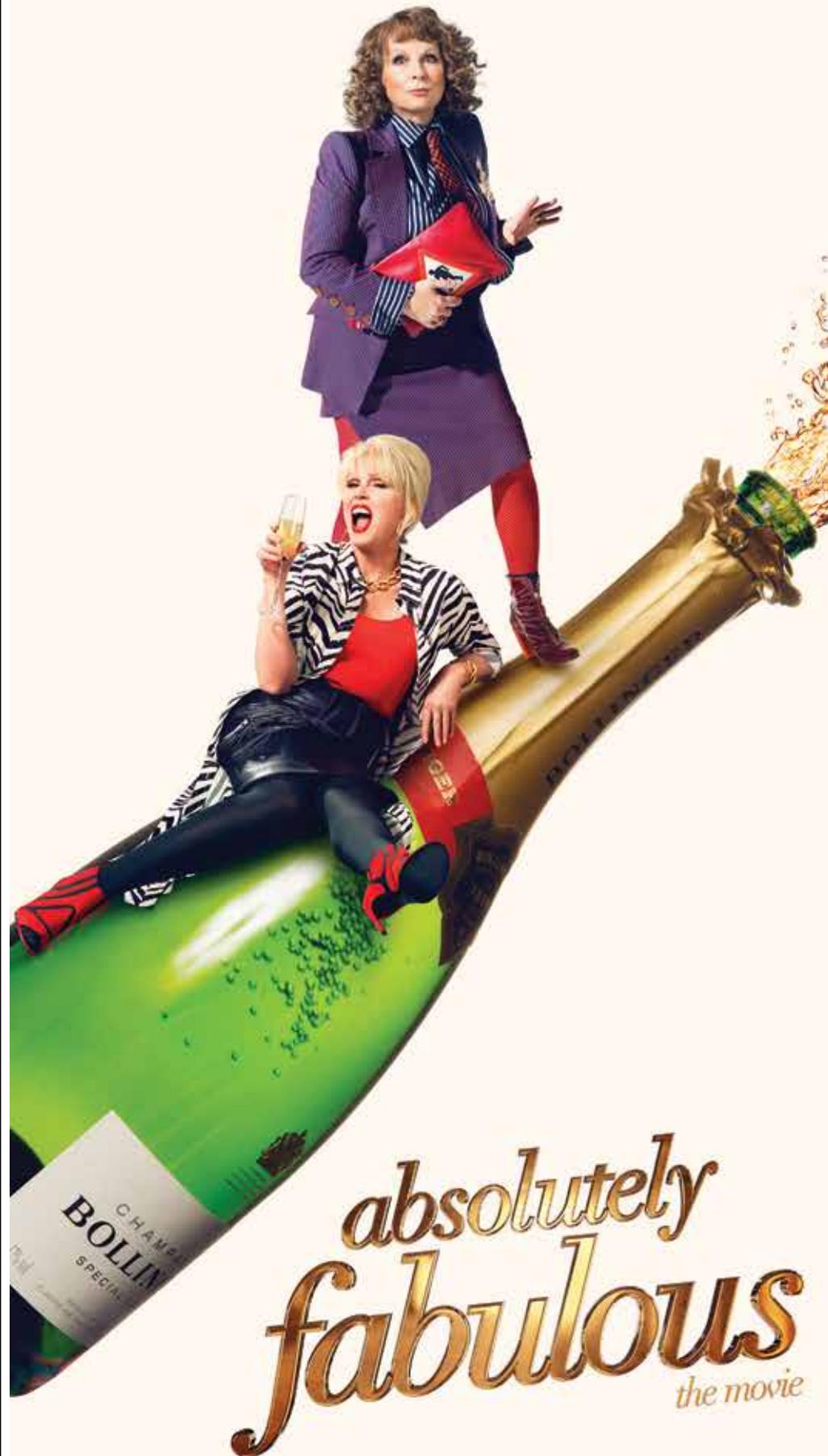


Andra Day – Cheers to the Fall

My buddy Martha at Fly-Life Inc. turned me on to the debut disc by this new jazzy soul queen, and she was right. Andra Day has the goods, and on *Cheers to the Fall* she channels two of my all-time favorite singers, Billie Holiday and Amy Winehouse.

In fact, “Only Love,” the second track on the CD, sounds like it could have been lifted directly from Winehouse’s classic “Back to Black” album. The disc’s first single, “Rise Up,” is just as compelling, and there really isn’t a dud anywhere among the thirteen songs on *Cheers to the Fall*.

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I feel so bad about myself. My partner always puts me down.

I don't have any personal space. My partner constantly texts and checks my social media accounts.

I used to enjoy going out with friends, but my partner gets jealous if do. I don't have a life outside of our relationship.

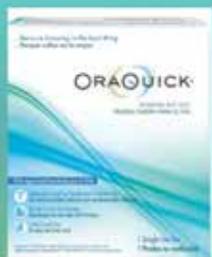
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Drag Queen Bingo & Mimosas on Second Saturdays!

Brunch & Mimosas at Drag Queen Bingo? Well, due to popular demand, and for the summer months only, Drag Queen Bingo will add a Saturday date to its already incredibly fun monthly first Thursday games.

Beginning Saturday, June 11, Mimosas Second Saturday Drag Queen Bingo will be held from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Mango's Burgertown, located at 1930 K Street. Doors will open at 11 a.m. so that Bingo players can enjoy a delicious brunch before getting busy with their daubers.

The Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, which produces Drag

In September Drag Queen Bingo will return to its regular first Thursday schedule, discontinuing the Second Saturday games.

For questions or more information about Drag Queen Bingo, contact Richard Hernandez at rah95816@aol.com.



Queen Bingo, said it added the second monthly game to help

accommodate the long waiting list of non-profit beneficiaries for its regular Drag Queen Bingo events, which will continue to be held every first Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Drag Queen Bingo raises money for a different non-profit organization each first Thursday. The sold-out games have been such successful fundraisers for the non-profits that the dates are scheduled out into 2017 with a waiting list of potential beneficiaries.

"We receive so many applications from deserving organizations, and we have to tell them that we can't schedule them for months to come," said Richard Hernandez, vice president of the Rainbow Chamber board and chair of the Drag Queen Bingo organizing committee. "By adding the Second Saturday games for the summer we'll be able to help a few more organizations raise much needed funds."

In addition to June 11, Mimosas Second Saturday Drag Queen Bingo games are scheduled for July 9 and August 13 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The regularly scheduled Thursday games will be held June 2, benefiting Lilliput Children's Services; July 7, benefiting Rainbow Chamber Foundation; and August 4, benefiting the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, all from 7 to 9 p.m.



Drag Queen Bingo at Mango's, featuring Miss DoMeMoore.

The Untamed Stage: Weimar Berlin Kabarett Extended



Due to sold-out houses, critical acclaim, and popular demand, Thrillpeddlers' *The Untamed Stage: Weimar Berlin Kabarett* has been extended two additional weeks, through June 11. So don't miss the laughs and great music. Visit hypnodrome.org for tickets and to see a trailer.

Jeff 4 Justice Marks Five Years of YouTube Interviews



Celebrating his five year anniversary on YouTube, Jeff 4 Justice's *Best LGBT Moments* video features the work he's done to promote LGBT equality, advancement, and acceptance in his hometown, the Yuba-Sutter region. The video, often filmed inside his car, here with DJ Tristan Jaxx (left), shows examples of him standing up to Westboro Baptist Church, Prop 8 donors, various local homophobes and the anti-LGBT elected officials of his hometown. Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=TOJHqGB74a8&feature=youtu.be.

Capital Stage Premieres Pulitzer Prize Play *Disgraced*



The Sacramento premiere of Ayad Akhtar's Pulitzer Prize winning play centers around a dinner party between four people with very different backgrounds. As discussion turns to politics and religion, the mood quickly becomes heated in this powder keg of identity politics. *Disgraced* plays through June 5. Tickets at Capstage.org.

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Transgender Musician Cait Brennan's CD Release

To say Cait Brennan has lived many lives is truly an understatement. She's been a schoolteacher, a working screenwriter, a dyed-in-the-wool indie record store clerk, a newspaper reporter and a printing plant grunt.

She's changed her name more times than she remembers and has occupied more genders than there are on the map. But one thing, above all, has burned bright at the center of everything: her music.

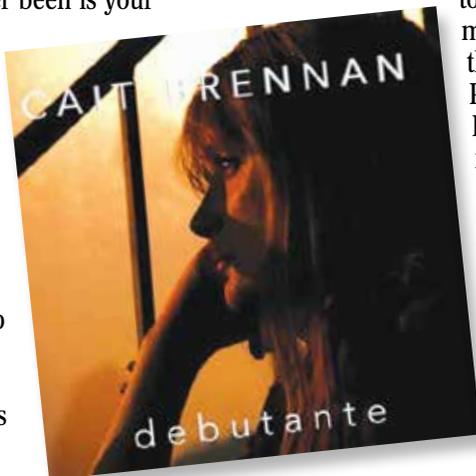
One thing she has never been is your basic folkie singer-songwriter; she's always been more Bowie or St Vincent than Bon Iver.

A singer with a powerful, singular five-octave rock voice, a prolific songwriter, and a multi-instrumentalist who plays every note on her own home recordings, Brennan worked for years in secret, creating gorgeous, otherworldly rock sounds that have never seen the light of day—until now.

Discovered and championed by musician and production wunderkind Fernando Perdomo (who's worked with Linda Perhacs, Emmitt Rhodes, Beck, Fiona Apple and Jakob Dylan among many others), Cait Brennan's debut album, *Debutante*, is here at last.

Raised as a boy, she rebelled against her assigned gender in her teens, causing a minor uproar in her conservative 80's school. She worked up the nerve to play a few live shows, but rural Arizona was not exactly ready for gender diversity – or her unusual sounds, which were miles away from the hair-metal of the day.

Cait's uncanny gift for melody combines with a dark, wry humor that cuts through everything she does on *Debutante*. Her lyrics can be merciless. Her love songs are starkly beautiful, but devoid of treacle. She approaches each moment, each imperfect character with unflinching honesty, with a lyrical, poetic flow and a microscopic attention to detail.



And sneaky, dense jokes and references to culture both high and low.

In Los Angeles, she met a young indie pop wunderkind named Fernando Perdomo.

Perdomo immediately recognized the need to record Cait Brennan's music and get it out to the world. With Chris Price, he helped bring Laurel Canyon psych-folk legend Linda Perhacs back to music after four decades, and had a hand in helping the titanic Emmitt Rhodes breathe life back into his music after an equally long hiatus.

What followed was a whirlwind. In the sweltering July heat, Brennan and Perdomo ripped twelve of her best songs from her extensive songbook and recorded them in just five inspired, manic days and nights – in a week when both were playing multiple shows in the LA area. A thirteenth song was spontaneously written and recorded during the mixing process.

Brennan sang every vocal, from the darkest-night depths of "Black Diamond" to the stacked, soaring high harmonies of "Madame Pompadour" and "Father McKenzie".

The duo split production and instrumental duties, with Perdomo taking the lead and playing what Brennan calls "the badass virtuoso stuff," like the Brian May-tribute guitar solo on "Harmony Lies" and the titanic four-horseman drumming of "Black Diamond".

"Debutante" has been released, digitally, on 8-track tape, vinyl and CD worldwide, and you can get a preview at www.planetcait.com.

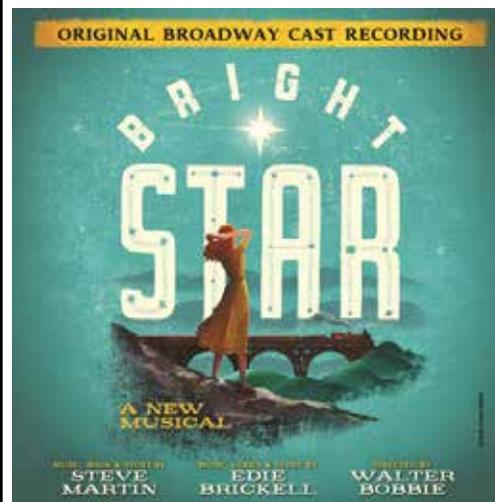


Cait Brennan

Don't Miss "The HamilTonys" on CBS this June 12th

by Chris Narloch

Theater fans have already dubbed it "The HamilTonys" because Lin-Manuel Miranda's red-hot Broadway musical *Hamilton*, which received a record 16 Tony nominations earlier this year, is expected to sweep the awards when CBS broadcasts the *70th Annual Tony Awards* on Sunday, June 12, live from the Beacon Theatre in New York City.



musical created by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell that is struggling at the box office despite being quite wonderful.

That musical snagged five Tony nominations recently, and its excellent new CD captures the show's lovely, slightly "bluegrass" score, which features instruments not often heard on Broadway, such as Martin's beloved banjo, alongside lead actress Carmen Cusack's gorgeous voice.

Tune in on June 12th to see talk show host James Corden, a Tony winner himself as Lead Actor in a Play for *One Man, Two Guvnors* in 2012, take over hosting duties for the first time. (You can bet that there will be a Broadway variation of Corden's popular "carpool karaoke" worked into the show somehow.)

Believe it or not, there are actually other shows nominated this year besides *Hamilton* – although you wouldn't know it from the media coverage – and I urge you to get your hands on the just-released cast recording for *Bright Star*, a charming new Broadway

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