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Lambda Literary Award Winners Announced

The winners of the 27th Annual Lambda Literary Awards (the “Lammys”) were announced at a gala ceremony hosted by comedienne Kate Clinton, with performances by Lauren Patten of the hit Broadway show *Fun Home* and Toshi Reagon.



John Waters at the Lambda Literary Awards

The ceremony was held June 1 at The Great Hall at Cooper Union in NYC, and opened with an animated video by Melanie La Rosa and Johanna Campos that cleverly symbolized the fundamental elements of the Lambda Literary Awards, as it depicted superheroes saving a town called “Gaytham” with literature.

Feminist legend Gloria Steinem introduced Rita Mae Brown, author of the classic, *Rubyfruit Jungle*, who received the Pioneer Award. Describing laughter as “an orgasm of the mind,” she praised Brown for always understanding joy and laughter.

It wasn’t a love fest, but a joke fest when gossip columnist Liz Smith introduced filmmaker and author John Waters, who received Lambda’s Trustee Award for Excellence in Literature.

In a sign of the transgender coming of age times in which we’re living, Casey Plett winner in the Transgender Fiction category for *A Safe Girl to Love* ended her rousing acceptance speech with, “The transgender community is taking over!” The Betty Berzon Emerging Writer Awards were presented to writers Anne Balay and Daisy Hernandez.

For a full list of the winners, visit www.lambdaliterary.org.

Fundraiser Set for *Surviving the Silence*

Colonel Pat Thompson, now living in the Sacramento area, was a decorated military nurse, only two years away from retirement after an illustrious career when an assignment came the to preside over a hearing regarding a fellow Army nurse’s federal recognition.

This usually meant an hour meeting before increasing a military member’s security clearance. This time, it would be a two day-long hearing that eventually resulted in the dismissal of Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer for having admitted she was a lesbian.

Though she didn’t conceal her sadness at fulfilling her duty in this role, Colonel Thompson did hide her own secret, as she had for nearly 30 years: she too was a lesbian.

“Pat faced an impossible choice,” said Colonel Cammermeyer. “She could have come out and then there would have been two of us dismissed without recourse, or, she could fulfill her duty in a way that allowed me the best possible defense. By presiding over the board, Pat had a profound impact on my ability to get into Federal Court and make my reinstatement possible. And in doing so, she played an important role in enabling us to move forward to finally get the repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

While the story of Colonel Cammermeyer was highly publicized and her book *Serving in Silence* became a television movie executive-produced by Barbra Streisand and starring Glenn Close, Colonel Thompson’s has remained untold.

Until now. On Sunday June 14 at 6 p.m. a fundraiser for the film will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Pioneer Congregational United Church of Christ, 2700 L St. The author of the film and its producers will be on hand to discuss the film, as will Colonel Thompson.

For more info, visit www.facebook.com/events/1072721546075426/



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Three-part Documentary Investigates Truvada

Research indicates that if an HIV-negative person takes Truvada every day, they are nearly 99 percent protected from contracting the virus. However, controversy continues to surround the broad uptake of Truvada, and that is the subject of a new three-part documentary *Stopping HIV? The Truvada Revolution*.

Truvada has the potential to fundamentally change the landscape of safer sex and HIV-prevention from this point forward, particularly within the gay male community in the U.S., but many questions still linger surrounding the first FDA-approved means of preventing HIV infection.

Presented by VICE Media, in *Part One*, VICE meets with Gladstone Institute's Dr. Robert Grant, who is leading research to understand the biological and social implications of Truvada as well as Damon L. Jacobs, who is seeking to educate other gay men around the world about the revolutionary drug. Watch it

In *Part Two*, VICE heads to the Kink.com headquarters in San Francisco to talk with its Director of Sexual Health and Advocacy Eric Paul Leue about what works when it comes to HIV prevention. Back in New York, Michael Weinstein, the president of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, tells VICE that

only affluent, white men.

In *Part Three*, VICE meets Michael and Leo, an HIV carrier and his partner, who have been together for over a year. The couple discusses their relationship with Truvada, the stigma against the drug, and how their thoughts on the treatment have



Truvada does not work as a public health intervention for HIV, citing adherence issues. Finally, Harlem United's Kimberleigh J. Smith discusses Truvada's accessibility to

changed.

Watch all three at www.vice.com/video/stopping-hiv-with-the-truvada-revolution-part-1-111

LGBTQ Youth Are America's Most Unwanted

Sadly, LGBTQ foster youth are less likely to grow up with an unconditionally committed family. Many of them are in group homes because there is a lack of accepting foster homes and many of them are abused because of their identity.

It doesn't have to be that way, though, and two upcoming events can show a path to reducing the numbers of LGBTQ youth who are homeless or not in stable homes.

The first is on Saturday June 20th when Camille Wojtasiak in conjunction with the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival invites you to a private showing of the documentary *America's Most Unwanted*.

The feature length professional video reveals the stories of former foster youth, including those who identify as LGBTQ. Guest speakers at the showing will include the filmmaker, Shani Heckman, as well as an adopted Family from the LGBTQ Community.

This is a casual event and will include cosmos,

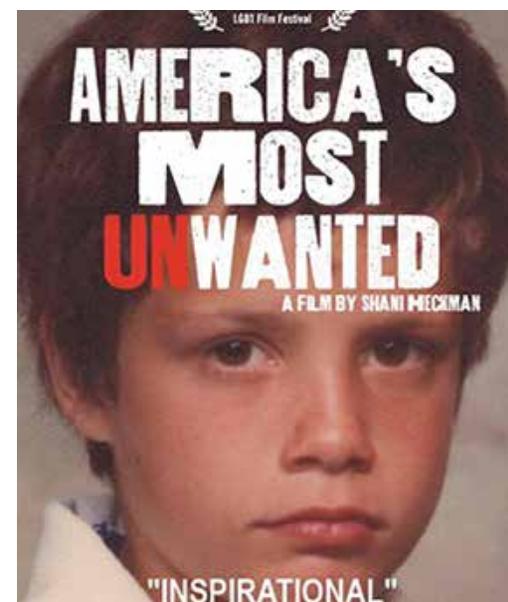
wine and a cocktail dinner. The event will benefit Sierra Forever Families efforts to support LGBTQ foster youth and the Sacramento International Gay & Lesbian Film Festival. To purchase tickets please visit gatheringforlgbtyouth.eventbrite.com

Then, on June 17th there will be an information session to learn more about how you can assist LGBTQ youth who are living in foster care. These youth are experiencing difficulty in finding accepting homes that can meet either their temporary or permanency needs.

This event is being presented by Sacramento County Child Protective Services, The Children's Law Center, Sierra Forever Families and the Gender Health Center and is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 3 Fold Communications, located at 2031 K St.

in Midtown .

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Pentagon Said to Be Adding Non-Discrimination Protections For G&L Troops

The *Washington Blade* reported on May 29 that “the Pentagon is preparing to update its Military Equal Opportunity policy to include sexual orientation as a protected class and the change could be made final as soon as the end of next month (June).”

A senior Defense Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the *LGBT Blade* that the Department will submit a revision that would add the words “sexual orientation” to the military’s nondiscrimination policy, ensuring that members of the military cannot be discriminated against for their sexual orientation.

The anonymous official told the *Blade* the change will be submitted to Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter this week for his review and final approval.

It is often assumed that with the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell (DADT) in September 2011, the LGBT community achieved full equality in the military. However, the repeal only applied to LGB service members, and while it meant that they could serve openly without fear of being discharged, it did not mean they were provided access to the military equal opportunity program in order

to address harassment or discrimination.

The repeal failed to include binding non-discrimination protections for gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members in the military equal opportunity programs. The repeal of DADT also did not change the regulations that continue to prevent transgender service members from serving openly and honestly.

The American Military Partner Association (AMPA), the nation’s largest organization of LGBT military families, praised the move and urged Secretary Carter to take immediate action.

“This is incredibly important and welcome news for our service members and their families,” said AMPA President Ashley Broadway-Mack. “This long overdue and critical change to the military equality opportunity program will help ensure that LGB service members are treated fairly with the dignity and respect they deserve.”

Conversion Therapy Gets Skewered in *Saugatuck Cures*



The family-friendly LGBT comedy *Saugatuck Cures*, with Max Adler (*Glee*, *Switched at Birth*), Judith Chapman (*The Young and the Restless*) and Danny Mooney takes on the conversion therapy industry with hilarious results. The Breaking Glass Pictures release will be available on VOD platforms on June 30, but you can watch the trailer now at www.saugatuckcuresmovie.com.

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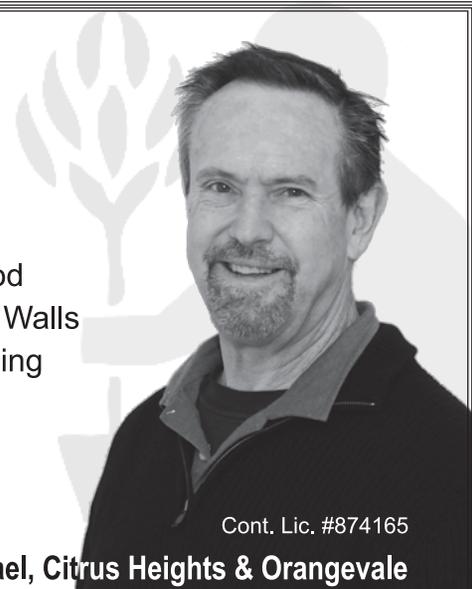
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Pride Foundation Awards \$403,850 to 124 LGBTQ Students

In 2015, Pride Foundation has awarded \$403,850 to 124 student leaders in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Since the program began in 1993, Pride Foundation has awarded nearly \$4 million and more than 1,500 scholarships – making the Seattle based foundation one of the largest LGBTQ scholarship programs in the country.

"Our scholarship program acknowledges the pivotal role that community plays in allowing each student to achieve their dreams," said Kris Hermanns, Executive Director of Pride Foundation. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers, we are able to signal to LGBTQ and allied students that they matter not in spite of who they are, but because of who they are."

Many of Pride Foundation's scholars have experienced stigma or isolation because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. When this reality is coupled with high rates of family rejection – half of LGBT youth experienced a negative reaction from their parents when they came out – and homelessness – 20-40% percent of homeless youth are LGBTQ – it paints a startling picture of the challenges and barriers facing LGBTQ students.

NC Governor Vetoes Anti-Gay 'Religious Freedom' Bill

The North Carolina House on May 28 passed SB2, a law that will allow magistrates, citing their deeply-held religious beliefs, to choose to not marry same-sex couples. In order to appear non-discriminatory, the magistrate must promise to not marry any couples – gay or straight – for at least six months, however, during debate lawmakers were openly explaining that the legislation was to protect them from marrying same-sex couples, which could lead to a constitutional challenge.

The North Carolina Senate passed the bill in February, and the legislation now heads to Republican Governor Pat McCrory's desk. He has stated he opposes the bill, but is likely to allow it to pass into law without his signature.

UCSD Launches LGBT Scholarship Honoring Alan Turing

To encourage a more diverse community in computer science education and research, the Center for Networked Systems (CNS) at the University of California, San Diego is establishing the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship in partnership with private donors.

The \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to an enrolled undergraduate computer-science or computer-engineering major in UC San Diego's Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) department, in honor of the mathematician, cryptanalyst and founder of the field of computer science.

Turing is also widely considered the father of artificial intelligence. He was credited with accelerating the Allied victory in World War II by more than a year after he devised the techniques that led to breaking codes produced by Germany's Enigma machine. After the war, Turing was persecuted for being gay. He died by his own hand in 1954, while undergoing court ordered castration treatment.

Frank Kameny To Be Inducted into Labor Hall of Honor

Frank Kameny, who for decades fought to end discrimination in the federal workplace, will be honored by the U.S. Department of Labor On June 23 with induction to its Hall of Honor.

His activism led to the first gay demonstration for equal rights at the White House in 1965. Kameny later coined the slogan, "Gay is Good," to combat negative stereotypes of gay and lesbian people and, in 1971, became the first openly gay candidate for Congress.

That year, he also publicly challenged the scientific validity of the American Psychiatric Association's theories on homosexuality as a mental disorder at its national meeting.

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Sacramento Stages Set To Sing This Summer *My Fair Lady, Big River & Catch Me If You Can*

by Chris Narloch

The 2015 Music Circus season kicks off in June with revivals of two beloved musicals, *My Fair Lady* and *Big River*. Over at Runaway Stage Productions, the Sacramento premiere of *Catch Me If You Can* is up next.

Music Circus

Based on George Bernard Shaw's *Pygmalion*, Lerner and Loewe's witty and wonderful Tony Award-winning classic, *My Fair Lady*, is filled with the unforgettable songs "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live" and "The Rain in Spain."

When aristocratic professor Henry Higgins takes in Cockney pupil Eliza Doolittle on a bet, he gets far more than he wagered.

Paul Schoeffler, who marks his eighth season at Music Circus, will play Henry Higgins, and leading lady Glory Crampton costars as Eliza Doolittle.

My Fair Lady is directed by Glenn Casale, and Sacramento's own Omari Tau joins the cast. *My Fair Lady* plays through June 14 at Wells Fargo Pavilion.

After that, Mark Twain's masterwork *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is brought to toe-tapping musical life by "King of the Road" Roger Miller in *Big River*, which finds Huck and Jim taking to the mighty Mississippi on a journey of adventure, hope and self-discovery.

Director Michael Heitzman will helm this production, which is the first Music Circus outing for *Big River* in 20 years.

Ben Fankhauser, who was an original performer in *Newsies* on Broadway and also toured as Ernst in *Spring Awakening* will play Huck, while Phillip Boykin, who is currently starring in the Broadway revival of *On the Town* and who was nominated for a Tony Award for his role in *Porgy and Bess*, joins the cast as Jim.

Big River graces the Music Circus stage this June 23-28.

For more information, visit www.SacramentoMusicCircus.com.



Glory Crampton as Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, produced by Music Circus at the Wells Fargo Pavilion June 9-14. Photo by Charr Crail.

Catch Me If You Can

Based on the hit DreamWorks film that starred Tom Hanks and Leonardo DiCaprio and the incredible true story that inspired it, *Catch Me If You Can* is the high-flying, splashy new show that was nominated for four Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

Teenager Frank Abagnale Jr. runs away from home in search of a glamorous life, and successfully pretends to be a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, until an FBI agent gets wind of his schemes and becomes obsessed with tracking him down.

Terrence McNally (*The Full Monty*) wrote the book for *Catch Me If You Can*, and its swinging score is from Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman (*Hairspray*).

A Sacramento premiere, courtesy of Runaway Stage Productions, *Catch Me If You Can* is directed by Darryl Strohl-De Herrera and plays through June 21 at the 24th Street Theatre in Sacramento.

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Celebrate Independence & Pride at OSF OUT Weekend

by Chris Narloch

If you don't yet have your 4th of July weekend planned, consider a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland, where a number of deals and events are planned to celebrate Independence Day and LGBTQ Pride.



In *Fingersmith*, Sue Trinder (Sara Bruner, left) has inklings that her scheme to con Maud (Erica Sullivan) could be more difficult to pull off than she thought. Photo by Jenny Graham

OSF is the West Coast's premier destination for all things Shakespeare, but there is also much more to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival than just the Bard.

In addition to the red-hot stage version of the popular Sarah Waters novel *Fingersmith*, now playing through June 9, OSF audiences are enjoying must-see musicals such as director Mary Zimmerman's production of Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls*, and *Head over Heels*, a World Premiere from playwright Jeff Whitty (*Avenue Q*) which features music and lyrics by the Go-Go's.

Here are the special events planned for OSF OUT Weekend:

On Friday, July 3, at noon, Alexa Junge, adapter of lesbian writer Sarah Waters' *Fingersmith*, will be in conversation with OSF's Lydia G. Garcia about adapting the

sprawling Dickensian world of her book.

That same night, from 10:30 to midnight, enjoy post-show beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and good music in Carpenter Hall, with a chance to meet actors from *Fingersmith* and *Head Over Heels*.

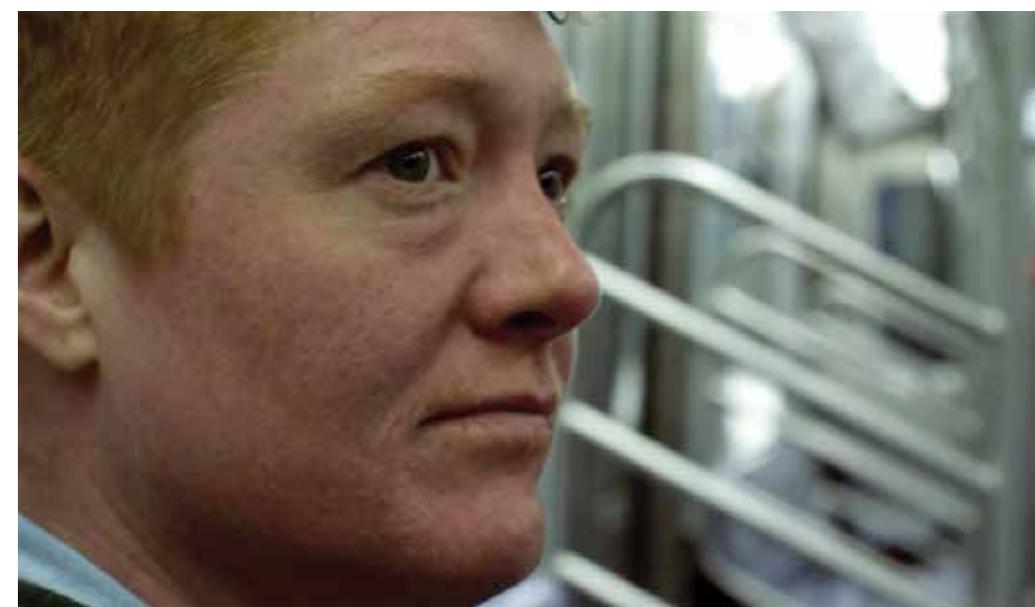
On Friday, July 5, at noon, enjoy OSF's Lue Douthit in conversation with LGBTQ artists from OSF.

OSF OUT Weekend is scheduled for July 3 - 5, and you can receive 20 percent off all play tickets for performances on those three days. Use promo code 13156 when you order. (Not valid for \$30 "C" section seats.)

For more information about OSF, please visit www.osfashland.org/productions/2015-activities-and-events/osf-out-weekend.aspx.

For tickets, call the OSF Box Office at (800) 219-8161.

Transgender Awareness Film *Dylan* Streaming for Pride



This poignant short film takes the viewer through the personal journey of a transgender man, and his exploration into the transgender community, his family's acceptance of his new identity and ultimately his physical and emotional transformation. In honor of LGBT Pride Month, the film can be watched at www.dylanmovie.com, bringing much needed attention to the T in LGBT.

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Rainbow Chamber Adopts Drag Queen Bingo

by Bonnie Osborn

Drag Queen Bingo, Sacramento's long-standing monthly charity fundraising event, is changing hands, but the madcap antics of the drag queen hosts will continue to raise much needed support for local nonprofits and charities.

The monthly Bingo fundraisers, which have raised more than \$100,000 for local non-profit organizations since its founding in August of 2009, will be operated by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce beginning with the July 2 game, said Fred Palmer, president and publisher of Outword Media Marketing Events, which has produced the event for the past almost seven years.

"Charlie Peer, Ron Tackitt and I are very proud of the support we have provided for local non-profit organizations with Drag Queen Bingo," Palmer said. "One of the best things about the event is that it has raised funds for all kinds of organizations and has brought together people from all Sacramento communities.

"The event is still successful and more popular than ever. But I have taken on other business and personal commitments, and it is simply time for us to let another organization take it on. We felt very strongly that we wanted to be sure Drag Queen Bingo would be operated by an organization with a solid staff and volunteer base and the infrastructure to keep it going and make it even better," Palmer continued. "We have confidence that the Chamber will be a good steward of the event."

Sacramento Rainbow Chamber President Paul Weubbe said Chamber board members and volunteers will run the monthly games and promise to preserve the event's somewhat bawdy traditions – chants of "Shots, shots, shots" when O69 is called bring on dollar shots from the bar; "And it's on bitches" yelled out by players when they only need one more number to win; and "Pelt her, pelt her" as losing players crumple up the Bingo cards and throw them at the winner as she runs the gauntlet of the room, all in good fun of course.

Drag personalities Rusty Nails, Felicity Diamond and Do Me Moore, who have been key to the event's success, have promised to continue.

"On behalf of the Chamber board, we are honored to take on the mission of continuing this great event that has done so much good in our community," said Sacramento Rainbow Chamber President Paul Weubbe. "We're excited to have the opportunity and want to use it as a way of connecting our LGBT community and causes with the greater Sacramento community. And we know it will be a lot of fun!"

A broad range of organizations have benefitted from the Bingo fundraisers, including WEAVE, Alzheimer's Association,

NorCal AIDS Cycle, Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, Sacramento LGBT Community Center, Gender Health Center, and Front Street Animal Shelter, to name just a few.

Beneficiaries currently are scheduled through September, with the July 2 game benefitting the Chamber's non-profit Rainbow Chamber Foundation, the August 6 game benefitting the Camellia Gay Softball Tournament, and the September 3 game benefitting the Sacramento International Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (SIGLFF).

Each beneficiary organization is responsible for providing Bingo prizes and volunteers to staff the event. Organizations typically raise between \$500 and \$1,500 per game.

To request that your organization be a future Drag Queen Bingo beneficiary, email businessmanager@rainbowchamber.com or call the Rainbow Chamber office at 916-266-9630.

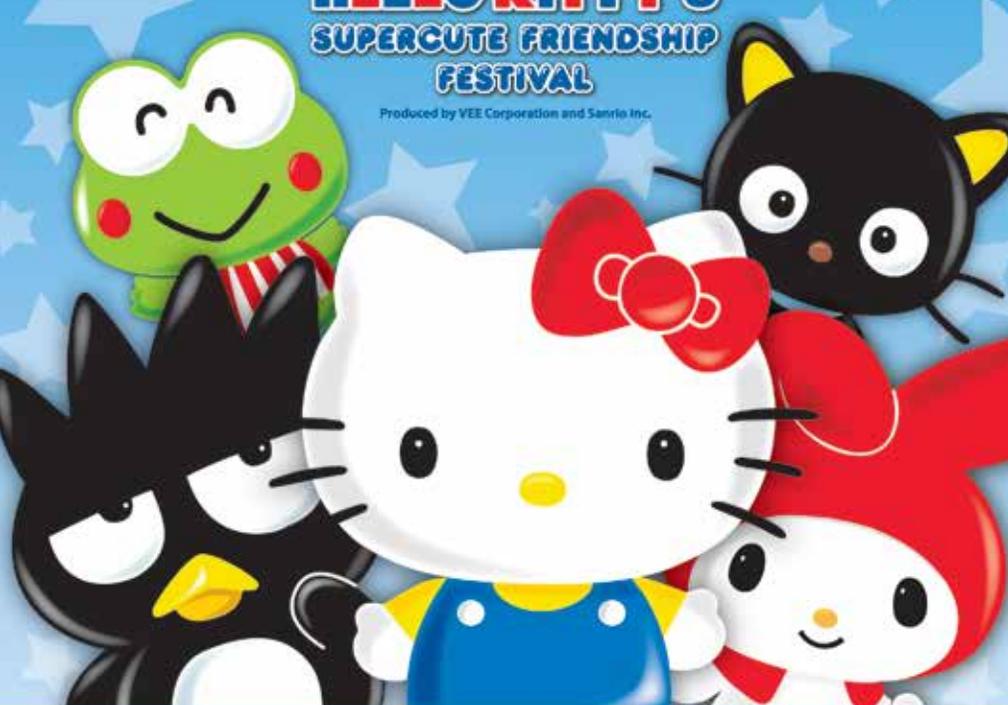
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Biale's Black Chicken: This Bird Can Party!

by Diana Kienle

Zinfandel can be many things; yet, for me, it was once a little known varietal, and I did not appreciate its multitude of expressions. Well, that was before Biale's Black Chicken, and to this day I remember the bottle and the vintage where I first met this party animal, and I've been a fan ever since.

It was the 2004 Biale Black Chicken. Previously, I had dismissed Zinfandel as a big fruity wine with a single note. It all changed when I met this bird.

It was amazingly fresh; there was depth of flavor and a degree of complexity and richness I had not discovered before in this

the fun here is to sip through different wines and discern the differences of the vineyard from whence it came.

Fun should be a part of your visit, and this is a winery that has a sense of humor. The mailers that they send out represent that sense of lightheartedness, and you



Robert Biale Vineyards. Photo by Cathy Schwamberger.

varietal. I kept buying it vintage after vintage and sharing the gem with my friends. Trust me, I sold a lot of this wine - no commission - just the pleasure of knowing my friends were enjoying a great wine with a modest price.

That was over 10 years ago - and the Biale winery is still a keeper. It is located in the southern part of Napa Valley in Napa itself. The tastings are by appointment only, and you can expect your line-up to include five wines. Vineyards surround the winery and tasting room, and you can sit outside on the porch and enjoy a clear view of the vines.

Biale makes Zinfandel and Petit Sirah from single vineyards in Sonoma and Napa, and each bottle represents a specific vineyard with clearly a different expression. Part of

will see it in the tasting. Just recently, we were hosted by "Coach" who has been with the winery for many years and enjoys sharing the quality and caliber of Biale Wines with visitors.

I highly recommend a visit when you are in the area, they are located at 4038 Big Ranch Rd. in Napa. If you can't get to the area, Biale's production is such that they have distribution across the country. Check their website, www.robertbialevineyards.com, to find a location near you!

Enjoy!

Diana Kienle is a freelance writer and blogs about wine at www.dianaswineblog.com. She can be reached at diana@dianaswineblog.com.



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Dinosaurs & Opera On the Big Screen

by Chris Narloch

IMAX screens will be over-run by dinosaurs this month, as the long-awaited sequel to *Jurassic Park* stomps in to theaters and takes a bite out of the competition.

If blockbusters aren't your bag, you can skip *Jurassic World* and see some great opera on the big screen.

Read on for more details.

the last several years, under the banner *The Met: Live in HD*.

These big screen presentations are much cheaper than a ticket to the actual opera



Chris Pratt stars as a dinosaur trainer in *Jurassic World*.

Jurassic World

The press screening was after our deadline, but you can read my review online after *Jurassic World* opens at Sacramento's Esquire IMAX on Thursday, June 11 at 7 p.m.

Hunky Chris Pratt (*Guardians of the Galaxy*) plays the movie's "dinosaur trainer" hero, and Bryce Dallas Howard is the theme park's operations manager.

As he did on the third film in the series, executive producer Steven Spielberg leaves the directing to another filmmaker on this fourth film.

The lucky stiff is director Colin Trevorrow, who made *Safety Not Guaranteed*, a charmingly quirky indie sci-fi drama from 2012.

That fact (and the scary-looking trailer) has me hopeful that *Jurassic World* may return this franchise to the glory days of the first two Spielberg-directed films.

The Met: Live in HD

If you're a fan of opera, then you probably already know that New York City's Metropolitan Opera has been showing many of their productions in movie theaters over

would be, not to mention the cost of flying to New York, etc.

This July, on separate dates, you can enjoy encore performances of four great operas from the Met's award-winning series: *La Traviata*, *La Fille Du Regiment*, *The Merry Widow* and *Aida*.

For more information, visit www.metopera.org.

Nightingale

If you know somebody who has HBO, invite yourself over to watch this riveting psychological drama, which features a tour de force performance from David Oyelowo, who should have been Oscar-nominated for *Selma*.

Oyelowo will likely be Emmy-nominated for his work in *Nightingale*, a recently aired presentation on HBO that follows an emotionally disturbed army vet who has been living with his mother while working a dead-end job.

Oyelowo, who is essentially the only actor onscreen for the entirety of the movie, is mesmerizing as a man who is rapidly unraveling. The film purposely doesn't tie up all of its mysteries, and *Nightingale* is a fascinatingly freaky-weird trip.

Neon Trees Shares New Video For *Songs I Can't Listen To*



LGBT rights activist Dustin Lance Black, who won the 2008 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for *Milk*, joins Neon Trees in their new music video for the single *Songs I Can't Listen To*. Watch the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvOhxCK52pg

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Queer Music For Pride by Chris Narloch

Pride month seemed like the perfect opportunity to shine the rainbow spotlight on new queer music. Check out these CDs by three of the hottest rising LGBT artists.

Antigone Rising *Whiskey & Wine Vol. 2*

The quartet of 21st Century riot girls in this all-lesbian, alt-country pop/rock group are on a roll, having just released a fun, five-song EP. They also recently signed on to perform at the inaugural "Concert of Love and Acceptance" to be presented by GLAAD



Stewart Taylor

and Ty Herndon during CMA Fest in Nashville.

Antigone Rising is composed of sisters Kristen Ellis-Henderson (bass guitar, vocals) and Cathy Henderson (lead guitar, vocals), Nini Camps (rhythm guitar, vocals) and Dena Tauriello (drums).



The harmony-driven tunes on *Whiskey & Wine - Volume 2* include the catchy opening cut, "Game Changer," the countrified "My Town" and the fun "Weed and Wine."

Stewart Taylor – *Stewart Taylor*

Stewart Taylor is based in Boston, where he graduated from the Berklee College of Music and is an active voice in the LGBT community.

A glam pop/r & b singer-songwriter and dancer, Taylor recently released his self-titled debut EP, which was inspired by the styles and sounds of the 1980s.

Stewart's music and fashion channels the likes of Michael Jackson, Prince, and Madonna. The EP's lead single, "Liberation," is an anti-bullying anthem about coming out

and finding empowerment in self-acceptance.

All four original songs on the EP are available as free downloads on Soundcloud or can be purchased and streamed on iTunes and Spotify.

Anne Steele – *What's Mine*

An award-winning cabaret singer in New York City, Anne Steele recently released her first EP of original music.

Inspired by the work of Pink, Kelly Clarkson and Sara Bareilles, Steele has written and recorded a pop EP that includes everything from dance songs and gay anthems to beautiful ballads.

What's Mine is an intimate collection of tunes in which for the first time Steele utilizes her own words and voice on half a dozen terrific tunes, including "Worst I Ever Had," "Don't Tell Us How To Love," and the EP's title track.



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The Sacramento French Film Festival Returns

by Chris Narloch

The 14th Sacramento French Film Festival, the region's premier festival of cinema, returns to the Crest Theatre on June 19 for two wonderful weekends of fabulous French films.

This year's Festival will present 13 of the most acclaimed, awarded, and talked about titles, including the most prominent 2015 Cesar (French Academy Awards) winners; three classics; two late night movies; and too many short films to count.

There will be an Opening Reception on Friday, June 19, and the Closing Night Champagne Party starts immediately after the final film on Sunday, June 28, with champagne, desserts and live music.

That closing night film is *Timbuktu*, the most awarded French film of the year and a nominee for the 2015 Oscar for Best Foreign Film. The movie portrays the everyday life of a small village, near Timbuktu, now ruled by religious fundamentalists.

It wouldn't be a French Film Festival without the great

Catherine Deneuve, who is represented this year with *In The*

The New Girlfriend is a highly acclaimed drama with Romain



The stars of *Girlhood*, playing at the 14th Sacramento French Film Festival.

Courtyard. The actress plays a recent retiree living in a residential building in Paris who begins an awkward friendship with the building's caretaker.

Isabelle Huppert, another brilliant French actress, stars in Claude Chabrol's big screen adaptation of *Madame Bovary*. That 1991 movie is presented as part of the festival's classic series, which also includes films by Rene Clair and Philippe De Broca.

LGBT audiences will find two titles of particular interest this year.

Duris as a widower whose late wife's best friend discovers that he has started dressing in the dead woman's clothes.

Finally, real girl power is represented in *Girlhood*, about a black teenaged girl living in Paris who starts a new life with a group of three other free-spirited young women after leaving her abusive family situation.

For more information, including a complete list of this year's films, please visit www.SacramentoFrenchFilmFestival.org.

Comedy at Berkeley Rep

by Chris Narloch

Berkeley Repertory Theatre, which won the Regional Theatre Tony Award in 1997, has consistently produced some of the finest theater on the West Coast in the decades since it began as a storefront stage in 1968.

2015 is no exception, as Berkeley Rep is currently showcasing a "gut-busting" comedy that is not to be missed.

One Man, Two Guvnors

I haven't seen this production just yet, but I did love the riotously funny British one that starred James Corden when it was shown in movie theaters as part of the National Theatre Live series.

So I am certain that Berkeley Rep will have a hilarious hit on its hands with its production of *One Man, Two Guvnors*, directed by David Ivers and featuring songs by Grant Olding.

Written by Richard Bean, and based on *The Servant of Two Masters* by Carlo Goldoni, the play is set in 1963 Brighton, England where one Francis Henshall, a disarming dolt, finds himself working for two different bosses that he needs to keep from discovering each other.

A potentially uproarious mash-up of comedy, British panto, and music-hall revues, *One Man, Two Guvnors* will also feature live musicians paying homage to rockabilly and a certain Fab Four.

Berkeley Rep concludes its 48th season with *One Man, Two Guvnors*, playing through June 21. Visit www.berkeleyrep.org.



At Berkeley Rep, Dan Donohue stars as Francis Henshall, a failed skiffle player, who finds himself juggling two masters in Richard Bean's *One Man, Two Guvnors*, a delicious mash-up of splendid comedy, British pantomime, and music-hall revues. Photo by kevinberne.com

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Most of all it was the over 10,000 Sacramentans, just like you, that came out and shared your Pride, that made the day spectacular! Not to mention all of you that marched in the Pride Parade and staffed the community booths.

All of this could not have happened without the hundreds of volunteers who helped with setting up and tearing down the Festival grounds, kept an eye out for your safety and medical needs and kept the grounds sparkling.

Behind the scenes the Pride Committee worked year long to make this year's Pride amazing, so a big tip of the hat goes to this year's Pride Committee!

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