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As we prepare for our 37th year at Camp Sunburst, we need your help. Over the past two years, we have experienced federal funding cuts and financial challenges due to the times we live in. We are asking for supporters in our communities to host "house parties" for Sunburst. It's an opportunity to invite friends, co-workers, community activists and philanthropists to your home to meet our founder, Geri DeLaRosa, our board members and our staff and to learn more about the important work we do for youth and families living with HIV/AIDS. All you need to do is open your home, invite your friends, and we will take care of the rest.

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Sincerely,
Diana Pretzlaff
Development Director
Sunburst Projects

Advocacy Day



Equality California welcomed more than 200 LGBTQ leaders, activists and allies from across California to Sacramento for a day of grassroots political action. On May 14, the participants spent the day raising awareness about critical priorities for the LGBTQ community, people living with HIV, and all communities impacted by the divisive actions of the Trump-Pence Administration. The activists attended a rally with speakers from the Legislative LGBTQ Caucus and our allies, received advocacy training on our priority bills and met face-to-face with legislators in scheduled meetings throughout the day.

The First Annual Natomas Big Gay Celebration

by Chris Narloch

On Sunday, June 23, you can bring your rainbow flags and your gay pride to North Natomas Regional Park for that community's First Annual Big Gay Celebration.



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There is no admission fee to attend The Natomas Big Gay Celebration, other than to spread unconditional love.

The event will be a community gathering for everyone - all ages and orientations are welcome, and the celebration will feature food trucks, drag queens, a DJ, games and crafts for the kids, a picnic area, and vendor booths for local businesses, artists, and community foundations.

The Natomas Big Gay Celebration is truly a grassroots event that was organized by Natomas resident Dexter Rey after he found a homophobic flyer on his door one day.

This will be a great opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate and meet new friends, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on June 23. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/314694316061606>.

Chicago Celebrates Pride Month with Rainbow Covered Train

Love is love is love! Chicago is showing love for its community with its Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Pride Train. Throughout the month of June, Windy City residents will have the pleasure of commuting around town in a rainbow covered CTA train that celebrates inclusive LGBTQ healthcare inside four of its cars.



Chicago's Rainbow covered pride train. Photo by Rachel Bowen.

Matching the colorful exterior, the Midwest's leading LGBTQ healthcare organization, Howard Brown Health, has decorated the interior of the trains with dynamic visuals representing the

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DNC on LGBTQ Pride Month and the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall

In celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month and the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, DNC Chair Tom Perez, DNC LGBTQ Caucus Chair Earl Fowlkes, Treasurer William Derrough, and Secretary Jason Rae released the following statement:

"As we begin LGBTQ Pride Month and prepare to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Stonewall, when brave members of New York's LGBTQ community said enough to brutal discrimination, Democrats across the country are celebrating our nation's progress and rededicating ourselves to the fight for equality. No one should face violence, bullying, or discrimination because of who they are or who they love. And every American should enjoy the same rights and protections under our Constitution.

"But we cannot take anything for granted. The legal protections that so many LGBTQ Americans and their allies have fought for are under threat. For two and a half years, President Trump has used the power of his office to drag our nation backwards, emboldening bigots and breaking his promise to support the LGBTQ community. From banning transgender troops from serving in our nation's armed forces to undermining workplace discrimination protections, his administration has rolled back our progress time and time again.

"Democrats will never back down. In the last election cycle, LGBTQ Democrats ran for office and won in record numbers, tearing down old barriers and transforming our democracy. As we head toward Election Day in 2019 and 2020, we're going to continue to stand with the LGBTQ community and carry on this fight with the courage and pride of the countless activists and organizers who came before us."

Buckle Your Seatbelt for a Drag Landing

In support of Pride month and The Trevor Project, OTG Hospitality Group and United Airlines are hosting the first-ever Airport DJ Drag Brunch at Newark Liberty International Airport.

Produced by the renowned nightlife impresario, Jake Resnicow, the brunch will feature live entertainment and top-tier talent, including DJ Steve-Sidewalk and brunch host, Harmonica Sunbeam. There will also be epic performances from iconic divas such as Jahlissa A. Ross, Pattaya Hart, Fifi Dubois, Caracol Richards, Daesha Richards and Kennedy Davenport, star of the hit TV show "RuPaul's Drag Race."

The Drag Brunch will be held at Novella in Terminal C's Global Bazaar on June 20. Prior to, and after the brunch, entertainers will travel throughout Terminal C allowing opportunities for passengers to engage in the festivities.

Brunch attendees will comprise of representatives from The Trevor Project, United EQUAL members, MileagePlus® Exclusives auction winners, select media and influencers. To bid in the auction for tickets please visit <https://exclusives.mileageplus.com/pride>.



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It was the Summer of '69

by Kip Bridges

Five nights of riots that have given us five decades of PRIDE. On the same day as the funeral of Judy Garland, a few blocks up in Manhattan, a 3 a.m. police raid of The Stonewall Inn on June 28 took a violent turn when several LGBT individuals were arrested on questionable charges, publicly handcuffed and forced into police vehicles. The Stonewall Inn was at the center of the gay world in Greenwich Village, a safe haven for LGBT people. On this night, they had enough! The arrests incited riots, spilling over into neighboring streets and lasting several days.



Marsha "Pay it no Mind" Johnson was at The Stonewall Inn during the first nights of the riots. She was part of the vanguard of drag queens and gay men of color that became the spark for the nascent gay rights movement. Johnson moved to NYC in the mid- 1960s from New Jersey, where she lived some of her life on the streets until becoming a fixture in the nightclub scene and blossomed into a prominent drag queen and Andy Warhol muse. She was a fierce and bold ACT UP activist that enjoyed outlandish hats and glamorous jewelry. When asked what the "P" in her name stood for or when people asked about her sexuality, she'd respond with, "Pay it No Mind." Johnson used her strength to speak out about the injustices in the days following Stonewall. Along with fellow gay liberation and transgender rights activist Syliva Rivera, they co-founded the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) in 1970, a year after Stonewall. A group dedicated to helping homeless young drag queens, gay kids and trans women. Sylvia began life on the streets at 11, forced to work as a child prostitute after she was kicked out of her home by her grandmother

for wearing make-up in the 4th grade. Both women projected their voices to give power to their community. They amplified the voices of the most vulnerable.

On the first anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in June of 1970, the first gay Pride march was held in Manhattan. Since then, millions have celebrated PRIDE in June with marches, parades, picnics, and festivals, oh my! Stonewall closed after the riots, but the business was reopened in 2007 and was recognized as a National Historic Landmark by President Obama. The hubs and I visited after its reopening: the costumers drinking and watching a drag queen were unaware of its history. Stonewall violence was a turning point for the Gay Liberation Movement. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Stonewall. It is T time! There is a new language to describe who Marsha: transgender is the new wave of human rights. Gender identity and gender expression is our new rallying roar. Let's celebrate Pride this year reflecting on the work of Marsha P. Johnson and Silvia Rivera - two trans women of color who fought for our right to party. Happy Pride!

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Drones, along with swarm technology, will be utilized to light up the night skies around Cal Expo to choreographed music, creating stunning visuals and patterns that will provide entertainment to fairgoers. The drone light show will replace the traditional fireworks show and takes place at the Miller Lite Racetrack Grandstand. The visuals created by the drones can be seen as far as two football fields away.

"Our team is working diligently to bring new and exciting forms of entertainment to the California State Fair," said Rick Pickering, Cal Expo General Manager and CEO. "For over 165 years, the State Fair has been a place to showcase innovation. We're pleased to partner with Dish to bring this technology to the California State Fair to entertain families in a more inclusive way."

Drone light shows are considered to be more environmentally safe, and inclusive to families and those who have sensitivities to loud explosions created by traditional fireworks. Pickering noted that in 2015, the

California State Fair received national notoriety when it created the Inaugural United States Drone Racing Championship, leading to advancements in drone technology and dimensional goggles.

"We are looking forward to being a part of the entertainment line-up for the California State Fair this year, producing a 80 drone custom show with the latest swarm technology utilizing bright color-changing LED lights, creating a variety shapes, and 3-dimensional formations is sure to amaze," said Matt Quinn, Director of Operations and CEO of GLDC.

The drone light show will be available every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night throughout the duration of the California State Fair, July 12-28, and is open to those who have purchased a general admission ticket.

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Stonewall Foundation Announces 2019 Winners of CSUS McBride Scholarships

by Charlene Jones

The Stonewall Foundation of Greater Sacramento expanded its educational sponsorship in 2019 by funding TWO scholarships for CSU Sacramento students seeking to increase LGBTQ equity and representation. In collaboration with the university, the Foundation was honored to select Clara Silva and Nathalie Mendoza as 2019 recipients of its scholarships, named for lifelong champion of LGBTQ rights, Laurie McBride.



Clara Silva

Clara Silva is well on her way to completing undergraduate and graduate degrees in social work with plans to provide advocacy and counseling to transgender and gender non-conforming community members. She volunteers at Danelle's Place, a safe drop-in respite program of Sacramento's Gender Health Center, where she expects to intern as a counselor in the future. At CSUS Clara also volunteers at the Pride Center and Lavender Collective, speaking as a panelist about her experiences as a queer transwoman, and at Sacramento community's Trans Day of Visibility. She is eager to learn more about gender and sexuality from many disciplinary perspectives and will also pursue a secondary academic emphasis in LGBTQ+ studies.

"... I am a queer transwoman and LGBTQ+ advocate at heart. The severe discrimination I faced from medical professionals, the times I was regularly denied needed care, and the moments when I have been physically assaulted and vocally harassed are experiences, I will never forget. I want to be part of the social justice movement and improve the future of fellow queer and trans individuals."

Nathalie Mendoza has been named on education honor rolls and as a National Hispanic Merit Scholar. After returning to post-secondary education, she transferred to CSUS to finish a degree in Anthropology with plans for graduate work at the

University of California, Berkeley. Career goals include research in forensic anthropology or paleoanthropology with an eye on becoming a university professor or museum curator. Nathalie co-founded both Advocates Creating Safer Spaces and Spectrum to cultivate a community that does not tolerate violence, abuse, sexual assault, homophobia, nor discrimination. Spectrum, Sacramento's Queer Latin Dance Community offers inclusive Latin dance lessons, socials, and events, with emphasis on safety for people of color, women, queer and transgender individuals.



Nathalie Mendoza

"... For over a decade, my partner, who is masculine-of-center, was the only visibly out queer person going to salsa dancing venues. This didn't come without its fair share of traumas—I noticed a shift in the way I was treated as soon as I began dating my partner. We decided that we needed to start advocating for the marginalized queer and trans folks within the Latin dance community. All people, including queer and trans folks, have the right to pursue their interests and experience joy without fear of discrimination or disrespect...."

Seeking to advance equal rights for all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, McBride Scholarships assist students working for political, social and economic rights of the LGBTQ community. The Stonewall Foundation cultivates leaders who, like Laurie McBride, understand that fighting for equality requires commitment and resolve. www.sacstonewallfoundation.org



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A Community for Peace for Rainbow Families

by Elaine M. Whitefeather

When Societal Oppression is NOT the context for social justice, regarding domestic violence (DV)/intimate partner violence (IPV), the result is harm by service providers, first responders, faith communities, schools, social services and the justice and social systems, as a whole.

Did you know that the result is that LGBTQ+ people have higher rates of abuse and violence in their relationships, and also are the least likely group to have resources and options for leaving and gaining safety? Because so many of the rainbow community may have abusive families of origin or are without supportive families within a society that is unsafe, and an over 60% rate of people experiencing abuse from service providers and even domestic violence advocates. Options for safety and healing, by and for the LGBTQ+ community, is now available. Sacramento now has California's first state certified domestic violence agency whose mission is to bring comprehensive, relevant and sensitive programs for the underserved and the marginalized LGBTQ, black, brown and undocumented victims and survivors loving and living with IPV within the greater context of societal oppression.

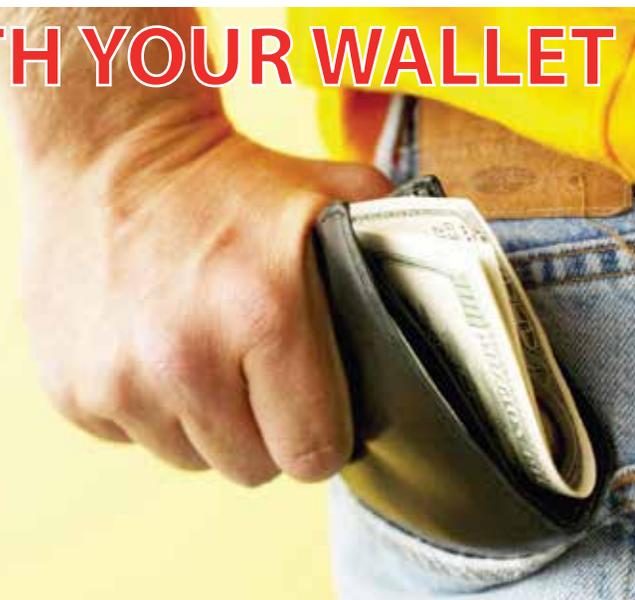
The Tapestry Program at A Community for Peace is by and for the diverse LGBTQ+ community, staffed by survivor advocates who are rainbow family and understand the many painful layers and barriers that contribute to the cycle of violence in the home. The Tapestry Program was born from ACFP's own Executive Director Elaine Whitefeather experiences of IPV in her own lesbian relationship. She faced the reality that having no "Safe" people or resources, who could accurately address the internal AND external safety issues regarding dominant culture; contributed to her own challenges to leaving, which are greater than what cisgender, hetero relationships face. There needed to be culturally relevant and sensitive resources and support for those of us

experiencing IPV in LGBTQ+ homes, if we want end abuse in our relationships and in our families.

ACFP is looking for the "right" kind of volunteer advocate to join our team as we open the first LGBTQ & Trans specific Safe Refuge, 24 hour crisis access and on site advocacy and support through Transcendent, our Boutique Thrift Store for our gender diverse community. Services for individuals, children and couples are offered. Volunteer recruitment is happening now! The next Domestic Violence Advocate Academy and Community Education Training starts on July 29th. We are looking for a diverse representation of people in the rainbow who may want to give back; serve their community and invest in our health and wellbeing of our community. If you would like to learn more please contact Laura Clegg at laura@acomunityforpeace.org or call (916) 728-5613

Article written by Elaine M. Whitefeather who is the Executive Director and founder of A Community For Peace. A 30+ year veteran of the Domestic Violence movement her expertise in developing sound culturally relevant and sensitive services provides a broad social justice expertise in delivering comprehensive holistic services to people who also live in the context of a greater societal oppression. A visionary activist, her organization program service delivery is innovative, cutting edge and one of a kind. She hopes ACFP will become a model for the state's dv movement inspiring other state funded agencies to develop LGBTQ relevant services that speak to the reality of our daily struggle for survival.

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Stand Up for Unity in Our Community

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Northern California's "Summer of Hate," a series of hate crimes committed by a pair of far-right white supremacists in June and July of 1999.

In the early hours of June 18, the criminals firebombed three Sacramento synagogues, littering the grounds with anti-Semitic propaganda. Within days, thousands rallied to support Sacramento's Jewish community. However, the assailants continued their crime spree, murdering gay couple Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder in their Redding-area home and firebombing a Sacramento women's health clinic before their arrest on July 7.

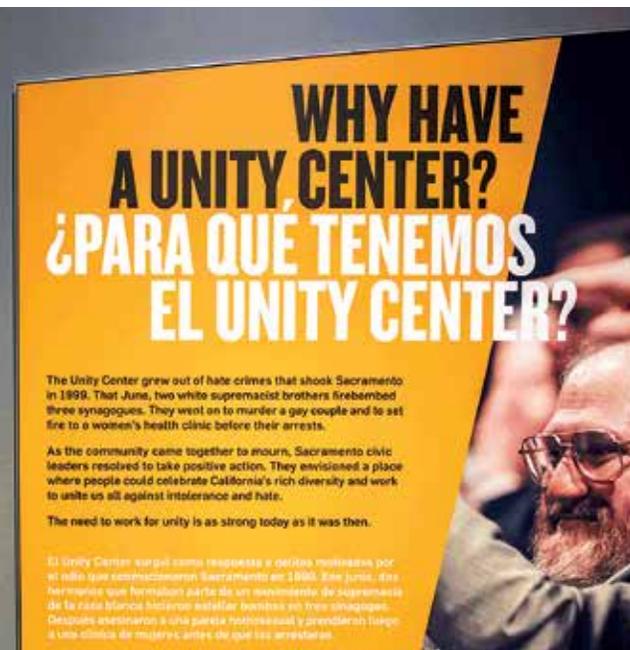
The succession of tragic events shook residents across Northern California and made national headlines. In response, a coalition of local civic leaders announced plans to build a venue to teach acceptance of others and to bridge differences in beliefs, backgrounds, and gender identities.

The result was the Capital Unity Center, a non-profit that delivered education workshops and multimedia content for K-12 students as the Unity Lab. The organization and its projects came to a standstill, however, when funding to continue operations could not be raised following the 2008 recession.

In 2013, the California Museum's Board of Trustees approached then-Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, an early supporter of the Capital Unity Center, with the prospect of turning the project into a

and celebrates California's diverse people, customs and cultures. Through a series of interactive multimedia exhibits and gallery-based education and advocacy tools, it

Unity Center and all current exhibits, plus complimentary screenings of short and documentary films highlighting diversity, activism and community resilience along



long-term installation at the museum. With Steinberg's support, the project came to the California Museum, where the Unity Center opened on Aug. 26, 2017 as the first of its kind to inspire visitors to take a stand against hate, intolerance and bigotry as Unity Activists.

The Unity Center at California Museum highlights the state's rich civil rights history

encourages visitors to find common ground while embracing their own individuality, and to exercise their rights and stand up for the rights of others.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the events of 1999, the California Museum will host "Stand Up for Unity in Our Community" on Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23. The event features free admission to the

with hands-on activism and social justice activities.

In addition to free admission and special activities offered for the event, visitors can take advantage of \$3 flat-rate parking in the 1500 10th Street garage on Saturday, June 22 and free on-street parking on Sunday, June 23. For more information or to plan a visit, visit CaliforniaMuseum.org.

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Out & About With Matt

by Matthew Burlingame

The last few weeks have been a good time to sit back shoveling down the popcorn while watching the fur fly on Facebook over our LGBT Center's on again/off again decision not to allow off duty officers to march in uniform this year. For a moment I was concerned that only five of the six Village People are coming!

While those on all sides continue not listening to one another, kudos to the organizers of the vigil in late May for our black transgender sisters Muhlaysia Booker of Dallas and Michelle Simone of Philadelphia were both shot and killed. It was a small turn out, but perhaps everyone was too busy commenting on social media to look up from their phones.

Meanwhile, huge congratulations to the city of Elk Grove for passing their historic proclamation declaring June 2019 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month!

Leave all the stress and negativity behind on June 14 and come be refreshed at "Liquid Therapy" Outword's Monthly Happy Hour at Badlands Sacramento, 2003 K St. where the drink specials are plenty and the giveaways are to live for!

Get loud and proud as Sacramento Pride month continues with dance numbers, show-stopping divas, and a host of costumed characters! ArtMix PRIDE (The Musical II) at the Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. on June 13 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. will feature performances by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus, 6 Players Studio Theatre, DJs, a

drag revue, and more during this evening mocktails, cocktails and possibilities. This will be a 21+ event. Crockerart.org

Come support live music in Sacramento on "Blues & Bourbon Wednesdays" at The Momo, 2708 J St. (above Harlow's). This month they have several touring acts making their local debut. Come see Bobby Radcliff from New York, NY on June 19 and Vanessa Collier from Philadelphia, PA on June 26.

Celebrate equality at the sixth annual River Cats Equality Night on June 14 at Raley Field when the Sacramento River Cats take on the Omaha Storm Chasers at 7:05 p.m. domoreproject.org

Need more sports? Sacramento Republic FC Pride Night 2019 will be held June 22. Sacramento Republic Football Club is an American professional soccer team that plays in the Western Conference of the USL Championship. The SRFC will take on the Tulsa Roughnecks. sacrepUBLICfc.com

The Queer Leather Association Sacramento (QLAS) invites you to their monthly Second Friday Bear Bust this Pride! The event takes place June 14 at 9 p.m. at the Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood, sacbolt.com

The second annual Front Street Brewfest will take place Saturday, June 15 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Front Street Animal Shelter, 2127 Front St. The block party celebration to benefit the animals of Front Street will include SactoMofo Food Trucks, 40+ regional breweries, bands, games and classic cars! Come help raise money for animals in need while getting your drink on!

Based on the Oscar-winning animated film, Shrek the Musical brings the beloved swamp-dwelling ogre and his trusty sidekick donkey to life! No, I'm totally serious! Relive the Shrek adventure through June 16 as they rescue Princess Fiona and encounter a hilarious community of misfits along the way. A classic story about acceptance and proving that beauty is truly in the eye of the... ogre. A Broadway At Music Circus premiere. Broadwaysacramento.com

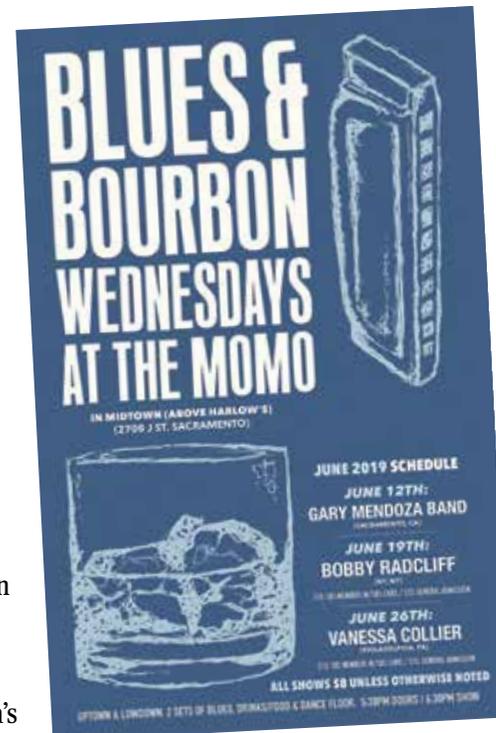
Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus (The Brunchkins) "Out &

About" will feature selections from Wizard of Oz themed movies, musicals and everything in between. Performances are June 14-15 at C. K. McClatchy High School, 3066 Freeport Blvd. sacgaymenschorus.org

National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) is June 27 and a great time get checked if it's been awhile. This year's theme is "Doing It My Way" encourages individuals to share their personal testaments of why testing is important and what motivates them to get tested and stay healthy.

Happy birthday to Carol Couk, June Vargas, Brian Bartlett, West Ramsey, Jim Lane, Cindy Davis, Author Jeff Adams, Rob Roberts of Orange Lounge Radio, Jennifer Marshall Healer, Troy Masters, Jayna Anderson and all the other June babies.

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



Film Festival Fever Grips Nor Cal

by Chris Narloch

Two fabulous film festivals return this month -- one French and one queer -- running concurrently in the Bay Area and Sacramento. The Sacramento French Film Festival returns to the Crest, and Frameline, the largest LGBTQ+ film festival in the world, will again grace movie screens in and around San Francisco.



A still from "End of the Century" which will screen at Frameline 43 in San Francisco.

SFFF

A record 20 feature films, plus many short films, will be shown on the big screen over two weekends, when the Sacramento French Film Festival (SFFF) returns to the historic Crest Theatre later this month.

Festival favorite Audrey Tautou ("Amelie") will be represented by "The Trouble With You (En Liberte)," which also stars queer actress Adele Haenel; and actor Romain Duris, a favorite of this writer, also has a film in the festival this year, entitled "The Freshmen (Premiere Annee)."

The two films I am most excited to see are both French classics from back in the day made by women: 1962's "Cleo From 5 To 7 (Cleo De 5 A 7)," directed by the late, great Agnes Varda, and 1977's "Peppermint Soda (Diabolo Menthe)," from director Diane Kurys.

The SFFF always welcomes special guests and includes parties and prizes and Q&A sessions. Don't miss the fun this June 21-30. For more information, visit

www.SacramentoFrenchFilmFestival.org.

Frameline43

The world's longest-running and largest showcase of queer cinema will return for its 43rd annual Festival this month.

Frameline43, the San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival, takes place June 20-30, in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Oakland.

This year's movie slate includes 59 films screening for the first time in the US, including 22 world premieres, 8 international premieres, 12 North American premieres, and 17 US premieres.

Marlon T. Riggs and Timothy Busfield are just two of the renowned directors represented in this year's festival, and the famous faces making appearances onscreen include Cynthia Nixon, Alec Baldwin, Isabella Rossellini, Mandy Patinkin, and Judith Light.

Go to <https://www.frameline.org> for more information.



Colors of Progress, an art installation by Sacramento artist Phil America that includes 96 flags to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month and to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, was exhibited on Sacramento's Capitol Mall during the first week in June. You can see a smaller display of Colors of Progress outside Governor Gavin Newsom's office, inside the State Capitol Building, through June 30. Photo by Chris Allan.



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Bedrock Wine Company - Tasting on the Sonoma Square

by Diana Keinle

Bedrock is a relatively new winery (2007), yet, with very deep roots in the business. Morgan Twain-Peterson is the owner/winemaker and started his journey as a young boy where he was exposed to wine and wine tasting at an early age. When he was five, he crafted his own Pinot Noir! He grew up with the wine business as his father is the founder of Ravenswood Winery, and is distinct among winemakers in that he is a Master of Wine. This is an intense training program requiring several years of study. He is one of 45 MWs in the U.S. and is one of two winemakers in California to carry that designation.

Bedrock Wine Company is dedicated to preserving and rehabilitating old vineyards around California. This mission and vision contributes to the quality of the wine. Quality is what you will enjoy when you visit the tasting room located on the Sonoma square. It is a peaceful, relaxing space to experience the well-made wines.

There are several things to like and appreciate about the wines of Bedrock. One, as mentioned, is the quality of the wine. This is a winery whose wines have received many highly rated reviews from Wine Spectator, Vinous and The Wine Advocate. That in itself is a noteworthy accomplishment. Next, the portfolio is diverse. The lineup of varietals includes: sparkling, Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Zinfandel, Field Blends, Syrah and Cabernet. They are all well-crafted and display rich fruit and a great mouth feel. Last, but not least, the wines are well priced. For example, I recently picked up my Sauvignon Blanc which was only \$19 a bottle. Well worth the money as it was bright, crisp and refreshing!

The tasting room itself is the historic Joseph Hooker House. It has only been open since July of last year. It is a quaint saltbox home with limited space so appointments are required. You will have a choice to sit inside or out - either choice is a relaxing environment to sip and savor the wines of Bedrock. The standard tasting is \$30 for five wines, starting with a sparkling and progressing through the portfolio. The bigger challenge may be what to take home! For more information about Bedrock, visit <https://bedrockwineco.com>.

Enjoy!



Tips for the Perfect BBQ Get-together

by Leigh Ann Chatagnier

Whether summer means icy, fruity popsicles on the front stoop or s'mores over an evening fire after a grill-out, summer is always the time when we crave food that is fun and fresh and always outside. This chef and founder of My Diary of Us blog has these grill-tastic and tasty cooking tips for flawless summer meals.



1. When grilling meat (poultry, pork, lamb, or beef) let it form a crust on the outside. Resist turning or flipping until it easily pulls off grates. If it is sticking, let it cook for another couple of minutes.
2. Don't press on the meats with a spatula, doing so will release delicious juices.
3. Let raw meats come close to room temperature before grilling. This will create a more evenly cooked piece of meat.

4. Remember to rest any meats after grilling for at least a few minutes to allow the natural juices to settle. With this in mind, you will want to slightly undercook the meat as it will continue to cook while it rests.
5. When grilling vegetables, use skewers so that veggies don't fall through the grates.
6. For summer entertaining, don't be afraid to add fruits and veggies to the grill (like sliced apples).

7. Make sure to pair the oil with the right temperature of heat you are using for what you are cooking. For example, using avocado oil in a marinade for higher temperature cooking vs. olive oil for a medium-medium low temperature. You can grill an entire meal right on the grill if you plan it right! If you would like to try some of Leigh Ann's delicious and easy recipes, go to www.MyDiaryofUs.com



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Ty Herndon Gives His Classic Country Song A Same-Sex Spin

In November of 2014, Ty Herndon, a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter who had a string of hits on the country charts in the '90s, became the first major male country artist to publicly come out as gay.



Screenshot from Ty Herndon's new video of his classic song with a same-sex spin.

With a career spanning two decades, 20 Billboard charted singles and over five million albums sold, Herndon shows no signs of slowing down.

Now, Mr. Herndon has released a re-recorded version of his 1995 breakthrough song "What Mattered Most," along with a new video for that hit. With the pronouns reversed from the original, reframing the subject of Herndon's affection in the song as another man, this new version of the classic ballad reflects Herndon's true self.

The track and video were released on June 4th in honor of Pride Month. About the premiere, Huffpost wrote: "Ty Herndon is kicking off LGBTQ Pride Month by giving one of his most beloved hits a fresh, forward-thinking shine."

Herndon has also announced the upcoming release of a new album, "Got It Covered," arriving August 23, 2019. The 10-track CD is a compilation album featuring reimagined hits and covers of some of Herndon's favorite songs.

Watch Ty Herndon's new video for "What Mattered Most" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSnGDePzppE&feature=youtu.be>.

To help highlight LGBTQ Pride Month, here is some of the other great gay-friendly music released in 2018 and 2019:

- 1) Brandi Carlile - "By The Way, I Forgive You" (cd)
- 2) "Rocketman" - Original Movie Soundtrack
- 3) Wrabel - "The Village" (single)
- 4) Nona Hendryx - "Keep Funkin'" (ep)
- 5) John Duff - "Girly" (single)
- 6) Meshell Ndegeocello - "Ventriloquism" (cd)
- 7) Jake Shears - "Jake Shears" (cd)
- 8) Melissa Etheridge - "The Medicine Show" (cd)
- 9) Chely Wright - "Revival" (ep)
- 10) Telly Leung - "New York State of Mind" (remixes)



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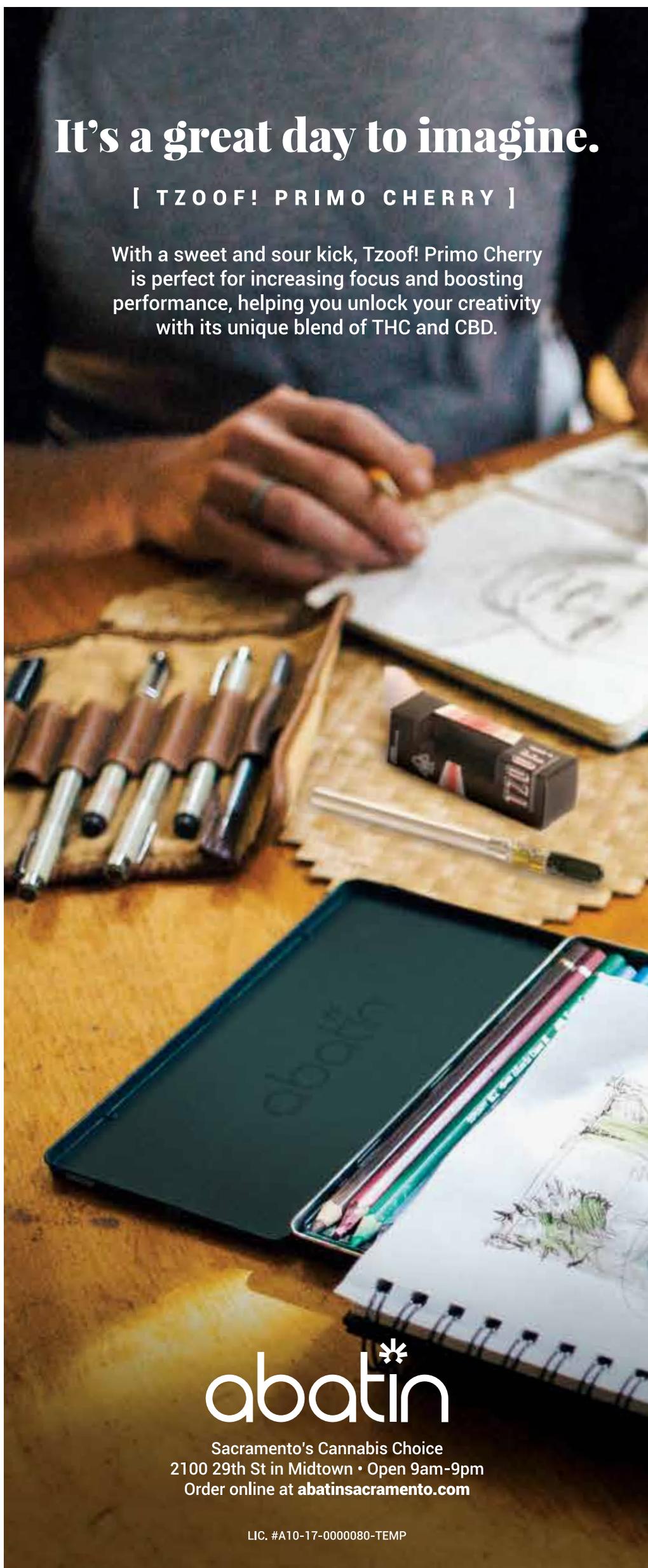


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Broadway At Music Circus Returns With "Shrek"

by Chris Narloch

Old school meets new school with the first two offerings in Broadway At Music Circus's 2019 season, which kicks off this June with the slyly subversive 21st century musical "Shrek," followed by "Oklahoma," the Rodgers and Hammerstein classic from 1943. Read on for details about both shows.

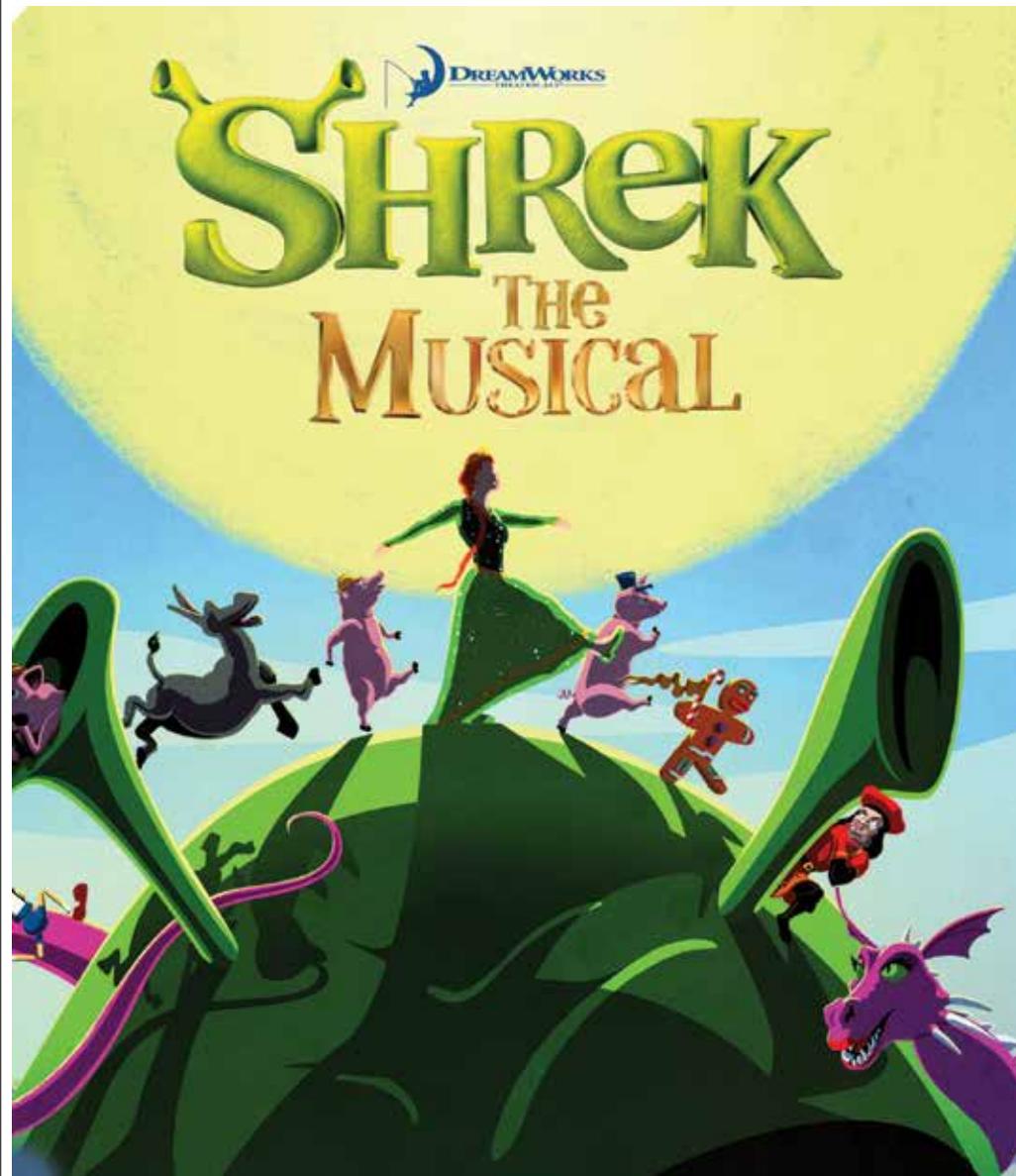
Shrek The Musical

Based on the Oscar-winning film of the same name, "Shrek The Musical" brings the beloved swamp-dwelling ogre and his trusty sidekick, Donkey, to singing and dancing life.

Together, Shrek and Donkey embark on a life-changing journey to rescue the feisty Princess Fiona, encountering a hilarious community of misfits along the way.

Fun for adults and kids alike, this Tony-winning adventure, with songs from Jeanine Tesori and a book by David Lindsay-Abaire, is a story about acceptance, proving that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre.

"Shrek The Musical," directed by Glenn Casale, runs through June 16 at Wells Fargo Pavilion.



Oklahoma

"Oklahoma," which recently celebrated its 75th Anniversary, seems to be everywhere these days, including a darker revival currently on Broadway, and even a wild same-sex version that played at Oregon Shakespeare Festival last year.

The Broadway At Music Circus "Oklahoma" playing in Sacramento this summer promises to be more traditional in tone than those two radical productions, thanks to the always-stellar work of director/choreographer Linda Goodrich.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration, this groundbreaking, Pulitzer Prize-winning musical, set in early 1900s Oklahoma territory, is about a young farm girl and her courtship by two rival suitors.

Oklahoma's rapturous and immortal score features the beloved title song, as well as "People Will Say We're in Love" and "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'."

"Oklahoma" plays June 25-30 at Wells Fargo Pavilion.

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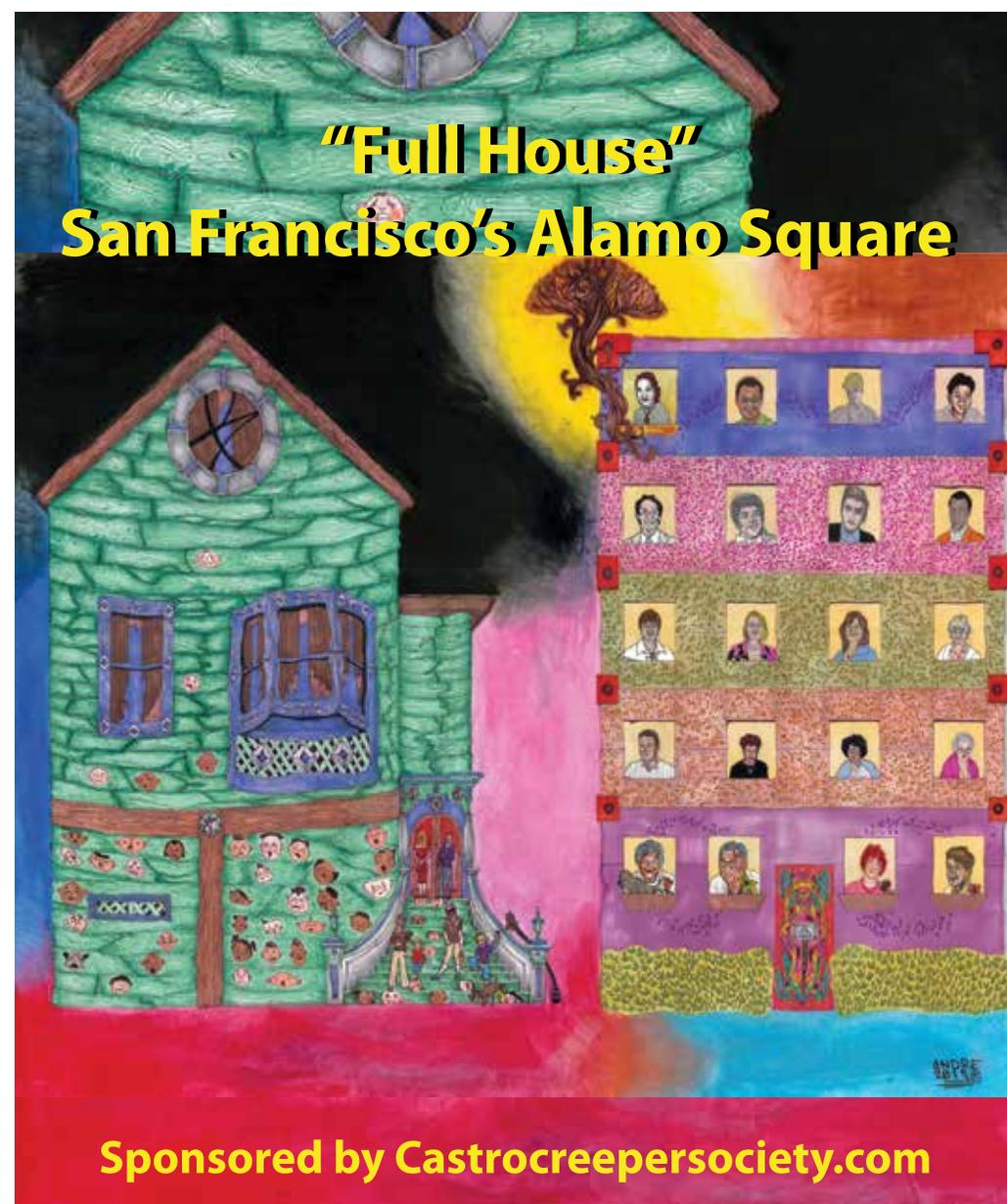
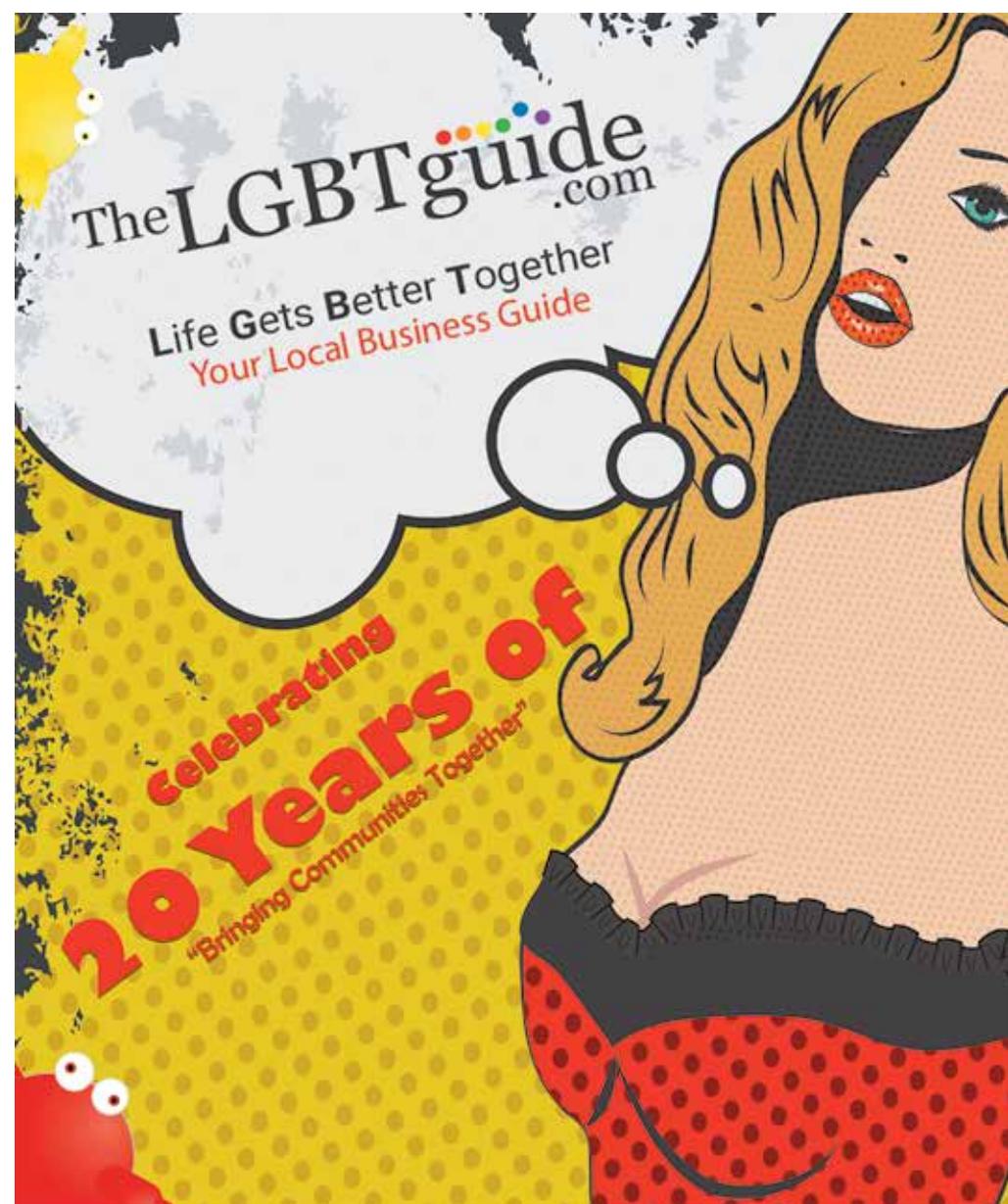
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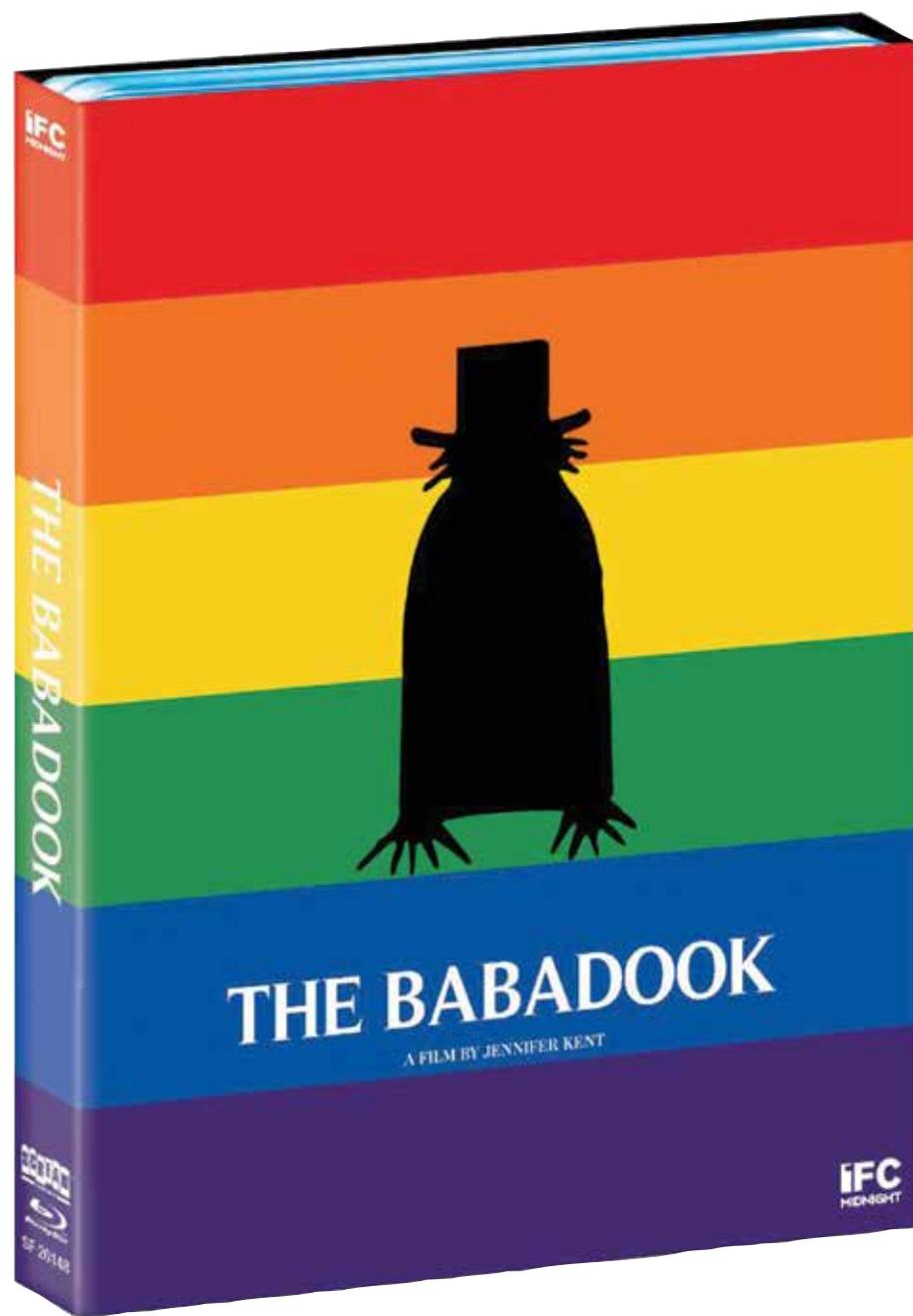




Four New Blu-rays For Pride Month

by Chris Narloch

Several of our favorite queer films are receiving their first-ever Blu-ray release this month to coincide with Pride, including “Jeffrey,” “Can’t Stop The Music,” and “To Wong Foo...”



Shout! Factory is proud to present these campy “classics” in collectible Blu-ray editions aimed at a new generation as well as the fans that fell in love with them in theaters back in the day.

The late Patrick Swayze made a beautiful drag queen and gave one of his finest performances in 1995’s “To Wong Foo Thanks For Everything, Julie Newmar,” alongside Wesley Snipes and John Leguizamo, also in drag.

That trio of unlikely cross-dressing cuties is the best reason to watch “To Wong Foo...” an entertaining road-trip comedy that never quite reaches the heights of “The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.”

If you’ve never seen “Can’t Stop The Music,” you might want to have a couple cocktails or maybe smoke something before you watch this crazy disco flashback from 1980 starring the Village People, Steve Guttenberg, Valerie Perrine, and Bruce Jenner (long before he became Caitlyn).

Decide for yourself whether “Can’t Stop The Music” is so-bad-it’s-good or just plain bad, with a Blu-ray that features new

interviews and bonus content.

You’ll definitely want to get the Blu-ray of “Jeffrey,” a sweet queer rom-com from 1995 that boasts an amazing cast, including Sigourney Weaver, Patrick Stewart, Steven Weber, Olympia Dukakis, Victor Garber, Kathy Najimy, Nathan Lane, and Christine Baranski.

Lastly, although there is nothing gay about the movie, “The Babadook,” a nifty low-budget Australian horror movie from 2014, is definitely queer in the literal sense of being odd, and it’s also scary as hell.

Thanks to social media, “The Babadook” somehow became an LGBTQ sensation in 2017 and 2018, and now Shout! Factory has created a limited Pride edition Blu-ray of the thriller featuring a rainbow slipcover.

Act fast though because only 2,500 of “The Babadook” pride-themed Blu-rays are being made, and they will be sold exclusively at ShoutFactory.com.

Happy movie watching and happy Pride.

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

Three Bay Area Cultural Organizations Join Together to Celebrate Pride Month

The California Historical Society (CHS), The Contemporary Jewish Museum (CJM), and the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA) are joining together to celebrate Pride month. With a wide range of programs at each institution, including exhibitions, a lecture series, special programming, and events, these organizations are helping tell the unique stories of the LGBTQA community by shining a light on the historical importance to the region, state, and nation.

This is the first time these three organizations have worked together to promote special programming, also complementing two ongoing exhibitions focused on LGBTQA communities: at The CJM, "Show Me as I Want to Be Seen," through July 7, and at OMCA, "Queer California: Untold Stories," through August 11. Over the weekend of June 22-23, members of each organization will receive reciprocal access to all three institutions.

The California Historical Society programming includes a lecture series held every Tuesday evening during Pride month beginning at 6 p.m. at the CHS galleries at 678 Mission Street featuring authors, archivists, photographers, filmmakers, and historians. The lecture topics include a film screening and discussion of "Major! The life and campaigns of Miss Major Griffin-Gracy" (June 18), and a presentation on "California's 'Gay Revolution' in the Stonewall Era" (June 25).

The Contemporary Jewish Museum's current exhibition (on view through July 7), "Show Me as I Want to Be Seen," asks how do we depict "the self" if it is unknowable, inherently constructed, and ever-changing? "Show Me as I Want to Be Seen" examines the empowered representation of fluid and complex identity. On June 20, The CJM will participate in "Call and Responses: Curator

Swap," a new progressive gallery talk in collaboration with CHS and the Museum of the African Diaspora, which will bring together educators and curators to examine work on view at the three museums in connection with Pride.

In addition to its exhibition, "Queer California: Untold Stories" (on view through August 11), which explores many of the untold narratives of California's LGBTQA communities through contemporary art and history, Oakland Museum of California will also host special events and film screenings during Pride month. This includes, "In Conversation: Black Trans Women on Resilience and Strength" on June 15, a multigenerational discussion on transgender rights and policies to help us imagine a safe and equitable queer future.

During the San Francisco Pride parade on June 30, staff members from each of the three institutions, in partnership with several other Bay Area cultural institutions, will march in the parade together as part of Museums with Pride.

To learn more about these and other Pride events being organized during the month of June and beyond, please visit each organization's website www.californiahistoricalsociety.org, www.thecjm.org, and www.museumca.org.

Wear it With Pride

June is LGBTQ Pride Month! Pride month is an opportunity for all to come together, peacefully protest, raise political awareness and celebrate love around the world. Along with the celebrations, it's a time for people to flaunt their fashion and go all out. Rounderbum's new pride line is sure to be a fashion essential in pride celebrations



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Melissa Etheridge And King Princess To Headline San Diego Pride

San Diego Pride announced the full lineup of entertainment for the 2019 Pride Festival, held at Marston Point in Balboa Park, Saturday, July 13 to Sunday, July 14. Boasting the largest queer representation to date, entertainers and performers include headliners Melissa Etheridge and King Princess. The festival will hosts over 100 entertainers across four stages: The Stonewall Main Stage, Movement Stage (Hip-Hop), Mundo Latino Stage (Latinx) and Euphoria Stage (EDM).



San Diego Pride 2018 crowd at the main stage. Photo by Alwx Villafuerte.

This year's theme is "Stonewall 50: A Legacy of Liberation," to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots and to honor the Stonewall generation, their activism, and all that the LGBTQ community has gained through their efforts.

The San Diego Pride lineup will include:

Melissa Etheridge, an early supporter and member of the community, came out in 1993 and disrupted the 90's rock genre with

music surrounding her sexual identity.

King Princess is a genderqueer pop artist intended on using their platform to bring visibility to the community.

Mykki Blanco, Movement Stage Headliner Snow Tha Product, Mundo Latino Headliner and San Diego native

Aquaria, The Winner of RuPaul's Drag Race Season 10 and Finalists Asia O'Hara and Kim Chi

And more!

Festival general admission tickets are \$20

for single-day admission and \$25 for a weekend pass. All GA tickets will be \$30 at the gate. Discounted \$15 senior general admission passes available at the box office. Volunteers and youth high school-aged and younger will be admitted free.

San Diego Pride was formed in 1974 as a sponsored program of The Center for Social Services which produced the first Lesbian and Gay Parade in San Diego in 1975 to celebrate the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion on New York's Christopher Street. San Diego

Pride was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1994.

For the full line up and schedule, visit sdpride.org/festival-lineup/. For more information about the festival visit sdpride.org/festival. Tickets can be purchased at www.bit.ly/sdf19. All proceeds from the festival and parade support San Diego Pride's LGBTQ-centered philanthropy and year-round education and advocacy programs. Be sure to check out San Diego Pride on Facebook at www.bit.ly/sdcpf19.

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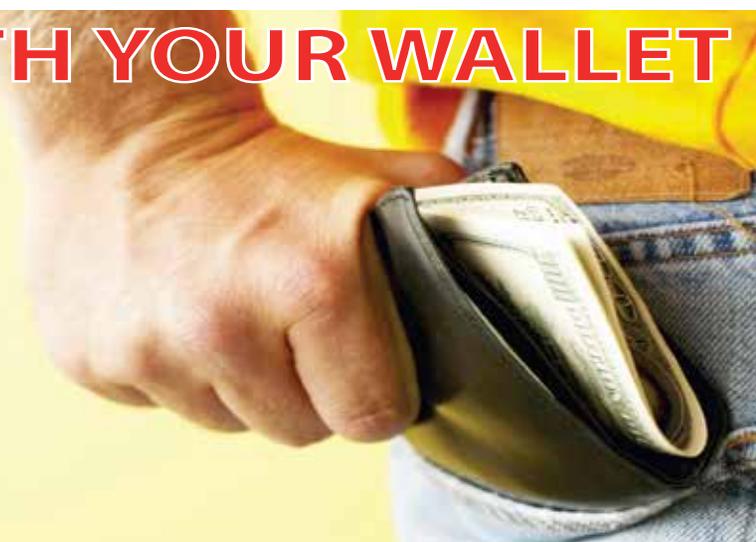
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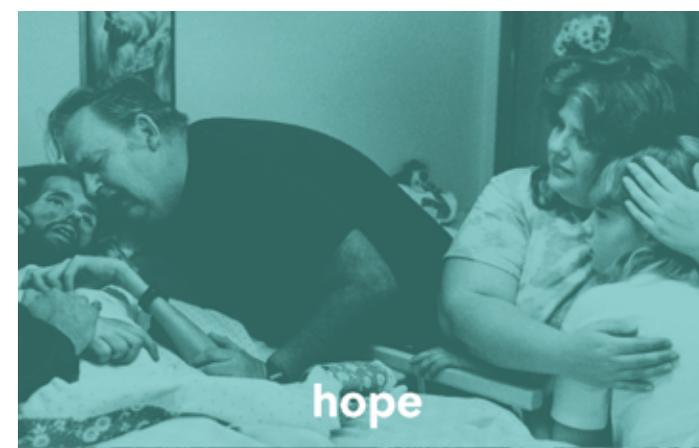
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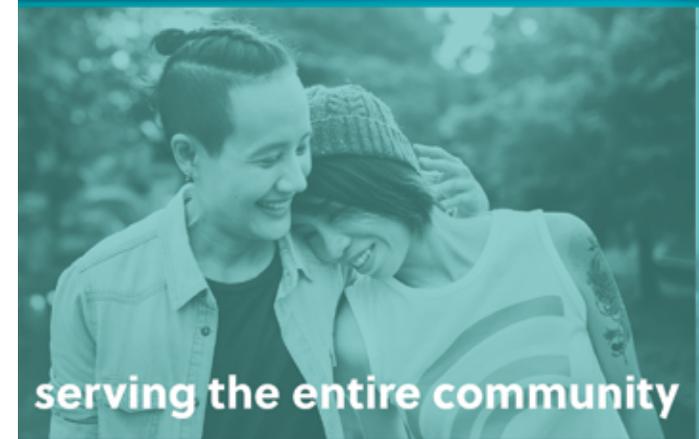
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