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# GAYZETTE

## 19TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION COMING JUNE 18TH THRU 20TH

Drag performers and rodeo fans, parents and kids, teenagers and seniors, chorus singers and church members, loving couples and good friends will be part of the lively crowd gathering Friday-Sunday, June 18-20, 2004, for the 19th annual Nebraska Pride Celebration in downtown Omaha.

Under the theme "Show Your True Colors", the diverse spectators and participants - lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and heterosexual - will be celebrating the dedication and love of friends, family, and the greater human rights community.

Friday night, June 18, is the Freedom Party '04, celebrating a night of Freedom, Diversity and Pride starring Jade Esteban Estrada. Jade has performed in seven languages and in 33 countries to date and his hypnotic music can be heard on the Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning police drama *The Shield* on FX. "Energetic and sizzling...the diva of Latin pop" raves *Genre Magazine*, "the most exciting Latin pop artist ever to emerge onto the music scene".

Saturday, June 19, brings the morning Parade followed by the afternoon-evening Festival. The 2004 GLBT Pride Parade Grand Marshal is the one and only Eric Anderson, so be certain to wave to him as he helps lead the parade which begins at 11:00 AM. Among the many wonderful parade entries you will spot a special 20x50-foot flag created by area residents and regional organizations to mark last year's 25th Anniversary of the Rainbow Flag, an internationally-recognized symbol of justice and equality for all.

This giant flag contains the 8 colors of the original design and will be carried along the parade route north across the 10th Street Bridge and west up Jackson Street to the festival site. Any money tossed by spectators onto the giant flag each year goes to a selected GLBT-related charity. This year, the funds will go to Lincoln PFLAG Cornhusker, a group working hard to support GLBT rights in the capital city and across Nebraska.

The Pride Festival runs from Noon till 11:00 PM at 15th Street, from Leavenworth to Jackson. Expect to enjoy food and beverages, vendors, kids' activities, speakers, awards, a public commitment ceremony for couples, and live stage performances including magic and music by local talent as well as professional entertainers brought to Omaha specifically for the Nebraska Pride 2004 Celebration. This year brings the extraordinary talent of Ann Lincoln, Linda Imperial, and Robin S. to Omaha for Pride!

On Sunday, June 20, the Freedom Party is over, the Parade was a blast, you bought every new rainbow thing you could find, and you danced and partied your bottom off all day and night at the Nebraska Pride Festival... Well it's not over yet - Get over to the Q in Lincoln for the fantastic Post Pride Party from 8 PM - Midnight. Enjoy a relaxing time with your friends and make some new ones!

But you don't have to wait until June to have fun with Pride. On Sunday, May 16, we have a benefit for NE Pride 2004 titled "It's My Party" starting 9 PM at Club JOY - hosted by Miss Gay Pride NE 2002 Annastasia with special guests Aspen Brooks - Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2003, Troy - Mr Gay Pride Nebraska 2001, Jazmine - Miss DC's 2004, Dan Mathews - Mr Gay Pride Nebraska 1997, Dan - Mr Q 2003, Ron - past Mr Q, Paco - Mr HGRA 2004, Empress 23 Monroe.



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# FOAM PARTY

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# Perspectives

By Jon Owens

## Don't Miss the Main Election

On May 11, Nebraska held its local primary. The question is, did you vote?

Voting is not a right, it is a responsibility. A friend and I were talking the other day in which he said, "There is no point in voting in this state, the Republican is always going to win."

This is only true because democrats have not asserted themselves strongly enough. Usually the more vocal a person is the more attention they get to their cause. When I look at candidates, Human right issues are one of my top priorities on selecting a candidate. If you cannot respect equality in every human being can you expect that candidate to make good decisions that is good for the whole of society?

We have people in our community that all they want to do is go out and have fun. They can't do their part by just voting. Imagine if every gay person in Nebraska was to vote. Statistics say 10 percent of the population is gay. That would be 170,000 people approximately. If even 70,000 of those people voted that would still give our community an edge on making decisions that affect us. When less than 40% of the general population votes in any given election, it would make the 170,000 gay population the single largest voting interest.

There are those in our community that marriage is not an issue or they don't believe we should have the same rights. Well if not for yourself, do it for the love of your friends or

neighbors who do want those rights.

One cannot complain about the government if one does not vote. Voting is the bare minimum of getting the system to try to work in your favor. Writing letters to legislators is also a necessity. Politicians give in to political pressure. If we were more assertive and stood in numbers, I would guarantee the legislators would have a more sympathetic ear.

Registering to vote is easy. You can do it at your local tag agency, post office or go online to <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/forms/pdf/vr.pdf>, print out the online form and mail it in. Need help knowing your candidate, contact the league of women voter's they put out an unbiased bio about each candidate. Let your voice be heard! Remember to vote. Between Election Day now and in November, join the Human Rights Campaign or the ACLU online. When you join they send you emails on legislation and all you have to do is click take action and a letter is sent to your congressman in just seconds. It really is easy to be involved and make a genuine difference.

## NEBRASKA PRIDE IDOL 04

Do you want to be the next Nebraska Pride IDOL? Are you a live vocalist? Would you like to win \$250 CASH and a chance to be the opening act for Nebraska Pride's National Headliner Robin S.?

May 30th is the date, 9 pm is the time, and Club JOY is the place! Nebraska Pride's very first Pride IDOL competition will kick off Pride Month with a loud bang. Sponsored by Rainbow Celebrations and Club JOY, Pride IDOL will follow the same lines of competition as the popular American IDOL TV show.

All contestants need to pre-register at [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) or email [IDOL@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:IDOL@rainbowcelebrations.org) for more detailed information. Rehearsal with the JOY's sound system is scheduled for Noon on Sunday, May 30th. Once the competition starts at 9 pm, each contestant will have a chance to perform their selection in front of a live audience and panel of judges. Each judge will get a chance to comment on the contestant's abilities. At the end of the evening, the audience will be given a chance to vote for their favorite vocalist.

The audience's vote will account for 50% of the contestants score! The winner will be guaranteed a performance spot on the Pride Stage Saturday, June 19th at 10pm as the opening act for Nebraska Pride's National Headliner Robin S.

SO vocalists - pick your music, rehearse, line up your friends and register to compete for the first ever Nebraska Pride IDOL competition on Sunday May 30th at Club JOY!



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ME? YES... WE'VE BEEN TALKING ALL ABOUT ME. I STILL DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT YOU.



THERE'S NOT MUCH TO TELL.

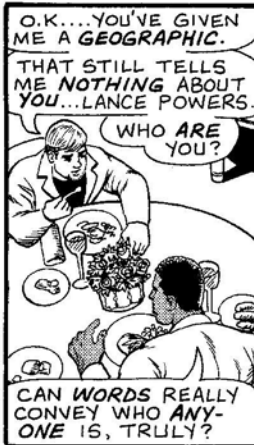
OH, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FOR A SECOND. WHERE ARE YOU FROM, FOR STARTERS?

CHICAGO, ORIGINALLY.



MOVED TO NEW YORK AFTER COLLEGE... THEN OUT TO L.A. ... THEN BACK TO NEW YORK...

... AND FINALLY OUT HERE ON THE ISLAND.



O.K.... YOU'VE GIVEN ME A GEOGRAPHIC.

THAT STILL TELLS ME NOTHING ABOUT YOU... LANCE POWERS.

WHO ARE YOU?

CAN WORDS REALLY CONVEY WHO ANY-ONE IS, TRULY?



YOU HAVE A BETTER WAY?

SEX WORKS FOR ME RATHER WELL.

OH? DOES IT?



ABSOLUTELY. I CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT A PERSON FROM AN HOUR IN BED WITH THEM THAN FROM SIX HOURS OF CONVERSATION.



YOU KNOW, COMING FROM JUST ABOUT ANYONE ELSE, THAT WOULD SOUND LIKE A LAME PICK-UP LINE.

AND HOW DOES IT SOUND COMING FROM ME?

LIKE A SPECTACULAR PICK-UP LINE.



IT'S ALSO A LOAD OF BULL. YOU'D BE AMAZED BY HOW MANY MEN FALL FOR IT, THOUGH.

WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS? I WAS ABOUT TO GO TO BED WITH YOU.

AND YOU STILL WILL.

OH? WILL I?



CERTAINLY. BECAUSE YOU'RE ABOVE SUCH INSIPID SEDUCTION TECHNIQUES.

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# SNAP!fest 2004

Some people go searching and find God. Some go searching and find Ethel Merman. And some have the talent and inspiration to combine those searches into a funny and affecting musical. Steve Schalchlin and Jim Brochu's *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* is the musical being showcased at this year's SNAP!fest 2004: 6th Annual New Works Festival.

From Steve Schalchlin and Jim Brochu, the creators of the smash hit *The Last Session*, comes another musical that will have you laughing through tears. *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* is a mesmerizing blend of nostalgia, wit, one-liners, sarcasm, tragedy and silliness (plus a single costume change that guarantees laughs). Essentially, it's musical storytelling.

SNAP! Productions is proud to workshop this piece in Omaha. Having already garnered major awards including the LA Drama Critic Circle award for Best Musical Score 2002, Steve and Jim will be performing this autobiographical piece themselves. Steve and Jim tell all! Faith meets show biz in this hysterically funny "solo for two" about two gay men—a Catholic from Brooklyn and a Baptist from Texas—who pursue religion, find theatre, fall in love, fall apart, put their lives back together and sing about it. Epiphanies possible, laughter guaranteed!

The Chicago Tribune says, "Given all the religious opposition to gay couples who consider themselves married, one can understand why Jim Brochu and Steve Schalchlin turned to the theater for spiritual sustenance. And by the end of "The Big Voice: God or Merman?" this performing duo has arrived at the public conclusion that the man upstairs actually was channeling his guidance via Ethel herself."

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present SNAP!fest 2004: 6th Annual New Works Festival, June 3-June 20, 2004 at 3225 California Street. Curtain times are 8:00 pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 pm on Sundays. The theater opens a half hour before curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling 402-341-2757 or on the SNAP! website: [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com). Tickets are \$15.00, general admission; \$12.00, students, senior citizens, and TAG members. The June 5th performance will be sign language interpreted and the June 3rd performance will be a benefit for the Nebraska AIDS Project.

# THIRD ANNUAL OMAHA WOMYN'S DINNER AND CONCERT CRUISE

All womyn are invited for an evening of music, food,



womyn-spirit and cruising the Missouri River on the historic River City Star.

DATE: Saturday, June 5, 2004  
 TIME: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Boarding around 4:30 p.m.  
 PLACE: Boarding at Freedom Park  
 Carter Lake, Iowa

Join us for the 3rd Annual spring dinner/concert cruise. OWRC presents a catered dinner and THE LAURA LOVE DUO in concert. Join Laura Love and Jen Todd for a meet-and-greet on shore after the cruise. Tickets are \$30. For further information call Tauni or Sheryl in Lincoln at 467-5737.

## Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY STATE ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 # OF REGISTRATIONS \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMOUNT ENCLOSED (@ \$30 EACH) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Omaha Womyn's Riverboat Cruise (OWRC) and send to 4949 North 73rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507.

NOTE: TICKETS AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAILED THE WEEK BEFORE THE CRUISE. BECAUSE OF THE MEAL, WE MUST HAVE A FINAL HEAD COUNT BY JUNE 4!

(The 20th Annual Omaha Womyn's Riverboat Cruise will be September 11th)



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## Are you registered to Vote?

Make a difference in your life and the lives of your friends and loved ones, get registered.

It's quick, painless, free and best of all YOU will have made a difference !! So stop by any Post Office or you can also download and print the form from <http://www.sos.state.ne.us/forms/pdf/vr.pdf>

## MCCOmaha Events

A New Membership Class will be held this month! In response to the many requests, a new member class will be held on Saturday, May 29th from 2:00-5:00pm. The class will be held in the Sanctuary, and is open to all who would like to learn more about MCCO and UFMCC.

The MCCO Board of Directors will sponsor a Volunteer Recognition Dinner next Sunday, May 16th from 12:30-2:30. RCGA will assist by preparing and serving the meal. A great deal of work and planning has gone into this afternoon. Please plan on sharing the afternoon with your Church family.

MCCO will host a picnic, and outdoor Contemporary service on May 15th at 4:30, to demonstrate and celebrate our Family Values. All are invited to come and fellowship together. The Mustard Seeds from Kansas City will be joining us to provide entertainment. We will gather at the Gene Leahy Mall. (14th and Farnam) Bring something comfortable to sit in, along with a picnic meal. Let us share in fun and truly celebrate the diversity of our families together.

On Monday, May 17th in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Massachusetts, we will again apply for marriage licenses at the Douglas County Courthouse. We will gather at the revolving doors at 8:30am (the day marriage becomes legal for GLBT folk in Massachusetts). We hope to have many same gender couples apply for marriage licenses that day! The press has been invited, and it is likely that we will have news coverage. Please encourage your friends, both within, and outside of our congregation to participate if at all possible. It only takes about 15 minutes to apply. We need to help the people of Nebraska understand that equal rights are important, and that we deserve the same treatment as all other couples. Please keep this event in prayer, and join us if at all possible! For more information please see Rev. B., Marcus, Michael C., Bill W. or Rev. S.

## Are You Interested in Food, Friends and Good Books?

A local GLBT book club is looking for you. We usually meet the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at Village Inn at 78th & Dodge. This is a fun and diverse book club. The books are chosen by the members at each meeting and we read a wide variety of books from classics to current best sellers, from non-fiction to fantasy. The emphasis is on GLBT books and authors, but we read just about anything that sounds interesting. Our next meeting is Thursday May 20th at 7:00 and we are reading Sarah Water's "Fingersmith". This is our second book by this British lesbian author and the first become a favorite of many of us. As said by a critic-"Like everybody else who has picked it up, I got lost in Sarah Waters' ingenious Fingersmith..." Nick Hornby, The Guardian Review Books of the Year. We'd love to see you there! Please contact Sarah at [omahabookclub@cox.net](mailto:omahabookclub@cox.net) for more information or to confirm the date and book for future meetings.



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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## **FRIDAY MAY 14**

**DC'S SALOON EMPLOYEE SHOW**, a benefit for Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, DC's Saloon, 610 S. 14th

## **SUNDAY MAY 16**

**IT'S MY PARTY**, Nebraska Pride Benefit, Miss Gay Pride NE 2002 Anastasia, Club JOY, 9:30pm

## **FRIDAY MAY 21**

**Mr. HGRA**, Paco hosts show, DC's Saloon, 6PM, food will be served for \$3, show starts at 8PM

## **SATURDAY MAY 22**

**Ms HGRA BINGO NIGHT**, at Connections bar, 6 PM, Connie's Kitchen will be offering food

## **SATURDAY MAY 22ND**

**NEBRASKA PRIDE BENEFIT AND AUCTION**, Miss Gay Pride NE 2003 Aspen Brooks, at The MAX, 6:30 pm

## **SUNDAY MAY 30**

**PRIDE IDOL - LIVE VOCAL COMPETITION**, Club JOY, 9:30pm, Audience vote=50%, hosted by Rainbow Celebrations

## **MONDAY MAY 31**

**ICON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**, Venenelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st. St., (North on 30th to Bonderson St., West one block to 31st., North on 31st. To park entrance), \$10 admission, ID required, free food pop and beer, free bus rides from the Max

## **TUESDAY JUNE 1**

**EMPTY BOWL LUNCHEON**, multiple restaurants serving many dishes at Embassy Suites in Lincoln, from 11am-1pm. The event is designed to commemorate National Hunger Awareness Day, tickets \$25

## **FRIDAY JUNE 4**

**HGRA BUSTIN' OUT**, 9—11PM at the Panic in Lincoln, hosted by Tamara Marks

## **SATURDAY JUNE 5**

**OMAHA WOMYN'S RIVERBOAT CRUISE 3RD ANNUAL DINNER/ CONCERT CRUISE**, featuring Laura Love in concert. For more information call Tauni or Sheryl at 467-5737

## **ICON and HGRA SPURS & CROWNS**

DC's Saloon, Omaha Horsduerves served from 5pm - 6pm, Show from 6pm - 9pm \$5 cover charge, Joint fundraiser with ICON Host - Tamara & Paul

## **HGRA General Membership Meeting**

followed by IGRA Finals Rodeo Meeting Saturday, June 5th, 1:00PM, Chance Ridge

Equine Center, 506 North Skyline Drive, Elkhorn, NE

## **SUNDAY JUNE 13 (corrected date)**

**8TH ANNUAL NEBRASKA PRIDE PAGEANT**, at The MAX, 8pm, contestant info pride@rainbowcelebrations.org or call 402-208-2951

## **THURSDAY JUNE 17**

**CFEP ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER**, 6PM, Unitarian Church at 3114 Harney in Omaha, please RSVP at 402-398-3027, two \$500 GLBT Scholarships winners will be announced at the meeting

## **FRIDAY JUNE 18TH**

**MR./MS. LEATHER NEBRASKA CONTEST**, DC's Saloon, for info email to omahajoe@hotmail.com

## **FRIDAY JUNE 18—SUNDAY, JUNE 20 NEBRASKA PRIDE CELEBRATION**

## **SAT. JUNE 19 & SUN., JUNE 20**

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS SUMMER PRIDE CONCERT & REUNION WEEKEND**, 7:05PM, Strauss Performing Arts Ctr., UNO Campus, For ticket information, call our Singline 341-SING (7464)

## **SATURDAY, JULY 3**

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBRASKA CORONATION 24**, Doubletree Hotel

## **FRJ—SUN JULY 16, 17 AND 18**

**IMS L WEEKEND 2004 & INTERNATIONAL MS BOOTBLACK**, For complete event information, see www.IMSL.org

## **SATURDAY AUGUST 7**

**CFEP's SERIOUSLY FUNNY**, Annual silent auction, comedy show and cocktail party, Rose Theater, 2001 Farnum, tickets \$30, call 402-398-3027 or go to www.cfep-ne.org to reserve tickets

## **FRJ., OCTOBER 14—SUN., OCT.17**

**IGRA FINALS RODEO**, Chance Ridge Equine, Omaha; info: www.hgra.net or call 402-203-4680

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

### **Every Sunday**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**DIETZ METHODIST** 1423 S.10, Heartland Casual Coffeehouse 9:30am, Traditional Worship 11am

**1ST METHODIST** 7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

**EPISCOPAL GLBT FELLOWSHIP**, St. Andrews Church, 84th & Pacific, 6-7PM, email: Jon@standrewsomaha.org

**METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**OF OMAHA** 819 S. 22, 345-2563 Worship: 9am & 11am Sunday School: 11am

**FIRST UNITARIAN** 3114 Harney, 11am

**LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN** 1023 N 40 10am

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

**HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA** 8PM FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

**LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK** Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

**WIMMIN'S SHOW** KZUM 89.3 12:30pm

**RIVER CITY II MIXED BOWLING**, 3pm, Maplewood Lanes,

**GAY MEN'S ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 4pm Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St Info call Mark 639-3055

### **Every Monday**

**HIV TESTING**, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS REHEARSALS**, 6:45PM—9:15PM, First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.

### **A A GLBT "RAINBOW GROUP"**

Meeting Place, 28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p

### **Every Tuesday**

**OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUPPORT GROUP**, 7-8:30PM, Women's Center, Nebraska Union, Lincoln, 472-5644

### **Every Wednesday**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

**MCC OMAHA**, 7pm

**UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA**, 7pm

**HIV TESTS**, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

**FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK** 6:30pm AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

**LGBT A A** 7:30pm, Alcohol Ctr 2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy (308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

**KARAOKE W/ STACY** 8:30pm DC's

### **Every Thursday**

**AA MEETING, NON SMOKING**, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 So. 22nd St.

**HIV TEST** 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

**KARAOKE** 9pm, Connections

### **Every Friday**

**LAMBDA TV**, Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 9pm

**HIV TESTING**, 5 - 10 pm, NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

**LGBT AA** 8pm, Boys & Girls Home Sioux



City, IA (712) 252-4272,

**GLBT AA** 7PM to 8PM, Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, Call 556-8364, ask for Sanford

*Every Saturday*

**GLBT BICYCLING CLUB OMAHA**, For details call Jeri at 614-6145

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE**, 7PM, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22nd St

**LAMBDA TV** Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3 pm

**PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP** 4-6pm, 291-6781 proudhorizons@yahoo.com

## MONTHLY EVENTS

*1st Friday*

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE HOUSE** 8pm, Musicians, poets, open mic, First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, Omaha

*1st Saturday*

**RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE** Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm, 991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum.com

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

*2nd Thursday*

**PFLAG- OMAHA**, 7pm, 1st Methodist

*2nd Friday*

**SUDS RAPID HIV TEST**, (2 hr results) 5-10 pm, NAP Outreach, 1723 Leavenworth

**FREE CONFIDENTIAL ANONYMOUS HIV TEST**, UN-L 476-0355, 1-3:30pm

*2nd Saturday*

**LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA** Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

**HIV TESTING** UNL campus. Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:30-3:30pm

**LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER** L2EP@aol.com 2pm; DC's Saloon

*2nd Sunday*

**INTEGRITY** 6-7:30pm, St. Marks, Lincoln

**OUUT SECOND SUNDAY SCREENING** (glbt film shown at 6:30pm followed by discussion) First Unitarian, 3114 Harney

*3rd Monday*

**IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR** 6:30pm, MCC-O, 819 S. 22 St., icon.impcourt.org

*3rd Thursday*

**LES/BI/GAY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**, Village Inn, 78th & Dodge, 7 PM

*3rd Friday*

**GAY/BI SUPPORT GRP FOR HIV+ MEN** 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17, Lincoln, 476-7000.

**LINCOLN MIXED CHORUS** 6:30pm,

Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

**COFFEE HOUSE** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln

*3rd Saturday*

**FLAT WATER BEARS** 7:30pm, at the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center

*4th Tuesday*

**PFLAG-CORNHUSKER** Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

**YOUTH HIV TEST** Lighthouse, 2530 N, Lincoln, ages 13 to 18, FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 pm

*4th Saturday*

**HIV TESTING** Cornerstone, 16th & U, Lincoln, 476-0355 or 472-7447. 1:00-3:00pm

*LAST Sunday*

**REAL FAMILIES** Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, Margaux at 561-6738 or email MargauxPolo@aol.com

## DRAG QUEEN EXTRAVAGANZA MAKES OMAHA FIRST STOP OF NATIONAL TOUR

New York, NY – Dubbed “the country’s most off-beat, sick-adelic drag queen extravaganza,” *The Dixie Queen Road Show* will make its debut on the main stage of the 2,500 seat Orpheum Theatre in Omaha, Nebraska on Sunday July 4, 2004, the first stop of a one-year national tour.

“Here is a wonderful opportunity to bring together both the straight and gay communities for not only an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

“In each city we book a prestigious performing arts theatre and – because of its neutrality – people who would not normally go to a midnight drag show at the local gay bar will come out to experience what those in gay and lesbian communities have known for years to be extraordinary fun.”

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# RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED

**BiMenNebraska**, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>

**Citizens for Equal Protection** 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 [www.cfep-ne.org](http://www.cfep-ne.org), email to: [Michael@cfep-ne.org](mailto:Michael@cfep-ne.org)

**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm

**Front Runners/Walkers**, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed

**GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)** [www.angelfire.com/home/GALO](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto:unogalo@hotmail.com) or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.

**Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network - Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2549 <http://www.glsenomaha.org>

**GayLibrary.com**, World Wide Resources  
**Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**  
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 402-203-4680

**Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, 68131 R. Hollendieck (402) 556-5556

**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 819 S. 22 [www.icon.impcourt.org](http://www.icon.impcourt.org)

**Learning to Exchange Power**, [L2EP@aol.com](mailto:L2EP@aol.com); Social, educational group novices in Leather, S/M, B/D Lifestyle

**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8101, Omaha, 68108-8101 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Mt 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm

**Linoma Bares**, Box 24547, Omaha 68124 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626

**Mpower Program**, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 email: [mpower@nap.org](mailto:mpower@nap.org) website: [www.mpower-nap.org](http://www.mpower-nap.org) phone: 402.552.9260x20, Holistic Gay Men's Health Program

**Men's Support Group-Omaha**, 819 S. 22, 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>

**Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, [mccomaha@radiks.net](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net) Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org) Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Sunday School 11am, Wed Evening Service 7pm

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft  
**NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights

**Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, 1102 Howard, Suite 2, Omaha 68102, 402.346-5960 [naje\\_now@hotmail.com](mailto:naje_now@hotmail.com)

**Nebraska Gay Dads** group list exchange emails posted to group list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>

**Omaha Bi Married Men** Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OmahaBiMarriedMen>

**Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://ONGP.com>; email to: [omahanegay-](mailto:omahanegay-)

[pride@cox.net](mailto:pride@cox.net) or [ongp@cox.net](mailto:ongp@cox.net)  
**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68131-0026 Social/Support Organization for African American Males age 21 and over

**Out and About in Nebraska**, website: [www.travel.to/outabout](http://www.travel.to/outabout)  
Email: [NeOutAboout@yahoo.com](mailto:NeOutAboout@yahoo.com)

**OUUT (Omaha Unitarian Universalists for Tolerance)** First Unitarian Church, 3114 Harney, 68131, 345-3039, [www.ouut.org](http://www.ouut.org)

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass

**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)

**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330

**Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.

**Rainbow Celebrations**, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event in-

fo@[rainbowcelebrations.org](http://rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**Nebraska Pride** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [pride@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:pride@rainbowcelebrations.org)

**National Coming Out Day** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:NCOD@rainbowcelebrations.org).

**Real Families**, Omaha-area families headed by gay/lesbian parents, meet last Sunday of every month. Info: Margaux at 561-6738 or email [MargauxPo-lo@aol.com](mailto:MargauxPo-lo@aol.com)

**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, [www.genderalliance.com](http://www.genderalliance.com) Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters

**River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Maplewood Lanes, Omaha Norma Harrison (402) 731-5706

**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)

**SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 [www.snapproductions.com](http://www.snapproductions.com)

**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://www.unityomaha.org)

**Women's Support Group**, Saturday 10am, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 345-2563

**WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

## LINCOLN BASED

**GLBT and Ally Programs and Services at UNL**, D. Moritz, Assistant Director, 402-472-1752 email: [dmoritz2@unl.edu](mailto:dmoritz2@unl.edu) Located in Student Involvement Office of the Nebraska Union, Room 200.

**Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer  
**Gay Men's Support Group**, UNL Health

Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450  
**Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning Women's Discussion Group**, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446. 402/472-5644.

**Nebraska AIDS Project**, 220 S. 17th St. Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000

**Mixed Chorus**, Rehearse 1st & 3rd Fridays, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, No auditions, Just a desire to sing, info contact Scott at [sdorchid@neb.rr.com](mailto:sdorchid@neb.rr.com)

**Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737

**Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**: Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Tues, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@msn.com](mailto:jbkimber@msn.com), Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>

**Plainsmen**, Support FtM's (Female to Male) Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267

**SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46

**Sexuality Education eXchange**, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu) Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.

**Straight Spouse Support Grp** 483-5592  
**Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,

**UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns**, Contact Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: [ptetreault1@unl.edu](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)

**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880

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**TriCity GLBT**, serving Central Nebraska, web site at <http://www.tri-city-glb.com/>

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## The Metro Omaha GLBT Center A Vision for the Future! Feasibility

Study Survey—[www.rainbowoutreach.org](http://www.rainbowoutreach.org)

For those of you who do not know, ROC has been our GLBT Resource Center for 6 years now, located at 1719 Leavenworth Street in Omaha. The Board of Directors of ROC have authorized this feasibility study to help determine whether the GLBT and supportive Communities would need and use a new Center in metro Omaha. We encourage you to take a moment to complete the survey with your honest opinions. It only takes a few minutes and can be taken at the web site above or you can stop in at the Resource Center and pick up a paper copy. If you have already received the survey and filled it out, the ROC Board thanks you for your time. If you haven't already done so, please take the survey. Your answers do MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## Are You Listed?

If your group or organization is not listed on the Resources Page, or if the information listed is out of date, please send an email [news@rocc.org](mailto:news@rocc.org) so we can include you or update your information.



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Omaha, Nebraska 68103 Phone: 402-345-2563  
Web site: [www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)

## Seeking Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Military Veterans

If you are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (GLBT), and you are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces, we invite you to participate in an anonymous, web-based research study being conducted by a team of GLBT and GLBT-friendly researchers at the University of Washington. The survey will ask questions about your history and experiences as an LGBT person in the military, your health and mental health, your experiences with healthcare, and your relationships with others. Some of the questions are personal and some may feel sensitive. For more information, please go to <http://depts.washington.edu/uwvet/consent.htm> or contact us at [uwvet@u.washington.edu](mailto:uwvet@u.washington.edu). Please remember that we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information sent by email.

## Mike and Lynn's Big Spring Yard Sale!

Antiques, Collectables and Foo Foo!

Costume Jewelry  
(some old, some  
new), Fiesta Din-  
nerware, some Fur-  
niture, and misc.  
STUFF!

Probably some old  
Prom dresses...

(heaven only knows what's in THAT closet!!!) Saturday May 22nd from 10:00am until 3:00pm, 2607 Rees Street (back yard, which is really on Pacific Street, between 24th street and the Interstate). It's at the big pink house...



## Don't Miss it!

# FUMC Movie and More

With the nation debating the issue of same-sex marriages, First United Methodist Church will sponsor a showing of the recently completed documentary film, "In My Father's Church." The film will be shown at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 7020 Cass St.—with hors d'oeuvres and coffee at 6 p.m.

The documentary follows the filmmaker as she prepares for a Holy Union ceremony uniting her with her lesbian partner. One issue is the question of whether her father, a United Methodist pastor, will preside over the ceremony in defiance of church policy. The filmmaker, Charissa King, will come to Omaha for the showing, as will her father, the Rev. Jack King. They will take part in a panel discussion immediately following the 50-minute film. At noon on Sunday, May 23, a light meal will be served at the church, immediately followed by the second showing of "In My Father's Church." Rev. King will preach at both Sunday worship services, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 p.m.

The weekend's events are free to the public. No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be taken. Child care is available by request. Call Sue Rood at the church, 556-6262, Ext. 1008, for child care.

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## Famous Quotes

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain." -- Dolly Parton

"Each person must live their life as a model for others." -- Rosa Parks

"I don't go for this "outing" business. If someone is gay, that's their business, and they should have the right to protect their privacy about it." -- Richard Nixon

Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. - Sam Ewing



OMAHA PFLAG

Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.  
4th Sunday 2:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church  
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

P.O. Box 390064  
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

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## Celebrity Quote

"You have to look at what Bush does, not what he says. Talk is cheap. He expresses empathy for military families and then cuts their benefits. He names a proposal the 'Clear Skies Initiative' that pollutes the planet. He says he'll be a uniter and then drives us apart. He steals the slogan 'No Child Left Behind' and then breaks his promise to fund his reforms. Truly, I stand here flabbergasted at what is going on in today's world. Never in my life have I witnessed a president and an administration that is so out of step with the needs of the country, so threatening to our future and so abusive in its use of power."

-- Barbra Streisand receiving the Human Rights Campaign's Humanitarian Award, March 6.



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# River City Mixed Chorus

## 1984-2004



## **“20 Years of Pride”**

Saturday & Sunday, June 19 & 20, 2004

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On Saturday, May 22, enjoy another benefit for Nebraska Pride titled "In the Name of Pride" starting 8:30 PM at The MAX - hosted by reigning Pride titleholder, Miss Gay Pride Nebraska 2003 Aspen Brooks. Emcees for the evening are Ms. Ammie Zahn and Aspen Brooks. Special Guests Miss Max 20 Chandler, Miss DC's Jazmine and other Special Friends! Along with special auction items!

Then on Sunday, May 30, head out to the first ever Pride IDOL Competition, 9 PM at Club JOY. This is a live vocalist competition for \$250 cash prize along with a guaranteed Opening Act Performance Spot for Robin S. on Saturday evening during the Pride Festival! The audience will have 50% of the vote during competition so bring your friends and cheer for your favorite performers. \$5 door cover.

Learn more about all of these Pride activities and how you can get even more involved this year by visiting [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org). We look forward to seeing you at Nebraska Pride 2004! Show Your True Colors!

## Riverdance returns to Omaha; A Gayzette Interview By Jon Owens

**RIVERDANCE** is a celebration of Irish music, song and dance, which focuses on the evolution of Irish dance, as well as its similarities with, and influences on, other cultures. Mr. Whelan won the 1997 Grammy Award for "Best Musical Show Album" for his original music and lyrics for **RIVERDANCE**. This extraordinarily unique show features an international company that has taken the world by storm. *The Gayzette* had a chance to interview Riverdancer Padriac Moyles.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Padriac and his family immigrated to New York when he was 9 years old. He was a student at the renowned Donny Golden school of Irish dancing. He competed extensively, winning regional and North American Championships. He was also very active in athletics, competing in such sports as Gaelic football, soccer, basketball and track and field. In 1992, Padriac played the part of Sean O' Casey off-Broadway in the Irish Repertory Theater Production of "Grandchild Of Kings" directed by Harold Prince. He has also enjoyed working on concert, film, and video projects with such artists as Cher, Shania Twain, Nelly, Ja Rule, The Chieftains and Cherish the Ladies. Padriac joined **RIVERDANCE** in London in 1997 and has toured with the show in the US, Canada and Mexico. He is delighted to be dancing the principal role.

*Gayzette: Is American culture much different than*

*Irish culture?*

*Padriac: It is pretty much the same in New York. In New York we have Irish neighborhoods so it really has that home feel to it. The big difference is our word usage. I had trouble with this growing up. We say the word yoke all the time and to Americans, it is only for eggs. Our food is very different as well.*

*Gayzette: How would you describe Riverdancing to people who have never seen it in action?*

*Padriac: The closest form to riverdancing by American standards would be tap. There is even a number where you get to see a few riverdancers compete against American tap dancers. The dance is different in that we do not use our upper bodies. So the form of dance is totally strict.*

*Gayzette: How many people are a part of the production?*

*Padriac: We have 71 people total. 52 in the cast and 34 of them are troop dancers.*

*Gayzette: Wow, that's a lot of people! Is it hard to coordinate them all?*

*Padriac: All of the people are experienced so it did not take that long to put it together. We had two weeks from our first rehearsal to our first performance.*

*Gayzette: Experienced, huh? When did you start to learn riverdancing?*

*Padriac: I learned it when I was a little kid. Most children in Ireland learn how to riverdance. I stuck with it, but never thought I would be doing this professionally.*

*Gayzette: What are your future goals?*

*Padriac: I just got my TCRG certification. I would like to one day teach dance, but for right now I would like to stay performing. I love the aspect of touring.*

*Gayzette: What is the most challenging aspect of the show?*

*Padriac: Staying healthy, staying disciplined, and staying fit. You have to stay mentally focused to be prepared to do the same show everyday and to keep it fresh and new.*

*Gayzette: One last question, how would you describe the show to those of us who have never seen it and why should we see the show?*

*Padriac: The first act is myth and legends of Ireland. The second act is on famine and migration of our people, especially to America. In our migration we meet Spanish and American dancers. This show is good entertainment with high energy and powerful music.*

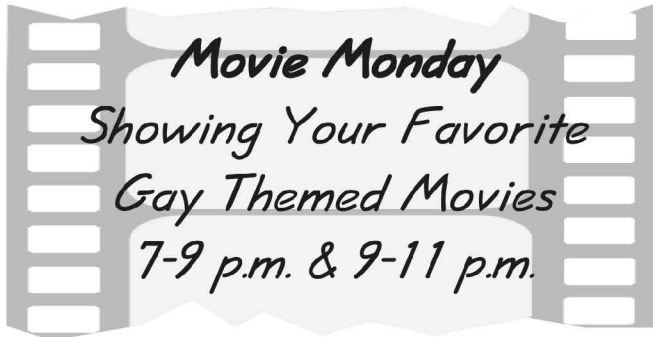
Tickets for **RIVERDANCE**, presented by BROADWAY IN OMAHA, are now on sale for May 14-16 by calling 402-422-1212 in Omaha or 402-475-1212 in Lincoln, at the Omaha Auditorium box office, and all TicketMaster outlets. Tickets also are available on line at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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