



THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

PRIDE 2001 OUTSTANDING SUCCESS 700 MARCH IN PARADE, NEARLY 2000 AT FESTIVAL

According to one Pride Volunteer, Pride 2001 was "One Hell of a Party!!" The weather provided a perfect setting for the area's GLBTS community to come together for a Pride Festival and Parade that lasted from noon until 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 23.

Pride co-chairs, Mike Orr and Tom Aschliman, set the tone for the day as they welcomed the early crowd. Over 50 tables of vendors and organizations filled Farnam Street between 10th and 11th. 6 large white shelters were a great backdrop for the multitude of rainbows seen among the tables. Vendors from as far away as Iowa City provided a good selection of Pride logos, clothing, jewelry, videos, CD's, and more.



The official Pride T-shirt featuring the Pride Rising Logo was one of the hottest items, totally selling out by the end of the day. The Garden Café had their famous sack lunches for sale along with cookies and muffins kept warm by the afternoon sun, while the River City Gender Alliance sold water and soft drinks kept cold in wash tubs of ice.



A good mix of speakers, live vocalists, and a talented DJ from Brian Hill entertainment kept the afternoon moving with a mix of GLBT themed songs and soft rock. The Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center provided a first aid station along with free blood pressure checks so a nurse was on hand to handle to day's three casualties (a sprained ankle, a scraped leg, and a volunteer faint from the heat).

The parade stepped off in good fashion, led by the obligatory squad of motorcycle policemen, followed by Bryn and Tamara on horseback carrying the American and Rainbow Flags. The Grand Marshall, Scott Winkler, and Mr. Pride 2001, Troy Haasis, followed, seating on the backs of convertibles. The drill team, the Condors, were present again this year with their precision high stepping marchers. Also present was one protestor carrying signs proclaiming his beliefs about homosexuality. This year, while he was picketing the parade, he was being picked by long time activist Terry Sweeney carrying a rainbow flag and a sign proclaiming "Stop Faith Based Hate!" Way to go, Terry. All in all it was a very good party, and plans have already begun for next year.

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HEARTLAND RODEO

JUNE 29—JULY 1

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is holding their 5th Annual Heartland Rodeo on Sat June 29th and Sun July 1st. It will be held at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds, in Springfield, NE, again this year. Proceeds will benefit the Nebraska AIDS Project, the All Iowa AIDS Benefit, and St. Monica's House. At the gate, tickets will be \$12.00 per person, per day. Alcoholic beverages will be available at the rodeo grounds. You **MUST** be 21 years of age and **HAVE A VALID ID IN YOUR POSSESSION**, regardless of age, to purchase and/or consume alcoholic beverages.



The weekend will include a "Back in Time" Party at the host hotel, the Ramada Inn on Friday starting at 7:30pm.

The rodeo grand entry theme this year is Celebration of Independence and the Grand Entry starts at Noon Saturday and Sunday. We will have a contestants party on the rodeo grounds following the rodeo both days. And the awards Ceremony will be held at 8pm at DC's Saloon on Sunday evening.

Cowboy Up!!!

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Jimmy Creech
November 17, 1999

Introduction by
Marilyn Alexander

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from *Rise Above the Law*

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SCOTT WINKLER IS PRIDE GRAND MARSHALL

For the first time, the Pride Parade featured a Grand Marshall. The community chose Scott Winkler to be Grand Marshall from a slate of three finalists, each of whom has made significant contributions to the GLBT Community.

Jeff Johnson aka Laura Lee Lyons is the current President of the Imperial Court of Nebraska and Show Director for DC's Saloon. Laura Lee has twice been Empress of the Imperial Court and as Empress she helped organize the first Pride Parade in 1985. In fact, her picture appeared on the front page of the Omaha World Herald as she walked in the first parade, a candlelight march down Howard Street. With the other members of the Imperial Court, Laura Lee has helped raise over \$500,000 for the GLBT Community.

Don "Flowers" Randolph was another organizer of the first Pride Parade and the first "Monarch" of the Imperial Court, holding the title of "Regeant I." Don was a member of the board of the Human Rights Campaign and founded the "Flowers Fund" which provides monetary assistance to those living with HIV. Don is currently the Treasurer of the Imperial Court and the Executive Director of the Watanabe Wellness Center.

Scott Winkler took a four-month leave of absence from his job as an insurance agent to fight Initiative 416, an amendment to the State Constitution that bans same-sex marriage. He participated in the March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights in 1993. Scott then became involved with Citizens for Equal Protection, a nonprofit group dedicated to homosexual education and legislative advocacy, and with the Nebraska Advocates for Justice and Equality, an affiliate organization that fought Initiative 416. The initiative won voter approval in November by a margin of 70 percent to 30 percent.

BARS

- Connections, 933-3033**
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha
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2801 N 16 St, Omaha
- DC's Saloon, 344-3103**
610 S. 14th Street, Omaha
- Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147**
1407 Harney, Omaha
- JOY, 341-7337**
1516 Jones, Omaha
- The Diamond, 342-9595**
712 S. 16th St., Omaha
- The MAX, 346-4110**
1417 Jackson, Omaha
- Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,**
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BEARS TO RAFFLE BEARAPHERNALIA GALORE; RUBBER DUCKIES TO BOB IN FOUNTAIN

Flat Water Bears members have been gathering a variety of Bear and other "goodies" for raffle items at their annual Bear-B-Que to be 4-7 p.m. Sat. July 21 on the Patio at the Max.

In addition to raffle items, the hairy men will have rubber duckies bobbing in the fountain for guests to snare and see what they've won. Just some of the raffle goodies include picture frames, carved bears, stuffed bears, wooden bears, Flat Water Bears and other Bear group T-shirts and pins, figurines, plush bears, bear eyeglasses, placemats, Bears, Bears, Bears!

The Bear-B-Q menu will feature luscious hamburgers and delicious "brats," plus multitudes of side dishes prepared by the culinary, food-loving Bear group members. The \$8 fee will include the BBQ dinner and beer/beverage bust.

Flat Water Bears this year will be observing their Fifth Anniversary--a half-decade of fun for the Nebraska/Western Iowa furry men's group and admirers of the hirsute.



COLORADO CATHOLICS HALT ECUMENICAL FUNDS OVER GAY RIGHTS, UFMCC



The Denver Roman Catholic Archdiocese is halting contributions to Colorado's largest ecumenical group over the issue of gay rights. The Colorado Council of Churches will lose more than \$13,000 annually because the council admitted UFMCC. Here's an excerpt from the Denver Post this week: "An official of the gay denomination, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, called the Catholic action "deeply tragic and shortsighted."

"I am saddened by the inability of the Catholic Church to stay at the ecumenical table," said Gwynne Guibord, ecumenical officer for the denomination...She said that Jesus Christ "transcended all boundaries and borders, and if that kind of acceptance was good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for me."

The Colorado council is one of five state councils that has admitted the Fellowship.

In a response, the United Church of Christ, at its regional meeting, pledged its loyalty to the council and said admitting the MCC "was a matter of justice and inclusivity." The resolution was passed overwhelmingly by delegates to the UCC district meeting.

GAYZETTE AD RATES

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Ad Deadlines are: Friday, July 6 for July 13 Publication Friday, July 20 for July 27 Publication

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OUT-of-TOWN SHOW

Fri., July 6, DC's Saloon, 7-10 PM, \$5 Cover

VICTORY SHOW / \$20 Brunch 11AM at Hotel

Sun., July 8, The MAX, 8 PM, \$3 Cover



GAYZETTE EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

HGRA POKER CRAWL

SAT, JUNE 30 - JULY 1

HEARTLAND RODEO, Grand Entry
12noon Sarpy County Fairgrounds

JEFF & DIETRA FUNDRAISER

FOR LARRY D. EXPENSES,

Buffet Dinner, Gilligan's
Benefit Show, The MAX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

ICON PICNIC 1 - 6pm, HillHaven
Farm, 8806 South 36 St, Omaha

THURSDAY, JULY 5

ICON "IN-TOWN" SHOW

Regional Title Holders and Dignitaries
Perform Omaha Mining Co

FRIDAY, JULY 6

ICON "OUT OF TOWN" SHOW

Monarchs and Royalty from Out of
State Courts Perform, 7pm, DC's

SATURDAY, JULY 7

ICON CORONATION 21 6pm
Sokol Hall, Omaha

SUNDAY, JULY 8

ICON VICTORY BRUNCH

Redick Plaza Hotel

ICON VICTORY SHOW, 9pm

The MAX

THURS, JULY 12 -

JULY 29

SNAP!FEST 2001 ShelterBelt Theatre,
341-2757; www.snapproductions.com

FRJDAY JULY 13

**UNDERWEAR NIGHT ON THE
PATIO @ THE MAX**

SIouxLAND PRIDE 2001, Maps,:

[http://www.siouxlandpride.net/
pride2001-1.html](http://www.siouxlandpride.net/pride2001-1.html)

KICK OFF AT 3 CHEERS,

Sioux City, Iowa 712-255-8005

SATURDAY, JULY 14

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pride2001-1.html](http://www.siouxlandpride.net/pride2001-1.html)

CAMPING AT WINDY RIDGE

4951 Broken Kettle Rd Sioux City

SUNDAY, JULY 15

SUN MORNING at Windy Ridge

Breakfast with INTEGRITY

SUNDAY PRIDE PICNIC 3-7PM

Windy Ridge Ranch, Sioux City

MR MAX STEP DOWN SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 21

FLAT WATER BEARS ANNUAL

BEAR-B-Q 4 - 7pm, The MAX

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

TURTLE CREEK CHORALE IN

CONCERT, North Iowa Commu-
nity College, Mason City, IA

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ UNITED METHODIST

1423 S. 10, 11AM

IST UNITED METHODIST

7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

METROPOLITAN COMM.

CHURCH OF OMAHA 819 S. 22,

8:50 & 10:20am

HEARTLAND UNITED METH

Bellevue West High School; 10:30am

FIRST UNITARIAN

3114 Harney Street, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN,

1023 N. 40, Omaha 10am

UNITY CHURCH,

3424 North 90, Omaha

Every Sunday

RIVER CITY MIXED BOWLING

FALL SEASON

KARAOKE, 9pm, Connections

"QUEER AS FOLK" 9pm, Upstairs

Bar, The MAX

Every Monday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER

6 - 9pm, Rainbow Outreach GLBT Re-
source Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-
0330 All Are Welcome, Bring Your
Favorite Foods to Share

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm

NAP 139 S. 40th, Omaha

"QUEER AS FOLK",

7pm, DC's

Happy Hour, The MAX

Every Tuesday

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

HIV TESTING, 1 - 4 pm

NAP Outreach Center,

1723 Leavenworth, Omaha

NINTENDO WEDNESDAYS, 6-9 pm,

Rainbow Outreach

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK

6:30pm AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

KARAOKE W/ STACY, 8:30pm,

DC's Saloon

Every Thursday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9 pm

NAP, 139 S. 40th, Omaha

LESBIAN CENTERED 6:30 - 8pm

For Info: LesbianCen@aol.com

KARAOKE

9pm, Connections

9pm, Gilligan's

9pm, Club Olis

Every Friday

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm

NAP Outreach Center,

1723 Leavenworth

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY

6-7:30pm; Lowe Ave Presby Church,

1023 N. 40, Omaha

LGBT AA MEETING, 8pm

Boys & Girls Home, Sioux City, IA,

(712) 252-4272,

GAYZETTE EVENTS

KARAOKE 9pm, Gilligan's

FRIDAY LATE SHIFT WITH ARIC & FRIENDS 10pm - 2am, ROCC, Food, Videos, Conversation, and fun "After Hours" GLBT Library open

Every Saturday

PROUD HORIZONS YOUTH GROUP 4-6pm 291-6781 or proud-horizons@yahoo.com

KARAOKE 9pm, Gilligan's

SATURDAY LATE SHIFT WITH ARIC & FRIENDS 10pm - 2am, ROCC, Food, Videos, Conversation, and fun "After Hours" Library open

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE
Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm,
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2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's
Beer Bust 9pm, DC's

2nd Sunday

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE
POWER L2EP@aol.com Novice S/
M,B/D Group; 1pm; DCs

2nd Wednesday

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm
Diamond Bar, 712 S. 16th Omaha

2nd Thursday

PFLAG - OMAHA 7pm
1st United Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA, Board Mtg, 8:30am,
Planned Parenthood

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT
OF NEBRASKA BOARD MTG
MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

4th Tuesday

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 28

GARDEN WALK FOLLOWED BY
MUSIC PERFORMED IN THE
GARDENS, 6pm Garden Walk; 7pm
Music; MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

INVESTITURE OF ICON ROYAL
FAMILIES, 6-9pm, Stosh's Saloon,
The MAX

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

MR PRIDE 2001 SHOW, The MAX

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

MARSHA STEVENS IN CONCERT,
Metropolitan Community Church of
Omaha, 819 S. 22 St

MONDAY, SEPT 3

ICON PICNIC Vennelyst Park,
9100 N. 31 Ave, Omaha 1-6 pm

FRIDAY, SEPT 7 -

SUNDAY, SEPT 9

LEATHER ENGINEERS OF
OMAHA "ROAR II—IN THE JUN
GLE" Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31
Ave, Omaha 1-6 pm

SATURDAY, SEPT 15

HGRA BARN DANCE, Lakota Stable

SATURDAY, SEPT 22

LIVING BETTER CONFERENCE
Workshop, speakers, & fun, Lincoln
Unitarian Church, 6300 "A", Lincoln
475-3437

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

ICON FOOD 4 THOUGHT, The MAX

SATURDAY, DEC 1

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

SUNDAY, DEC 2

MR PRIDE 2001 FUNDRAISER
The MAX

SUNDAY, DEC 9

ICON TOYZ 4 TOTZ, The MAX



TROY HAASIS WINS MR PRIDE 2001 TITLE

This year's Pride Pageant, hosted by Mr. Pride 2000 Tom A. and founder of the Pride Pageant, Sharon Van Butsel, showed the spectrum of our Pride as two talented performers competed for the title. This is a unique pageant that does not discriminate along gender lines. All contestants (gay men, lesbians, female impersonators, transgender persons) compete in an open competition for one title. The titleholder then represents Pride throughout the year with public speaking appearances and fund-raising activities. At the end of the year, the titleholder receives 20% of the proceeds from their fundraising as a recognition of their efforts. Mr. Pride 2000, Tom A., raised just over \$1800 for Pride and received a check for \$366.

The pageant brought together two talented performers as Grand Duchess of the Imperial Court, Monroe, competed against a former Emperor of the Imperial Court of Iowa, Troy Haasis, in areas of Pride Wear, prepared speech on "How I as a gay man can represent the diverse elements of our community," an entertainment presentation, and an on stage question about our community.

Monroe was a stunning contestant as she appeared in her Pride Wear in a clinging black gown accented by rainbow colored boas that followed the curves of her body.

Troy, was suave and sophisticated in his Pride Wear and in his speech, but it was his entertainment presentation that took the title. Troy did a production number beginning with the song "one voice, singing in the darkness" and moving into a spirited song of challenge during which he tore the coverings off of prepared billboards featuring landmarks from the history of the Gay Pride movement. At the end of the evening Troy took home the title of Mr. Gay Pride 2001.

Troy Haasis is no stranger to fundraising or the spotlight. A former Mr. Gay Des Moines All American, a runner up to Mr. Gay Iowa America, a former Mr. Q - Lincoln/NE, and an Emperor of the Imperial Court of Iowa - Troy is dedicated to the causes he believes in. In 1999, he founded the nonprofit, 501c3 Rainbow Unity Foundation and the Rainbow Unity Memorial Scholarship for GLBT students across Iowa which awards college scholarship each September. A native of Iowa, he and Jason, his partner of 3 1/2 years, now proudly call Omaha "home." A retail manager for over 8 years, Troy also enjoys music, bicycling movies and the piano. With two supportive families behind him, he lives as an out and proud gay male!

Drawing upon a theme of "Equality for All," Troy plans to bring many new and fun ideas to fundraising for Pride, Inc. over the next 12 months. His plans including joining together each of the diverse organizations, businesses and persons across Nebraska to help make Pride 2002 the best yet! If you would like to contact Troy - please email him at MrGayPride2001@aol.com.

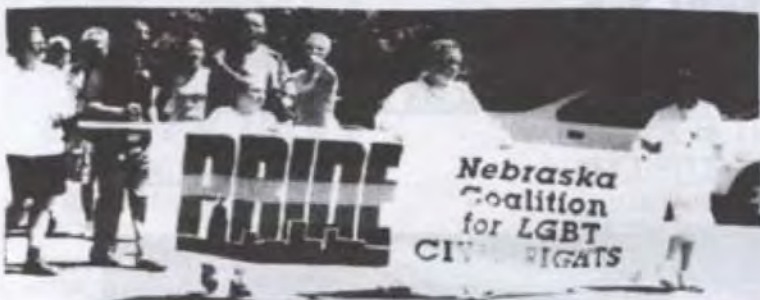


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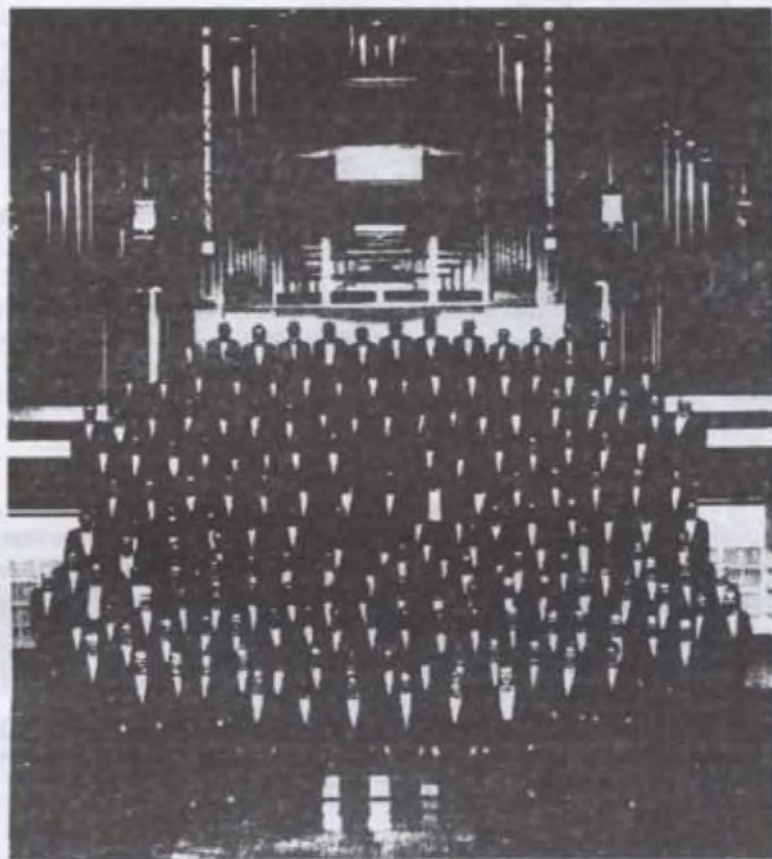
PROUD HORIZONS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

By Nick Turner

Proud Horizons, a weekly support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth and their straight allies celebrated its 10th anniversary on June 9th. Members meet every Saturday to discuss issues of their choice with the help of facilitators Ken Voorhees and Dave England. Common topics include coming out, school safety, dating, safe-sex and substance abuse. Proud Horizons provides a safe space for both serious discussions and fun times. There are nearly 30 regular members.

The group offers primarily drop-in support, but has also played a major role in planning youth activities. The group regularly attends Pride celebrations and Coming-Out Day events and has sponsored several youth proms. Members helped to successfully lobby the Omaha School Board to include sexual orientation in its code of conduct and supported Gay-Straight Alliances throughout Omaha this past year. Proud Horizons co-sponsored a GSA summit this spring with GLSEN-Omaha with about 50 students from Omaha, Lincoln and Iowa in attendance. Group members were also active in the anti-initiative 416 campaign - volunteering at the Dodge Street rally, at the office and in their neighborhoods.

Members agreed to form a Proud Horizons board in hopes of increasing its involvement with other local organizations and inspiring activist causes. They then celebrated the groups' anniversary with cake. Future goals include establishing a youth outreach space, working on projects with the Omaha Pride Players and continuing to build Omaha's youth community..



TURTLE CREEK CHORALE IN CONCERT

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SNAP!FEST 2001: JULY 12-29

4TH ANNUAL NEW WORKS FESTIVAL

SNAP! Productions is pleased to present SNAP!fest 2001: 4th Annual New Works Festival, July 12-29, 2001 at SNAP!/ Shelterbelt Theatre, 3225 California Street. SNAP!fest is a unique project that showcases new plays and plays new to Omaha in repertory, and invites the playwrights to interact with the audience, cast and directors in post-performance discussions July 26-29. SNAP! hopes to infuse the audience with a sense of adventure as they experience a play for the very first time. SNAP! also hopes to enhance the educational experience by introducing audiences to the creative process behind the performance they just witnessed. Except for the July 15 performance, all tickets are \$10. Reservations are suggested: (402) 341-2757 or at our secure online box office at www.snapproductions.com.

"The post-performance discussions are one of my favorite aspects of SNAP!fest," said SNAP! President, Roxanne Wach, a participant in SNAP!fest 1 and 3. "It's fascinating to hear about events and inspirations that lead the playwright to write the play. The playwright is often an elusive element in the theatrical process. While audience members may be able to discuss a performance with the actors and sometimes the director, it's a rare opportunity for the audience to be able to approach the playwright directly. This year's playwrights will really add another dimension to SNAP!fest with their amazing backgrounds."

The playwrights will be in Omaha July 26-29 due to the generosity of our travel sponsors: Tailored Travel/Paige Beeck; Old Market Encounter/Barb and Cliff Schaffer; Jerry Jensen/Jensen's Cinema 16 Collection.

This year's festival offerings are the Midwest premieres of *Mother, Tree, Cat* by Dori Appel, Ashland, OR, and Doric Wilson's *Street Theater*, New York, NY.

In *Mother, Tree, Cat* a former child prodigy revisiting her complicated Jewish family faces a confrontation with her adored lesbian aunt and a romance with a disillusioned rabbi as she struggles to regain her spirit and her art. Ms. Appel's works, *Tea Time and Balance* were presented in last year's SNAP!fest. *Mother, Tree, Cat* runs July 13-15, 26, 28. The opening night performance, July 12, is sold out and the performance on July 15 is a benefit for Temple Israel Synagogue, but is open to the public. The benefit performance cost is \$25 and includes a box dinner if reservations are made by July 8 and has a special curtain time of 7 pm. A sign language interpreted performance of *Mother, Tree, Cat* will be presented July 13.

Ms. Appel is a psychologist and family therapist, as well as a playwright, and will provide insight into the family dynamics, acceptance issues and artistic struggle addressed in her play.

Mother, Tree, Cat is directed by Lara Marsh and the cast includes SNAP! and SNAP!fest veterans Kristi Pederson and Liz Heim as well as, Andrea Tonsfeldt, Shane Staiger and Tanya Reyes-Nechodom.

Doric Wilson's *Street Theater* focuses on a panorama of drags, dykes, leathermen, flower children, vice cops and cruisers - the innocent and not-so-innocent bystanders who would turn Christopher Street and the 28th of June, 1969 into D-day in gay history - the night that gays fought back. *Street Theater* runs July 19-22, 27, 29. A sign language interpreted performance of *Street Theater* will be presented July 22.

In addition to post-performance discussions during the last weekend of the run, Doric Wilson will give a talk (with plenty of time for Q & A) about the roots of Gay Theatre and Gay Theatre pre-AIDS. Doric had a great deal of his early work performed at Caffe Cino, which was a major influence on American theater, beginning what became known as Off-Off Broadway and introducing dramatists as diverse as Tom Eyan, John Guare, Robert Heide, William Hoffman, Harry Koutoukas, Robert Patrick, Sam Shepard and Lanford Wilson. Alternative theater in general, and gay theater specifically can trace their roots directly to Caffe Cino.

Doric Wilson's *Street Theater* is directed by Scott Jackman and the cast includes: Tom Bertino, Andy Carl, Jeremy A. Earl, James Tobey, Mike Van Meter, Matthew Weddle, Jerry Evert, Meredith White, Wai Yim, Patricia Lilyhorn and Jeff Lively.

SNAP!fest 2001 is produced by Tom Bertino. Ernie Gubbels is Lighting Designer. Michael Taylor-Stewart will design sets.

SNAP! Productions strives to provide educational and humanistic support of AIDS-related programs and to promote understanding and acceptance of all members of the community through artistic expression. playwright to paper to stage. Thank you to travel sponsors: Tailored Travel/Paige Beeck; Old Market Encounter/Barb and Cliff Schaffer; Jerry Jensen/ Jensen's Cinema 16 Collection.

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- GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO)**
www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com "Building Bridges Through Education and Acceptance" or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
- Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network-Omaha**, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596
- Heartland Gay Rodeo Association**
Box 3354, Omaha 68103 Enjoy rodeo & country ways 800-561-6918
- Ice Bowl Involuntary Bowling Tournament (IBIT)** P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, NE 68131, e-mail icebowlomaha@hotmail.com
- Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22
- Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather LifeStyle
- Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8181 Omaha 68108
Gay men interested in leather lifestyle, Meetings 2nd Sat @ Gilligan's 7pm
- Lesbian Centered**; Social, discussion group for Lesbians; Meet Thurs.
Info: Lesbiancen@aol.com
- LinOma Bares**, PO Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Naturist Club for gay/bi men
- Lutherans Concerned**, c/o Augustana Lutheran Church, 3647 Lafayette, Omaha, 551-4728
- Mpower**, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 Men teaching men about HIV
- Men's Support Group-Omaha**, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., <http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/msgomaha> 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm
- Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha**, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net
Sunday Worship 8:50 & 10:20am,
- Names Project of the Heartland**, AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com;

- Nebraska AIDS Project**, 552-9260
Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40 St., Omaha 68131, Testing Monday and Thursday Evenings
- NAP Outreach Center**, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Wed. Afternoon, Fri Night
- Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality**, PO Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com
- Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion** <http://www.radiks.net/mike2tom/nebraskagaydads>
- Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage** <http://community.webtv.net/OMAHANEGAYPRIDE/OmahaNebraskaGay>
- Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
- Out and About in Nebraska**, outabout@worldshare.net or <http://travel.to/outabout> Social group for those who enjoy the outdoors
- Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Call (402) 291-6781 Meet 2nd Thursday, 1st United Methodist, 7020 Cass, Omaha
- Pride!, Inc.** Box 8583, Omaha 68108 341-0330 Produce Pride Parade; National Coming Out Day
- Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
- Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr.** 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
- Rainbow Bible Study**, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St., Omaha
- River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
- River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: rcga@tgforum.com Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
- River City Mixed Bowling 1**, 12:45pm, Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha: Michael Jones (689-0534)
- River City Mixed Bowling II** 3pm, Sundays, Broadway Bowl, Council Bluffs, IA: Dan White (402)734-7055
- SNAP Productions**, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
- WomenSpace**, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts 588-4529

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- Alias Jane Band**, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
- Boonoggles** 120 N. 14 St. (the Ozone) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net>
Email boonoggles@ideviate.net
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- Committee for GLBT Concerns**
218 Andrews, UN-L, 68588 472-1880
Deanna Zaffke & Pat Tetreault
- Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance** 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
- Gay/Lesbian Film Fest**, October 19-28, Mary Ross Film Theater, Lincoln, Deanna Zaffke, cei@unlserve.unl.edu
- Gay Men's Support Group**, Counseling & Psychology, Discussion Group for Gay Men, UNI Health Center, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
- Lesbian Discussion Group**, Women's Resource Center, UNL Health Center, Rm 340, Lincoln 68558 (402) 472-2597
- Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts**, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln, 68508, 474-2117
- Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise**, 4949 N. 73 St, Lincoln, 68507 (402) 467-5737
- Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter**, Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@email.msn.com
- Plainsmen**, Support group for FtM's (Female to Male), Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
- SAGE**, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6 - 9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
- Stepping Out GLBT Newspaper**, PO Box 30950, Lincoln, 68503-0950 Julie: 402-325-0338, Kathy @ bluzzzdiva@aol.com
- Straight Spouse Support Grp** 489-9088
- Women In Trades/YWCA**, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
- Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880
- Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth** 1-800-850-8078

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