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By William S. Gooden, Publisher Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

It's May, the weather is getting warmer and there is much happening. Mother's Day has passed and graduations and Father's Day are coming down the line shortly, In this month's News Section we have a story on the historic appointment of Karine Jean-Pierre becoming the first black and openly LGBTQ+ individual to become White House Press Secretary. We also have a story on Rep. Sharice Davids, who serves Kansas's 3rd congressional district, introducing legislation addressing the LGBTQ+ mental health crisis that is facing our country.

There is also much happening in the social/political arena these days. There is a conservative backlash sweeping through the country and in many conservative states we are new bills seeking to turn back rights we have worked so

hard for. Many of these new proposed laws are being driven by nothing more than homophobia or transphobia. May 17 is *International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia* and in our Features section we are taking a look on how best to combat these for our own health and prosperity as a community.

Pride is also right around the corner and this month in our Spotlight section we have a sneak peak at the return of PrideFest in Milwaukee, Pride in the Park in Chicago, and other Pride related events happening next month. Also our own Michael Johnston has all the low down on what is happening this month and next in the arts and entertainment venues of Milwaukee in his monthly *Cordially Yours, Again!* column.

- William S. Gooden
Publisher

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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



Karine Jean-Pierre becomes White House press secretary, the first Black and open LGBTQ person in the role

By: Kaitlan Collins

Karine Jean-Pierre will become the new White House press secretary when Jen Psaki departs her role next week, President Joe Biden announced in a statement Thursday, becoming the first Black and out LGBTQ person to hold the position.

Jean-Pierre currently serves as the White House's principal deputy press secretary.

"Karine not only brings the experience, talent and integrity needed for this difficult job, but she will continue to lead the way in communicating about the work of the Biden-Harris Administration on behalf of the American people," Biden said in a statement, adding that "Jen Psaki has set the standard for returning decency, respect and decorum to the White House Briefing Room."

Jean-Pierre will formally begin following Psaki's last day, which will be May 13. CNN reported in April that Psaki was planning on leaving her role for one at MSNBC.

Last May, Jean-Pierre became the second Black woman in history to hold the daily press briefing. She has served on the White House's senior communications team since Biden took office and before that was an adviser to his campaign and chief of staff to now-Vice President Kamala Harris.

Jean-Pierre's family includes her partner, CNN national correspondent Suzanne Malveaux, and their daughter.

"I am still processing it because, as Jen said, at the top this is a historic moment and it's not lost on me. I understand how important it is for so many people out there. So many different communities that I stand on their shoulders," Jean-Pierre said.

She added: "It is an honor and a privilege to be behind this podium."

Jean-Pierre also took a moment to



thank Psaki.

"She has been just a wonderful colleague, a friend, a mentor, during this past year and a half and I don't think I would be here without so many people, but including her and she is just just a true solid, amazing person," Jean-Pierre said.

Jean-Pierre is familiar with her new role. She is often in the room when Psaki briefs reporters, has filled in for her for at the lectern and has also gaggled with reporters traveling with Biden on Air Force One. Recently, she replaced Psaki at the last minute for Biden's four-day trip to Europe amid the Russian invasion after Psaki tested positive for COVID-19 the day before Biden was scheduled to leave.

Psaki's departure is unsurprising, given she had been public about her plan to leave after one year on the job. Several names had been under consideration to replace her, including Pentagon spokesman John Kirby, who has become a visible face of the administration in briefings and on cable television since Russia launched its invasion of Ukraine.

At the White House briefing Thursday, a visibly moved Psaki invited Jean-Pierre up to the podium with her and the two women embraced as Psaki went through Jean-Pierre's qualifications and the significance of her taking the job.

"I just want to take the opportunity to celebrate and congratulate my friend, my colleague, my partner in truth, Karine Jean-Pierre, the next White House

press secretary," Psaki told reporters at the White House.

She added: "She will be the first black woman, the first out LGBTQ+ person to serve in this role, which is amazing because representation matters and she is going to, she will give a voice to so many and allow and show so many what is truly possible when you work hard, and dream big and that matters, and ... we should celebrate that."

Psaki also elaborated on Jean-Pierre's career up, describing her as a "remarkable" person with "decades of experience."

"I just can't wait to see her shine at the podium. So congratulations, and I can't wait to see you bring your own style, and brilliance, to this job," Psaki said.

Close Biden adviser returns to White House

The staffing shakeup in the press office comes as the White House is making several other personnel moves in preparation for a potential Republican takeover on Capitol Hill in the midterm elections. One of Biden's closest advisers, Anita Dunn, will return to the West Wing as a senior adviser, as his team also shores up the White House counsel's office, given Republicans have promised to launch a slew of investigations if they retake the majority.

Dunn is permanently leaving her consulting firm, SKDK, people familiar with the matter tell CNN. She will no longer be a partner in the firm or listed on the company's website, people familiar with the matter say.

While Dunn no longer owns a piece of the firm, after it was sold in 2015, her role as a top strategist to Biden, former President Barack Obama and many other elected Democratic officials has given SKDK significant prominence in Washington and beyond. During the presidential campaign and the first

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Representative introduces legislation addressing LGBTQ+ mental health crisis

By: Brooke Migdon

Rep. Sharice Davids (D, pictured), co-chair of the Congressional LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, is prepared to introduce legislation Wednesday broadening mental health support for at-risk LGBTQ+ youth.

The “Pride in Mental Health Act” would amend existing child abuse law to include explicit protections for LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit youth and their families, according to a copy of the bill obtained by Changing America.

Specifically, the measure would provide recommendations for federal, state and local agencies to improve data collection related to the mental and behavioral health of LGBTQ+ youth and better identify youth who may be at risk of experiencing – or already experiencing – child abuse or neglect because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

“Mental health is a growing concern for families and communities across the country, and frankly, we are failing many of our most vulnerable children on this issue,” Davids said Wednesday. Davids in 2018 became the first openly LGBTQ+ person and the first Native American woman elected to Congress from Kansas.

“When we talk about improving mental health, we’re really talking about saving these kids’ lives,” Davids said. “This bill takes a comprehensive and data-driven approach to tackling the mental health crisis among youth in the LGBTQ+ community.”

Davids’ bill would create a new program within the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to award grants to “eligible entities” aiming to improve mental health and substance abuse outcomes among LGBTQ+ and Two Spirit youth.

Funds may be distributed to programs dedicated to developing resources like school bullying prevention guidelines



or family acceptance and support models, according to the bill. Grants will not be awarded to any entity providing or promoting conversion therapy.

Under the bill, SAMHSA would also be required to deliver a one-time report to Congress on the mental health of LGBTQ+ youth in foster care, as well as LGBTQ+ young people who are beneficiaries of other federal social services programs.

The measure’s introduction comes just a month after a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report found that nearly half of gay, lesbian and bisexual teenagers seriously considered taking their own life during the first half of 2021, compared with just 14 percent of their peers identifying as heterosexual.

Additional studies from organizations like The Trevor Project, a suicide prevention and crisis intervention group for LGBTQ+ youth, have found that LGBTQ+ young people face elevated rates of mental health challenges like major depressive disorder and generalized anxiety disorder.

LGBTQ+ youth are also overrepresented in the child welfare system, with some studies estimating that roughly 30 percent of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ+. That number is likely larger, researchers say, as youth in foster care may feel pressured to hide their identity from others in fear of being harassed or abused.

A recent Williams Institute report

found that lesbian, bisexual, queer and questioning women and girls of color, specifically, are overrepresented in both the foster care and carceral systems.

“LGBTQ+ children and teens, especially youth of color, are facing a mental health crisis,” Equality Caucus Chair David N. Cicilline (D) said Wednesday. “These kids face rampant discrimination and stigmatization each and every day – and now, with the recent wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in state legislatures across the country, are left to feel all the more isolated and othered.”

More than 300 bills targeting LGBTQ+ people in the U.S. have been introduced this year in state legislatures nationwide, according to advocacy groups like the Human Rights Campaign.

Additional research from The Trevor Project in January found that two-thirds of LGBTQ+ youth believe recent efforts by states to limit the rights of transgender and nonbinary people have negatively impacted their mental health.

“Representative Davids’ Pride in Mental Health Act will provide the critical data and resources we need to improve mental health resources and treatment for LGBTQ+ youth and will help us help these kids nationwide,” Cicilline said.

Source: <https://thehill.com/changing-america/respect/equality>

Karine Jean-Pierre

several months of the Biden administration, Dunn took a leave of absence from the firm. But given the new role at the White House, people familiar with the matter say, she is severing ties with the firm.

An official says Dunn will now be a full-time staff member, and -- as with any other full-time staff member -- will sign the ethics pledge, file an OGE 278 and be subject to all White House ethics and conflict of interest rules, including “rigorous counseling” on her ethics obligations.

Source: <https://www.cnn.com>

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Three ways to protect LGBTI rights across the world

May 17th marks the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT), aimed to celebrate sexual and gender diversities, and raise awareness against continued violence and discrimination experienced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) people.

The international day was initiated by political activist Louis-Georges Tin in 2004, and the date May 17 was chosen to commemorate the decision of the World Health Organization (WHO) on May 17, 1990, to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. Further progress took another 29 years until 2019, when the WHO decided to no longer classify transgender identities (described as “gender incongruence”) as mental and behavioral disorders.

While there have been landmark rulings to advance LGBTI equality in more and more countries, the human rights situation of LGBTI people remains a grave concern.

Progress has been uneven: at least 69 countries still criminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults, and the year of 2020 has shown a growing backlash against the protection of LGBTI rights. Hard-earned legal rights have been rolled back in several countries, from municipalities declaring to be “LGBTI free zones” to new anti-transgender legislations.

LGBTI people have also been falsely blamed, abused and stigmatized as vectors of disease during the pandemic, fueling hate and violence and social media scapegoating. Harassment, physical assault and fatal violence against LGBTI people persists across the globe. In 2021 alone, the Human Rights Campaign already reported at least 24 killings of transgender and non-binary people.

IDAHOBIT is a day that calls for continued support and protection of LGBTI rights across the world. To tackle violence and discrimination against the community, here are three ways that can



help make our societies a safer place:

Increase acceptance and social support

In many countries, there has been a rising acceptance of homosexuality over the past two decades, and one in five adults in the US knows someone who uses non-binary pronouns other than he or she.

Yet, progress remains polarized and sharply divided by country. Rigid norms and beliefs around sexual orientation, gender identity and expression continue to challenge the social and family acceptance of LGBTI people. For example, they can lead to a continued practice of so-called “conversion therapy,” which aims to change a person's sexual orientation or to suppress a person's gender identity. This practice has only been banned in five countries.

A more inclusive understanding and representation of history and cultures could lead to greater acceptance of LGBTI identities. From prehistoric rock paintings in South Africa and early Ottoman literature to mythological figures like the Greek king of Gods Zeus or the Filipina transgender Goddess of fertility, Lakapati, to presumed historical figures like Alexander the Great or Leonardo da Vinci, LGBTI people have shaped the history of humanity since the earliest time periods and have always been a vital part of our communities and cultures.

Increase protection through non-discrimination laws, regulations and policies

To drive positive culture change and build more inclusive communities and societies, governments and businesses can enact non-discrimination laws and policies as well as repeal current laws and policies that are aimed at discriminating or by design have discriminatory impact on LGBTI people.

According to civil society organization ILGA, 11 countries provide explicit constitutional protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation, and 81 countries have employment non-discrimination laws that protect the rights of LGBTI workers. Particularly where local laws are inadequate, businesses can put in place policies to prohibit and prevent harassment and discrimination of LGBTI professionals. More than 90% of Fortune 500 companies already prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and 83% prohibit discrimination based on gender identity, compared to just three in 2000.

Increase visibility and representation

Greater visibility and representation of LGBTI people in popular culture and leadership increases wider societal acceptance, and public opinion is more likely to drive corporate and legislative equality policies. But LGBTI people are not proportionately represented on television and made up just 9.1% of the regular characters on scripted TV shows in the US, according to a report by media advocacy group GLAAD.

Some countries entirely ban or censor the public broadcast of LGBTI content. Looking at representation in business leadership, until Apple's CEO Tim Cook came out in 2014, there were no openly gay Fortune 500 CEOs at all. Today, there are four openly LGBTI CEOs. And in 2020, Petra De Sutter was appointed Belgium's deputy prime minister, making her Europe's most senior transgender politician.

This year, IDAHOBIT is celebrated throughout the world under the theme “*Together, we Resist, Support and Heal*”.

In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

PrideFest is Back! Reveals Headliner Acts for 2022

By William S. Gooden
 Publisher, Milwaukee Pride
 Life Magazine

PrideFest is back after a two year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Not only are they celebrating their return, they are also celebrating their 25th Anniversary.

Headlining Friday night's on-stage excitement will be a stand-up comedy showcase featuring a trio of LGBTQ+ acts: **Cindy Foster**, **Sam Morrison** and the evening's MC **Marik Mavrakys** (lower photo).

On night three, PrideFest will then welcome a plethora of impressive performers to its main stage, led by Grammy nominee **Martha Wash** (top, right photo) taking the spotlight at 8:45 p.m. The evening will start with **Prince Poppycock** of "America's Got Talent" fame at 7 p.m., then come to a remarkable close with "American Idol" alum and Broadway star **Frenchie Davis** (top, left photo) at 10:30 p.m.

"I am thrilled to see an all-LGBT comedy lineup," said Milwaukee Pride Inc. president Wes Shaver. "I worked with Bonkerz Comedy Productions owner Joe Sanfelippo to put together a custom, one-of-a-kind show that is 100 percent all LGBT – that's tough considering gay stand up acts are hard to come by. This line-up is stellar, and I think it's going to really engage people and bring LGBT issues, experiences and stories together for a hilarious show. Oh, and Martha Wash – to party with an OG Disco Diva



is certainly a career highlight!"

The entertainment and events at PrideFest don't stop there. Across the festival's five shows, attendees will be able to find tribute shows to both Adele and Lady Gaga hitting the stage during the three-day celebration, along with a number of local drag performers, DJs – including the Bucks' famous in-house music maestro, DJ Shawna – dancers and more. A Pride Prom will dance the night away on Saturday while historians, activists and other speakers will share stories and history throughout the weekend at the fest's Stonewall Stage. And while tons of acts will shine on stage, fireworks will shine over the lakefront sky on Saturday night and the Hoan Bridge will light up the colors of Pride each evening throughout the celebratory weekend.

"PrideFest is more than music; it's community, celebrating diversity, embracing fellow citizens, and coming to-

gether to raise others up," Shaver said. "It's about celebrating Pride while creating space to exercise your right to celebrate it – that in itself is a big thing to do. It's important."

This year's PrideFest, in honor of its 25th year calling June – aka Pride Month – home, will also showcase Throwback Thursday and Flashback Friday celebrations. In addition to beer and cocktails that'll throwback to 1996 prices from 3-6 p.m. both days, PrideFest will stage several

events and presentations honoring its past, a '90s boy band review, a headliner old-school jam session with 88Nine Radio Milwaukee and DJ Kenny Perez, a drag show revue starring BJ Daniels and a stacked lineup of local DJs keeping the energy high and the party going.

"This line-up is fun, energetic, eclectic and hits so many corners of the community," Shaver noted. "It's really important to focus on local representation, and I'm so proud to say that 90 percent of this entire festival lineup is local and regional and authentically represents AND supports the LGBTQ community – and that is very exciting! It's truly a Milwaukee festival FOR Milwaukeeans and all those who come to enjoy it."

For more information on PrideFest's full schedule and lineup of entertainment for 2022, as well as ticket information, visit the festival's website at <https://www.pridefest.com/>.

Superstar Acts The Chainsmokers, Alesso Revealed as Headliners For Pride In The Park Chicago

Pride in the Park Chicago is an immersive Pride experience built upon a one-of-a-kind inclusive queer celebration that will be taking place on June 25-26, 2022. Bringing together over thirty thousand attendees for iconic musical performances and show-stopping queer/ally artists – proudly announces this year's stunning lineup.

Premiering Headliners

ALESSO. Renowned Grammy-nominated DJ continually ranked as one of the Top 100 DJs in the world and collaborations with Katy Perry, Usher, David Guetta, Tove Lo, and more.

THE CHAINSMOKERS (top photo, left). The incomparable Grammy-winning DJ and Production duo, with the new lead single "High" from their upcoming fourth studio album.

JOEL CORRY. DJ, producer, and television personality, Joel came to prominence in 2019 with the release of his single "Sorry" which reached number six in the UK Singles Chart.

DAYA. Beloved singer/songwriter who was featured on The Chainsmokers' song "Don't Let Me Down" which peaked at number 3 on the Hot 100, and worked for Gryffin's "Feel Good".

SAUCY SANTANA. Rapper and Television Personality, with a debut studio album "Keep It Playa" was released in 2021.

J. WORRA. Best known for her creativity as a producer and skills behind the decks, the native Chicagoan now Los Angeles-based DJ and producer was hailed as DJ Mag's 2019 Breakthrough Music Producer of the Year.



SHEA COULÉÉ. Fashion Icon, Musician, Human Rights Activist, and Drag Superstar who won RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars Season 5, and just this month was announced as one of eight returning winners that would be competing in the seventh season of RuPaul's Drag Race All-Stars, the first-ever all-winners season of Drag Race.

MONET X CHANGE (top photo, right). Singer, Podcaster, Television Personality, All-star Winner, Drag Superstar, and also one of eight returning winners that would be competing in the seventh season of *RuPaul's Drag Race All-Stars*, the first-ever all-winners season of Drag Race.

PRIYANKA (bottom photo, left). Canadian television personality and drag superstar won the first season of the reality competition series Canada's Drag Race in 2020.

REBECCA BLACK (bottom photo, right). Singer and Youtube sensation with her viral hit single "Friday", recently came out as queer and also released

her new song "Girlfriend".

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MOORE KISMET. DJ, songwriter, and music producer that is currently signed with Thrive Music and Universal Music Group.

MZ WORTHY. DJ, and one of the four original members of the Dirtybird Crew, Mz Worthy has performed at Coachella, Dirtybird Campout, Burning Man, and Ultra festivals.

To keep the party going, performances by Aaron Aanenson, GSP, Alexandra Diamond, Avi Sic, Sasha Love, Kenya Black Dupree, Dusty Bahls, Janky, Mimi Marks, Khloe Couleé, Kenzie Couleé, Bambi Banks Couleé, Lúci Ami, Juicy Love Dion, Pepper, Travis Fiero, and Pride Ball hosting by Legendary Kentrele Gorgeous Gucci.

Source: <https://press.prideparkchi.com>.

Pride Month Events In WI for 2022

Pride month is almost upon us and with it comes a month full celebrations and events recognizing our trials and victory over the last 53 years. Here is but a small sampling of the events scheduled (at time of printing).

PrideFest Milwaukee

June 2 @ 9 a.m. – June 4 @ 9 p.m.
200 N. Harbor Dr., Milw., WI 53202
Hosted by: Milwaukee PrideFest
Tickets available at gate
PrideFest's return to the Henry Maier Festival Park celebrates its 25th year

Ride With Pride 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022 @ 3 p.m.
House of Harley-Davidson
6221 W. Layton Ave., Milw., WI 53220
Hosted by: Pride Rides Wisconsin, House of Harley-Davidson and Ride With Pride MKE



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2022 Milwaukee Pride Parade

Sunday, June 5, 2022 @ 2 p.m.
2nd Street in Walker's Point
Hosted by: Milwaukee Pride Parade and OnMilwaukee
Open to the Public
A mile of exciting fun-filled pride!

Leather Pride

Sunday, June 12, 2022 @ 3 p.m.
Hunty's Social Club
734 S. 5th St., Milwaukee, WI 53204
Hosted by: Castaways MC of Milwaukee
Open to the Public
Celebrate Milwaukee's Leather community

Pride Bar Crawl - Milwaukee

Saturday, June 18, 2022 @ 4 p.m.
This Is It
418 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202
Hosted by: This Is It Bar
Tickets available at www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-crawl-milwaukee-tickets-307611984727
The 5th Annual Pride Crawl visits a number of bars in Milwaukee



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M&M Club Hosts Reunion Party



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On Sunday, May 8, 2022, The legendary M&M Club hosted an alumni reunion for former employees, customers and entertainers to the site of the bar and restaurant (now known as the Tied House). The M & M Club was one of Milwaukee's favorite GLBT destinations for almost 30 years from the time it was opened on July 4, 1976 by community activist Bob Schmidt, with partners Leo Peters and Jime Moes. A mecca for men and women looking to relax, meet friends new and old, and join in community events, the Club long served the gay and lesbian community with a mix of activities unique in the Milwaukee business scene. In 1985 Bob Schmidt had bought out both partners, Leo

and Jim, and Bob continued to run the business day to day. But after 25 years, Bob was ready to relax, and in 2002 sold the business to one of his long-time employees, Boo-Boo, while retaining ownership of the building. But business wasn't the same without Bob Schmidt around, and, in part because of a changing neighborhood (gentrification, an increasingly difficult parking situation, etc.), the business went into decline. In April 2006 Bob Schmidt sold the building to a Chicago company, which announced plans to reopen it as an Irish pub. The news broke late in April 2006 that the bar would close at end of business on Saturday, May 13, 2006.



Cordially Yours, Again!

YOUR MONTHLY DOSE OF WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S HAPPENING

“May Day, May Day”

As I pen this column, I'm basking in the afterglow of *The M&M Club Reunion Party*. Thank you, Bob Schmidt and Rona, once again, You made the magic happen! Cheers!

This merry month of May will bring two blockbuster books on Drag! “*Legends in Drag*”, a coffee table book, glossy with Hollywood-type, MGM-styled photographs. 176 Entertainers from across the United States of a certain age, who have made a statement via the stage. Wisconsin is well represented with the dazzling, stunning, hilarious, and dedicated: B.J. Daniels, Shannon DuPree, Dear Ruthie (Keester), Christina Chase, The Sugarbaker Twins, and Karen Valentine. Harry James Hansen nee Milwaukee, now Brooklyn and Devin Antheus also from the Cream City now San Francisco, dreamed a dream and voila, this Bible of Female Impersonation is in hand, “*Legends of Drag: Queens of a Certain Age*”. Friday, May 17th **The Saint Kate Arts Hotel** will be the site of the Book Launch



By: Michael Johnston

Party.

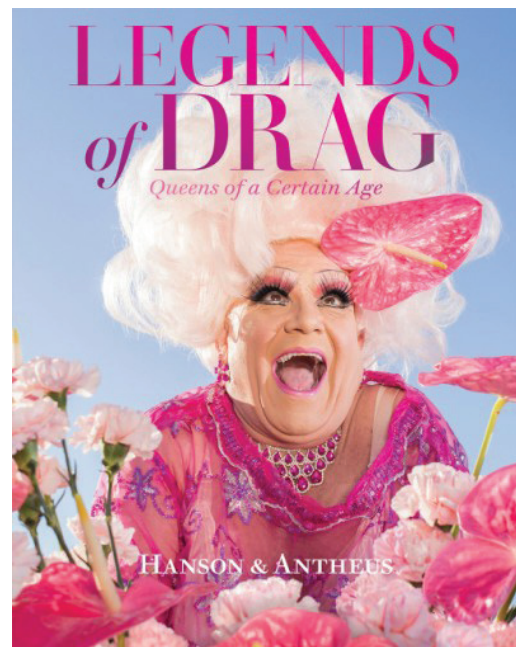
If your schedule prevents you from attending, weep not - **Friday, June 10th MOWA Museum of Wisconsin Art and The Saint Kate Arts Hotel** will host a beautiful bash, showing portraits, having the book, and the performers all together making history! While “*Legends of Drag*” will be a pictorial salute, celebrating the obvious of Drag – the Surface! For convenience's sake here is a calendar of events regarding this groundbreaking Pictorial. “*Legends of Drag Exhibition*” **Friday, May 27 – Sunday, August 21, 2022.**, The Saint Kate Arts Hotel and MOWA Museum of Wisconsin Art “*Legends Live Drag Show*” **Friday, June 10 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.** at The Saint Kate Arts Hotel. “*Legends of Drag*” artist talk **Sunday, June 12 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at Saint Kate Arts Hotel “*Legends of Drag*” Panel Discussion **Sunday, July 17 at 3:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.** at Saint Kate's Arts Hotel.

B.J. Daniels and Michail Takach have taken pen in hand and are writing the story (ies) behind the Max Factor. B.J., is

without a doubt the entertainer's entertainer – Meryl Streep with penis, Brew City's very own RuPaul. He has been there from the 80's - Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, the Midwest. Doing Drag, emceeing, acting, Gay chorus member, artist, fashionista, my goodness his resume could fill my column! You know him, you love him! Here is his story AND the story of the stars, bar owners, localities, promoters, producers, fans, followers, groupies, choreographers, costumers – it takes a village... to put on a mini-Broadway Musical – weekly! In this soon to be Month of PRIDE – take PRIDE in an *artform* that is uniquely ours and finally being recognized, applauded and rewarded for its true value. “*A History of Milwaukee Drag; 7 Generations of Glamour*” by Michail Takach and B.J. Daniels is on Pre-Order at Barnes and Noble and Amazon. B.J. and Michail will be the very special guest on “*Morning Blend*” **Monday, June 16th** set your DVRs! And a book chat will take place at **The Saint Kate Arts Hotel** on **Sunday, July 17th**, providing a perfect opportunity to have the authors sign your copy of this must have opus! P.S. Please don't forget to catch B.J., Ruthie, and Shannon three of the Legends in Headlining at **PrideFest 2022 – The Return!**

“*Get Happy Angela Ingersoll Sings Judy Garland*” **Thursday, May 05 – Friday, July 1.** Garland returns to **The Stackner Cabaret** of **The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre**. Enjoy Liza's Mama once again center stage, where she always belongs!

Renaissance Theaterworks, theater by women, for everyone has a fabulous show in full bloom, “*Rose, An intimate Evening with Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy*” by Laurence Leamer. **May 20 - June 5** located at their new location, **255 South**





Water Street, this theater offers a complimentary parking lot! As the World prepares to Celebrate 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II, we can remember our very own Camelot and our revered royal family.

Come see Quasimodo sing! That's the headline promoting **The Skylight Music Theatre's** latest, greatest! Dennis DeYoung's "*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*" making its debut **Friday, May 20 – Sunday, June 12** in **The Colin Cabot Theatre**. DeYoung is the Rock 'n' Roll Icon of Styx, with the vision, that rebirths this classic. Skylight very own Artistic Director (extraordinaire) Michael Unger directs. This will be thee talk of The Historic Third Ward! As exciting as Bavette La Boucherie's new home on Broadway. Formerly *Swig*, now swinging quite differently. Bravo Karen and Crew! Kudos to Clyde our server, making me wish I was Bonnie!

One Night Only, One Night Only!!! **Our Voice Milwaukee, Milwaukee's LGBTQ and Ally's Chorus** return to the stage and song after being sidelined like so many for two years (COVID). "*Our Flight Begins As Song*" their returning spring concert set for **Saturday, May 21 7:30 p.m.** at **Plymouth Church**. Come out and fill the pews and support these fine voices united in support!

"*I Love A Mystery*," was an old radio program your Grandparents listened to. In the same vein, The Milwaukee Rep brings *Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express"* back on the rails. **The Quadracci Powerhouse** will serve as your station to get you on board for an unpredictable whodunit adventure. Eight suspects, one thrilling ride, and not The Cannon Ball Express to Hoovertville! **May 31 – July 1**. A perfect late spring to mid-summer travel escape.

Roald Dahl's "*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – The New Musical*" sweetens at **The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts** on **Tuesday, May 31 – Sunday, June 5**. This is the first time Charlie has been to Milwaukee and he will close out the Broadway on Tour Season.

This summer **The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM)** will take us to France! On **June 03 – October 16** "*Always New: Paris, the 1800s and the Posters of Jules Cheret*," will color our world! Ever so brightly, vividly, and Gay! Enjoy, my bon amis!

Spring has finally SPRUNG, and not a moment too soon! Enjoy! And Please remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar as I remain **Still Cordially Yours, Again!**



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Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 372-7880
<https://www.facebook.com/artbarmke>

DIX Milwaukee ♦

Southern Style Video/Dance Bar
739 S. 1st St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
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<https://dixmke.com>

Fluid Milwaukee ♦

Gay Bar
819 S. 2nd St.
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414-Oh-Fluid/(414) 643-5843
<https://fluidmke.com>

Harbor Room ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar
117 E. Greenfield Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 672-7988
<https://www.facebook.com/Harbor-Room-117-E-Greenfield-Ave-Milwaukee-WI-151982704821436/>

Hunty's Social Club ♦

Drag Bar inside
Hamburger Marys
734 S. 5th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 488-2555
<https://huntyismke.com>

Kruz ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar
354 E. National Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 272-5789
<https://www.facebook.com/kruz.kruzbar>

La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club
801 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 383-8330
<https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub>

This Is It! ♦

Gay Bar with Drag Shows
418 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 278-9192
<https://www.thisisitbar.com>

Walker's Pint ♦

Lesbian Bar
818 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 643-7468
<https://walkerspint.com>

Woody's Sports Bar ♦

Gay Sports Bar
1579 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 672-0806
<https://www.facebook.com/woodysmke>

Zócolo Food Park ♦

Bar with food trucks, gay friendly
636 S. 6th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 433-9747
<https://www.zocalomke.com>

BUSINESS

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Custom Jewelry designer in South
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South Milwaukee, WI 53172
(414) 764-3892
<http://c3designs.rocks/>

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Hawaiian Cafe, caterer and store
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Wauwatosa, WI 53213
(414) 778-0727
<http://www.okgrindz.com>

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LGBTQ-owned candy and ice cream
shop in Bayshore Mall
5756 N. Bayshore Dr., Q101
Glendale, WI 53217
(414) 967-4803
<https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore>

Outwards Books

Gifts & Coffee ♦
LGBTQ+ books, movies and gifts
2710 N. Murray Ave. #3645,
Milwaukee, WI 53211
(414) 963-9089
<https://outwardsbooks.com>

Purple Door Ice Cream ♦

LGBTQ-owned ice cream parlor with
unique flavors and treats
205 S. 2nd St.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
(414) 988-2521
<https://www.purpledooricecream.com>

com

Todo Postres LLC. ♦

Gay-owned and operated bakery
and dessert shop. Specializes in
unique cakes for quinceañeras,
weddings and pride events.
958 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 988-2149
<https://www.facebook.com/ToDoPostresOfficial/>

HEALTH

Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers

Community health center provides
discounted or free health programs
2906 S. 20th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 672-1353
<https://sschc.org>

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Free STI testing Clinic
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Milwaukee, WI 53202
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<https://www.bestd.org>

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Wisconsin
74 Eclipse Center,
Beloit, WI 53511
tel: (608) 361-0311
www.chsofw.org

Compassionate Clinical Services

Provides private therapy and
counseling services by Ryan Larkey,
LCSW, SAC
985 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53204
Planned Parenthood
(414) 839-1821
<https://www.compassionateclinicalservices.com>

Vivent Health (formally ARCW)

HIV/AIDS health center that pro-
vides medical, dental, counseling
and social service help
820 N. Plankinton Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53203
(414) 273-1991
<https://viventhealth.org>

ADVOCACY

Cream City Foundation

Not-for-profit that funds LGBTQ+
outreach organizations
PO Box 511099
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 225-0244
<https://creamcityfoundation.org>

Diverse & Resilient ♦

LGBTQ+ health and advocacy
group
2439 N. Holton St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 390-0444
<https://www.diverseandresilient.org>

LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

Community center with many
programs for LGBTQ+ groups
1456 Junction Ave.
Racine, WI 53403
(262) 664-4100
<https://www.lgbtsewi.org>

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center ♦

Community center with many
programs for LGBTQ+ groups
315 W. Court St.
Milwaukee, WI 53212
(414) 271-2656
<https://www.mkelgbt.org>

Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Networking and resources for
LGBTQ+ business
5027 W. North Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(414) 678-9275
<https://wislgbtchamber.com>

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