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FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK

Vote, Baby Vote!



Fall is here. It's time for pumpkins, apple picking, raking leaves, farmers markets and of course voting for a new President of the United States.

In this our Election Issue Special, we look at all the LGBTQ+ candidates that are running this year' in Wisconsin (page 6). We also take a look at Donald Trumps plans for the LGBTQ+ community during his second term. *Spoiler Alert!* It sounds pretty dire what Project 2025 has in store for queer and Trans-individuals (page 8).

However, not all the news is doom and gloom this month. For the first time in its history, Wisconsin has dedicated a LGBTQ+ historic landmark right here in Milwaukee (page 3). In national news, President Biden pardons thousands of ex-service members who were convicted and dishonorably discharged from the U.S. military under the Gay Sex Ban (page 5). Also locally, two great local agencies that are known for their

philanthropy have joined together to better extend their giving into Milwaukee's LGBTQ+ community (page 4).

In our arts section this month we look at queer and Jewish artist Bernard Perline, whose work is on exhibit at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum from now until January. His work has been seen in countless magazines and poster in the 40's and 50's. Before you go to check out the exhibit get a brief history of him and his work (page 10).

While Milwaukee Pride Life is officially endorsing an candidate for US Senate and President/Vice President (page 2), we hope you take your time to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, no matter who the candidate.

- William S. Gooden
Publisher



IN MY OPINION

BY: WILLIAM S. GOODEN

Take A Breath and Vote!

It doesn't seem like its been four year's already but I guess it has been. It's time to pick a new leader of our country and this election year has been anything less then interesting.

July was perhaps the most hectic month politically ever seen. The first Presidential debate clearly showed current President Joe Biden as having health and cognitive issues which shook the confidence of voters and supporters alike. Then the Saturday before the Republican National Convention (RNC) was to be held here in Milwaukee, an assassination attempt was targeted at former President Donald Trump during a rally in Pennsylvania. Just days after the RNC President Biden announced that he was dropping out of the race for President and was nominating Vice President Kamala Harris, which she made the formal announcement that she was running, just a few days later and becoming the new hot ticket receiving both endorsement and donations left and right.

Distractions aside, there are many issues facing our country and community the economy, access to health care, access to abortion, equality in the workplace, the continuation of gay marriage, Project 2025, and issues facing the transgender community, just to name a few.

With all that is at stake, for the first time we Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine are officially endorsing candidates. Senator Tammy Baldwin and Vice President Kamala Harris and Gov. Tim Walz for President and Vice President. I personally feel that their type of politics will be better for the LGBTQ+ community of Wisconsin and beyond.

However or whoever, you are deciding to vote for, please make sure you go out to vote on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 or vote early!

- William Gooden
Publisher

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LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



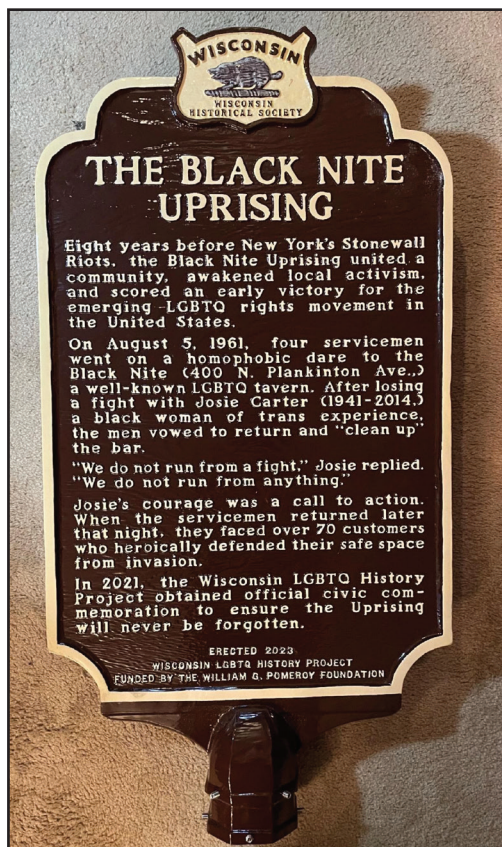
Wisconsin Dedicates Its First LGBTQ Historic Landmark

By Brett Krzykowski

On Monday, August 5, 2024, exactly 63 years after the event it commemorates, a historic landmark went up at the corner of St. Paul and Plankinton avenues to recognize the Black Nite Brawl. In doing so, Wisconsin officially dedicated the first LGBTQ historic landmark in the state's history.

The location of the landmark coincides with that of the Black Nite Tavern, where in 1961 the LGBTQ community — led by Josie Carter, a Black transgender woman — fought back against four servicemen who tried to enter the establishment on a dare. An initial confrontation with the bouncer escalated when the men returned with a larger group to, as the landmark states, “clean up” the bar.

Carter told Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project board chair Michail Takach that Black Nite owner Wally Whetham encouraged the patrons to leave for



their own safety. “But we did not run from a fight,” Carter continued. “We did not run from nothing.”

A group of more than 70 individuals defended one of the few places in Milwaukee that welcomed all sexual and gender expressions — a truly safe space. Carter relayed the events of that night in a pair of interviews she gave in 2011, and we were fortunate to be able to share them in the first episode of our Be Seen podcast with the Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project. That's one way the historic moment lives on. The landmark dedicated Monday is another.

“While the History Project did the work to prove the Black Nite happened, and achieved both civic commemoration and historic designation, the victory belongs to our Black and brown elders,” Takach said in a release. “The people who fought at the Black Nite never expected to be heroes. They never expected to be remembered by history. We are proud to shine a bright light on their stories.”

Source: <https://radiomilwaukee.org/news/2024-08-06/black-nite-brawl-historic-landmark>



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Cream City Foundation Joins Greater Milwaukee Foundation Family

Funder, advocate for LGBTQ+ priorities focused on impact, sustainable growth

In a move to enhance future growth, sustainability and impact in the LGBTQ+ community it serves, Cream City Foundation has joined the Greater Milwaukee Foundation as a supporting organization. In this specialized community foundation structure, Cream City Foundation will maintain an independent board and decision-making power while benefitting from the investment expertise, administrative support and regional reach of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

“We are excited for this next chapter in our story and new partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, which will allow our volunteer leaders to refocus our energy on relationships with donors, our convening priorities and our grantmaking activities,” said Charlie Nash, Cream City Foundation board chair. “Building on the momentum of Pride Month, we see this as a great opportunity for longtime supporters and new allies to join us in advancing the human rights and responding to the human needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people in southeast Wisconsin.”

Established in 1982, Cream City Foundation has consistently answered the needs of the LGBTQ+ movement as they have changed and evolved, from fighting the AIDS crisis in its nascent years, to helping turn the tide of public opinion on the issue of same-sex marriage to supporting the well-being and rights of gender-nonconforming and transgender people and youth. Over the last four decades, the foundation and its donors have mobilized resources



es for seed funding, fiscal sponsorship and helping sustain key institutions like Pridefest, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Vivent Health (ARCW) during critical junctures in time.

“The legacy and impact of Cream City Foundation is etched in Milwaukee’s history, and we are honored that their leadership has chosen to partner with us as they enter a new era of serving the community,” said Ellen Gilligan, Greater Milwaukee Foundation president and CEO. “Our values are aligned around an inclusive, thriving Milwaukee for all, and both of our organizations have much to gain as we bring together our connections, ideas and resources.”

By financially supporting nonprofits, convening stakeholders to enact change and funding student scholarships, Cream City Foundation has consistently addressed the economic, health, safety and equity needs that prevent the region’s LGBTQ+ communities from achieving full inclusion and acceptance.

To date, the foundation has provided

over \$1.6 million in grants to such local nonprofits as Diverse & Resilient, Pathfinders, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Holton Street Clinic, FORGE, Vivent Health/ARCW, Milwaukee Pride, LGBT Centers of SE Wisconsin & Milwaukee, BESTD Clinic and the Fair Wisconsin Education Fund. In 1990, they were a critical funder and agent in the founding of Q-BLOK – a Pathfinder’s housing program that continues to support the needs of LGBTQ+ and allied young adults today.

In addition, the foundation has awarded \$220,000 in scholarships since 2017 to build capacity for current and future LGBTQ+ leaders.

In its new composition, Cream City Foundation is returning to its roots as an all-volunteer organization. While back-office functions will now be managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Cream City Foundation will continue to operate as a board of directors focused on identifying the most urgent needs for LGBTQ+ communities in our area and connecting those needs with vital funds and support. Cream City Foundation plans to announce its 2024 scholarship recipients later this summer and invites the community to join them Oct. 10 for the 2024 Business Equality Luncheon. Donors interested in joining Cream City Foundation by contributing to one of their funds or exploring a fund of their own can contact the foundation at hello@creamcityfdn.org.

Source: <https://www.greatermilwaukeefoundation.org/news/post/cream-city-foundation-joins-greater-milwaukee-foundation-family>

Biden Pardons Potentially Thousands Of Ex-Service Members Convicted Under Now-Repealed Gay Sex Ban

By Zeke Miller

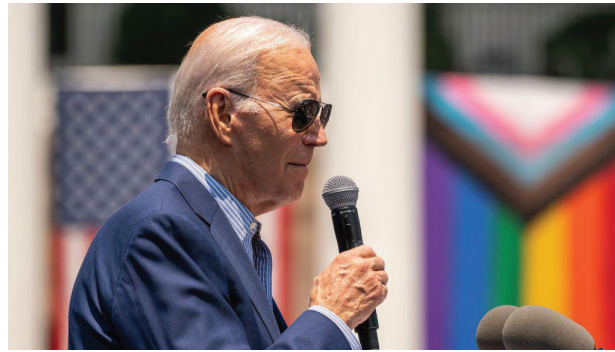
President Joe Biden pardoned potentially thousands of former U.S. service members convicted of violating a now-repealed military ban on consensual gay sex, saying Wednesday, June 26, 2024, that he is “righting an historic wrong” to clear the way for them to regain lost benefits.

Biden’s action grants a pardon to service members who were convicted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice’s former Article 125, which criminalized sodomy. The law, which has been on the books since 1951, was rewritten in 2013 to prohibit only forcible acts.

Those covered by the pardon will be able to apply to receive proof that their conviction has been erased, petition to have their discharges from the military upgraded and move to recover lost pay and benefits.

“Today, I am righting an historic wrong by using my clemency authority to pardon many former service members who were convicted simply for being themselves,” Biden said in a statement. “We have a sacred obligation to all of our service members -- including our brave LGBTQI+ service members: to properly prepare and equip them when they are sent into harm’s way, and to care for them and their families when they return home. Today we are making progress in that pursuit.”

The president’s use of his pardon powers is occurring during Pride Month and his action comes just days before he is set to hold a high-profile fundraiser with LGBTQ donors in New York on Friday. Biden is trying to rally support within the Democratic-leaning community ahead of the presidential election.



Modern Military, the nation’s largest organization of LGBTQ+ service members and their families, said the decision was a “historic step towards justice and equality,” and called on the military to approve the pardons quickly.

Biden’s proclamation is “a significant move in recognizing and righting the wrongs inflicted upon LGBTQ+ service members who faced discrimination and unjust convictions under policies such as “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” the organization said in a statement after the pardon announcement. “These brave individuals stood on the front lines of freedom, risking their lives to defend our country, only to be met with injustice at home.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement that the actions were a step in the “march towards greater equality” and “correct a historic wrong for LGBTQ+ Americans who served bravely in our armed forces to keep our country safe.”

Administration officials declined to say why Biden did not act on the pardons sooner.

This is the third categorical pardon by Biden — using his clemency powers to cover a broad group of people convicted of particular crimes — after moves in 2022 and 2023 to pardon those convicted federally for possessing marijuana.

The White House estimates that several thousand service members will

be covered — the majority convicted before the military instituted the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy in 1993 that eased the way for LGBTQ troops to serve if they didn’t disclose their sexual orientation. That policy was repealed in 2011, when Congress allowed for their open service in the military.

Service members convicted of nonconsensual acts are not covered by Biden’s pardon action. And those convicted under other articles of the military justice code, which may have been used as a pretext to punish or force out LGBTQ troops, would need to request clemency through the normal Department of Justice pardon process.

Biden had previously ordered the Department of Veterans Affairs to move to provide benefits to service members who were other than honorably discharged because of their sexual orientation, gender identity or HIV status.

Biden was at Camp David preparing for a presidential debate with Republican frontrunner Donald Trump set for Thursday, so first lady Jill Biden addressed a crowd gathered on the South Lawn of the White House that was decked out in rainbow for a Pride Month celebration.

“Just this morning, Joe took another step to right those decades of injustice, pardoning man service members who were court-martialed for simply being themselves,” she said to cheers from the crowd. “Honoring those heroes — I’m sure there’s many of you in the crowd — veterans and their families who have given so much for our country.”

Source: <https://apnews.com/article/biden-lgbtq-pride-pardon-military-pentagon-sodomy-a83b799323380de10aac0ca6fb57595b>

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Who Are The LGBTQ+ Candidates Of Wisconsin

By William S. Gooden

The 2024 Primary Election is just around the corner, Tuesday, November 5, 2024 to be exact. With nineteen LGBTQ+ identifying candidates running here in Wisconsin. Marking this election season with one of the most LGBTQ+ candidates in Wisconsin history. Here is a brief look of the nineteen queer candidates that are running:

Kristin Alfheim

Wisconsin State Senate

Appleton, WI
Kristin will be the first out LGBTQ+ person to represent the Fox Valley in the Wisconsin State Senate!



Tammy Baldwin

U.S. Senator Wisconsin

Tammy made history as the first out LGBTQ+ U.S. Senator! She is facing off against Republican Eric Hovde.



Hovde is a banking executive turned politician from California and doesn't even reside full-time in Wisconsin.

Peter Burgelis - Winner

Milwaukee Common Council

Milwaukee, WI
Peter will be the first out gay member of the Milwaukee Common Council!



Marisabel Cabrera - Winner

Milwaukee County Circuit Court

Wisconsin
Marisabel will be an important voice for equality on the Milwaukee County Circuit Court!



Angelina Cruz

Wisconsin State Assembly

Racine, WI
Angelina will be an important voice for equality in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



Stephanie

Knezz-Winner

Kenosha County Board of Supervisors

Wisconsin
Stephanie will be an important voice for equality on the



Kenosha County Board of Supervisors!

Todd Larson - Winner

Green County Board of Supervisors

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Todd will continue to be an important voice for equality on the Green County Board of Supervisors!



David Marsteller

Wisconsin State Assembly

Milwaukee, WI
David will be an important voice for equality in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



Vered Meltzer - Winner

Appleton Common Council

Appleton, WI
Vered will continue to bring important representation to Appleton!



Greta Neubauer

Wisconsin State Assembly

Wisconsin
Greta is the first out LGBTQ+ person to lead a



legislative caucus in Wisconsin!

DJ Nichols - Winner

Oshkosh Common Council
Oshkosh, WI
DJ will be the only out LGBTQ+ member of the Oshkosh Common Council!



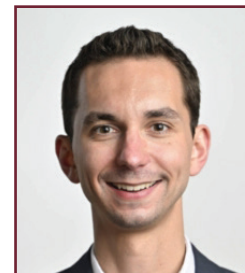
Amaad Rivera-Wagner

Wisconsin State Assembly
Green Bay, WI
Amaad will be the first out gay Black man elected to the Wisconsin state legislature!



Ryan Spaude

Wisconsin State Assembly
Wisconsin
Ryan will be an important voice for equality in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



Christian Phelps

Wisconsin State Assembly
Eau Claire, WI
Christian will be an important voice for equality in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



Jesus M. Rivera - Winner

Cambridge School Board
Cambridge, WI
Jesus will be the only out LGBTQ+ member of the Cambridge School Board!



Angela Stroud

Wisconsin State Assembly
Ashland, Wisconsin
Angela will be the first out LGBTQ+ person to represent Northern Wisconsin in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



Israel Ramon

Milwaukee County Register of Deeds
Milwaukee, WI
Issy is the first out LGBTQ+ person to serve as a constitutional officer in Milwaukee County!



Lee Snodgrass

Wisconsin State Assembly
Wisconsin
Lee will continue to be an important voice for equality in the Wisconsin State Assembly!



JoCasta Zamarripa - Winner

Milwaukee Common Council
Milwaukee, WI
JoCasta was the first out LGBTQ+ member of the Milwaukee Common Council!



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Donald Trump Plans To Gut Queer And Trans Rights In A Second Term

Trump's policy platform has sown fear among LGBTQ+ advocacy groups and emboldened the former president's extreme fanbase.

By Samantha Riedel

With Donald Trump and J.D. Vance now confirmed as the official 2024 Republican presidential ticket, LGBTQ+ advocates are sounding the alarm about what a prospective second Trump administration might mean for queer and trans rights. Although Trump has attempted to distance himself from the far-right Heritage Foundation's "Project 2025" plan to consolidate conservative rule, the former president is running on a remarkably similar platform of his own, dubbed "Agenda 47."

The Trump campaign has been building out "Agenda 47" into a 20-point platform — explained in a series of videos on the campaign site — since late 2022. Most of the component planks deal with perennial Trump scapegoats: Chief among Trump's priorities, for example, is bringing an end to what he calls the "migrant invasion," partly via a massive deportation campaign. Two "Agenda 47" policies target LGBTQ+ people in particular, specifically transgender people, with Trump promising to wage war on "radical gender ideology" in schools and also "keep men out of women's sports."

Republicans have eagerly latched on to trans women athletes as a wedge issue in recent years, asserting that trans women have biological athletic advantages over



cis women (despite a lack of evidence for such claims). In a February 2023 message decrying "left wing gender insanity," Trump affirmed that if elected, he would interpret the federal anti-discrimination statute Title IX to entirely prohibit trans women from participating in women's sports, and ask Congress to pass legislation to affirm that interpretation. Although President Joe Biden introduced new trans-inclusive rules for interpreting Title IX during his term,

those changes applied to trans students in all areas except athletics (and are currently blocked pending litigation in federal court).

But Trump's anti-trans plans aren't limited to sports. His February 2023 proclamation stated that he would seek a federal definition of "gender" that is restricted to only "male and female" as assigned at birth. Trump also vowed to ban gender-affirming care for trans

youth, falsely labeling such medical care “mutilation” and “mutation” and promising to terminate trans-affirming doctors from Medicare and Medicaid. In his Agenda 47 video, Trump falsely claimed that trans people and gender dysphoria did not exist “until the radical left invented it just a few years ago.” He also accused pharmaceutical companies of pushing hormone therapy, puberty blockers, and surgeries for profit, but provided no evidence of such a conspiracy.

Much of Agenda 47’s anti-trans language dovetails with Trump’s anti-teacher and anti-education positions, representing a series of attacks not just on queer and trans students, but on teachers and educators who do not adhere to the Republican party line. At various points, Agenda 47 describes schools as “indoctrinating” students with “Marxism,” “critical race theory,” and “gender ideology.” Trump’s solutions to the imagined problem would include monetary rewards for schools who strip

K-12 teachers of their tenure; a federal “Parents Bill of Rights,” likely with similar language to anti-LGBTQ+ state bills of the same name; a Red Scare-like hunt for “the radicals who have infiltrated the federal Department of Education”; and a new teacher certification board to ensure educators “embrace patriotic values.” Trump is also heavily courting conservatives who homeschool their children, a longtime Republican pet project that has rapidly gained ground in recent years.

The Trump team has insisted that their candidate has nothing to do with the now-infamous Project 2025, despite its breathless ambition towards “institutionalizing Trumpism” (and Trump’s close ties with its architects). But Agenda 47’s policy items are near-indistinguishable from Project 2025’s, making the difference largely a matter of branding. As Ms. magazine noted, Project 2025 also seeks an end to federal protections for trans people at any level, diametrically opposes Biden’s reinterpretation of



In 2020 Trump promised to be LGBTQ-friendly. His first year in office proved it was a giant con. - Web Photo.

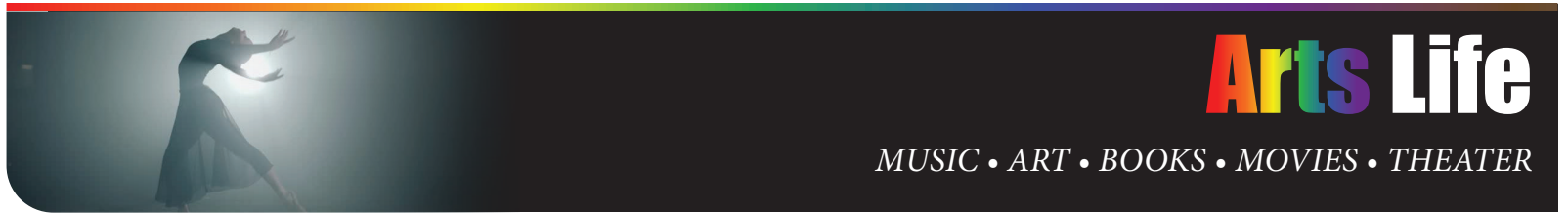
Trump has a long history of making bold policy claims that he cannot ultimately fulfill, but the combined promises of Project 2025 and “Agenda 47” have sown fear among LGBTQ+ people across the U.S. — and further emboldened the former president’s most extreme fanbase. A new report from the Global Project Against Hate and Extremism (GPAHE) last week indicated a surge in support for Project 2025 and its aims among far-right militia groups including the Proud Boys and Patriot Front, with researchers documenting a 1,425% increase in usage of the phrase “Project 2025” on its monitored channels since June 30.

“All the attention has set off a surge of interest in Project 2025 on unmoderated platforms where white supremacists congregate,” GPAHE researchers warned.

Source: <https://www.them.us/story/donald-trump-Agenda-47-project-2025-election-lgbtq-rights>



With the changes to Presidential powers outlined in "Agenda 47," fighting against homophobic and transphobic policies introduced by a Trump administration, would be impossible to fight on a legal front. - Web Photo.



New Exhibit in Milwaukee Takes A Look at 'The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin'

By William S. Gooden

When talking about groundbreaking queer artists Bernard Perlin's name may not be one that gets mentioned immediately. But a new exhibit of his work here in Milwaukee is looking to change that. Starting on September 27, 2024, and running through January 26, 2025, The Jewish Museum of Milwaukee will be hosting "Against the Grain: The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin." The exhibit celebrates showcased Perlin's work throughout the years and brings deserved visibility to an artist who lived passionately and unapologetically. Perlin was both gay and Jewish, thus the exhibit also explores the benefits and challenges of multi-faceted identities, immigration, and assimilation into American culture. *Against the Grain* is curated by Jewish Museum Milwaukee and showcases art from Bernard Perlin's estate. The exhibition also includes never-before-seen photographs taken by Perlin in 1938 Poland and never-before-seen sketches for OWI propaganda posters.

Perlin was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1918 to Davis and Anna Schireff Perlin. His parents were Jewish immigrants from Russia. Perlin's father died when Perlin was 10 years old and he would grow up with his two older sisters, Mildred and Jeanette. At the encouragement of a high school teacher, he was enrolled in the New York School of Design. He studied there from 1934 to 1936. Later he studied at the National Academy of Design and then the Arts Student League with Isabel Bishop, William Palmer, and Harry Sternberg until 1940.

When the US became involved with World War II, Perlin like many young American men at the time tried to en-



Bernard Perlin by Fred Melton and Wilbur Pippin (1954)

list in the United States Military but was rejected from service because he was openly gay. Instead he decided he decided if he couldn't fight on the front lines then he would find another way to help in the war effort and he entered the graphics department of the Office of War Information in 1942, creating pro-war propaganda popular in the United States at the time. However, the department was shut down in 1943 due to budgetary issues.

He continued his focus on war as an artist-correspondent for *Life Magazine* from 1943–1944 and then again for *Fortune Magazine* in 1945. As an artist-correspondent for *Life*, he brought back to the U.S. the first news and sketches obtained in Greece since the German occupation began in 1941. His two most notable wartime pieces, both created in 1943, are arguably his "Let Em Have It"

war bonds ad, which depicts a soldier throwing a grenade, and "Americans Will Always Fight for Liberty," a painting of World War II soldiers marching in front of Continental Army soldiers.

After the war, his work began to focus on magic realism, aiming to capture special moments in everyday life. He produced his most famous work, *Orthodox Boys*, in 1948. The painting depicts two Jewish boys standing in front of a subway graffiti backdrop. He also produces works such as, *The Garden*, and *The Leg*. In 1950, it was the first post-war work by an American artist to be acquired by Tate. Also during this time

Perlin was one of many artists, writers and entertainers who came to Fire Island, a well know gay vacation spot even to this day. Here Perlin found inspiration, community, and freedom of expression with many of his queer contemporaries. This allowed Perlin to rise-up in the New York gay social scene or the so-called "Cufflink Crowd." He also counted among his most intimate companions such luminaries in the arts as Vincent Price, Clifton Webb, Ben Shahn, Samuel Barber, Gian Carlo Menotti, Aaron Copland, Christopher Isherwood, Don Bachardy, Martha Gellhorn, Betsy Drake, Muriel Rukeyser, Carson McCullers, Philip Johnson, and E.M. Forster. Yet he was equally at home in the gay underworlds of New York and Rome, where his unbridled sexual escapades put him in competition with the likes of Jean Genet and Tennessee Williams.

Perlin moved to Italy for six years, and his work became more brightly colored. After moving back to New York City, Perlin grew distasteful towards the competitive culture of the city's art scene. He moved to Ridgefield, Connecticut, and continued to paint until the 1970s. After

several years of retirement, a friend encouraged Mr. Perlin back to the canvas in 2012, and after completing two new pieces the Chair and the Maiden Gallery (New York City) hosted a retrospective of Mr. Perlin's work in 2013.

In his later years Parlin married Edward Newell, his partner of 54 years. When he stopped painting, Perlin took up growing flowers. Perlin died at the age of 95 in 2014 in his home in Ridgefield, CN. In 2016, writer Michael Schreiber released a book on Perlin's life and work entitled, "One-Man Show: The Life and Art of Bernard Perlin." Schreiber is also the curator of Perlin's

estate. Today, you can find examples of his work are in a number of museums and libraries, including the Smithsonian Institution, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library.

Against the Grain: The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin runs at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum, 1360 N. Prospect Avenue, from September 27, 2024 to January 26, 2025. Reserved tickets to showings are encouraged and can be obtained at <https://jewishmuseum-milwaukee.org/visit> or by calling (414) 390-5730. There are a number of community events planned for this exhibit. Those include:

Opening Preview of *Against the Grain: The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin*

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Against the Grain: The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin celebrates and brings deserved visibility to an artist who lived passionately and unapologetically against the grain. It explores the benefits and challenges of multi-faceted identities, immigration, and assimilation. Additionally, it delves into historical experiences of persecution and discrimination against minority groups that reflect similar attitudes that are still prevalent today.

Identity Lens & Activism: LGBTQ+ in Wisconsin

Thursday, October 10 • 7:00 p.m.

Five diverse panelists will participate in a moderated, question-prompted discussion about how individuals view and act in the world due to their uniquely composed identity. Presented in partner-

ship and with support from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin History Makers Tour initiative.

Community Free Day

Thursday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Against the Grain is free to MKE County residents for this day-long celebration!

In Progress & In Conversation: "LAST KID PICKED"

Sunday, November 10, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Oriental Theatre (2230 N Farwell Ave)

In partnership with MKE Film, we are excited to welcome Andrew Fredericks and Michael Schreiber for a discussion about the in-progress documentary 'LAST KID PICKED' (working title) about Bernard Perlin. We invite audiences to help give feedback to the filmmakers while also learning more about Perlin.

Lunch & Learn: Greece and the Holocaust

Tuesday, December 3, 12:00 -1:15 p.m. Join Louise Jesse, whose family experienced the Holocaust in Greece before immigrating to Milwaukee, and scholar Amy Shapiro, for a lunch and learn exploring this dark chapter in history.

J-Pride Happy Hour: Exhibit Tour & Talk

Thursday, December 19, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Join chief curator, Molly Dubin, to explore Perlin's life and discuss historical discrimination faced by LGBTQ+ minorities, drawing connections to today's social issues.

To Tell the Truth: Bernard Perlin during the New Deal and World War II

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

During the 1930s, Bernard Perlin was one of many artists employed by New Deal programs such as the Works Progress Administration to create public works of art. Learn about how Perlin and his mentor Ben Shahn approached art and propaganda during these years and their use of the visual language of social realism.

Against the Grain
The Remarkable Life of Artist Bernard Perlin

The Bartender (detail), 1958 by Bernard Perlin

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Art Bar ♦

Mixed bar with college-age crowd

722 E. Burleigh St.

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

(414) 231-9085

<https://dixmke.com>

Fluid Milwaukee ♦

Gay Bar

819 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

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-](https://www.facebook.com/Harbor-Room-117-E-Greenfield-Ave-Milwaukee-WI-151982704821436/)

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Kruz ♦

Levis' & Leather Bar

354 E. National Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 272-5789

[https://www.facebook.com/kruz.](https://www.facebook.com/kruz)

[kruzbar](https://www.facebook.com/kruz)

La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club

801 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 383-8330

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/LaCageNiteclub)

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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/woodys.mke>

Zócolo Food Park ♦

Bar with food trucks, gay friendly

636 S. 6th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 433-9747

<https://www.zocalomke.com>



C 3 Designs ♦

Custom Jewelry designer in South

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2110 10th Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

(414) 764-3892

<http://c3designs.rocks/>

Oun Kine Grindz ♦

Hawaiian Cafe, caterer and store

7215 W. North Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

(414) 778-0727

<http://www.okgrindz.com>

Kilwins Milwaukee

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/](https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore)
[kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore](https://www.kilwins.com/stores/kilwins-milwaukee-bayshore)

Outwords Books

Gifts & Coffee ♦

LGBTQ+ books, movies and gifts

2710 N. Murray Ave. #3645,

Milwaukee, WI 53211

(414) 963-9089

<https://outwordsbooks.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>

Sherman Perk Cafe ♦

Local coffee shop in the Sherman Park Neighborhood

4924 W Roosevelt Dr.

Milwaukee, WI 53216

(414) 875-7375

<https://shermanperkcoffeeshop.com/>

La Finca Coffeehouse ♦

Women owned coffee shop with unique coffees and eats.

3558 E Sivyer Ave.

St Francis, WI 53235

(414) 394-0722

<https://www.lafinca.cafe>

Todo Postres LLC. ♦

Gay-owned and operated bakery and dessert shop. Specializes in unique cakes for quinceañeras, weddings and pride events.

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958 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53215

(414) 988-2149

<https://www.facebook.com/>

[TodoPostresOfficial/](https://www.facebook.com/)



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>

BESTD Clinic

Free STI testing Clinic

1240 E. Brady St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 272-2144

<https://www.bestd.org>

Community Health Systems, Inc. ♦

A federally qualified Health Center that operates a medical, dental, and behavioral health clinic in Beloit, Wisconsin

74 Eclipse Center,

Beloit, WI 53511

tel: (608) 361-0311

www.chsofwi.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>

Waukesha County Public Health Division

514 Riverview Ave.,

Waukesha, WI, 53188

262-896-8430

www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth

Vivent Health (formerly ARCW)

HIV/AIDS health center that provides medical, dental, counseling and social service help

820 N. Plankinton Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53203

(414) 273-1991

<https://viventhealth.org>



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>



Central Library ♦

The main branch of The Milwaukee County Library system has books, movies, periodicals available for lending.

814 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53233

(414) 286-3000

Wisconsin LGBTQ History Project, Inc.

Local organization dedicated to preserving and bringing light to LGBTQ+ historical events and people.

(414) 324-9072

<https://wislgbthistory.com>



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