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2021: The Year That Was...or Wasn't



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By William S. Gooden; Publisher,
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On her podcast, *RuPaul's Drag Race* Season 6 winner Bianca Del Rio said 2020 felt like it had been written by *American Horror Story* creator Ryan Murphy. While this claim is not entirely accurate, there was a feeling that 2021 was really just 2020 - Season 2. Many of the major stories from 2020 bled into 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic (the main storyline of 2020) continued to linger and affect our lives. We continued to experience shortages of items in stores - everything from food items to electronics. As death toll numbers began to recede, many places saw a roll-back of restrictions and things began to partially normalize. However, in the late spring and early summer we were hit with the Delta variant and more recently Omicron. This induced a wave of doubt throughout the globe as to when we will see an end.

In a continuation of the political drama from 2020, on January 6, 2021, as both houses assembled to count electoral votes that would formalize then President-elect Joe Biden's victory an insurrection broke out among protesters seeking to overthrow the election and retain then-President Donald Trump in the White House by storming the Capitol Building and raiding the halls of

Congress. While there is still a debate as to whether this was just a protest that got out of hand or an attempted political coup that has revealed a deep political divide exists in our nation which may take decades to bridge.

LGBTQ people have seen an increase in presence in media, with more movies and TV shows including LGBTQ characters nonetheless, in our Real Lives there have been attempts to make our lives harder and restrict our freedoms, particularly for those in the transgender community.

With all that has happened in 2021 for better or worse the year is finally coming to an end. In this issue we take a look at some of the high-and-lowlights of 2021 in David Todd's *What's In/Who's Out* article.

It is also time for the holiday season - a time for celebration. We talk to Rabbi Joel Alter about the festival of Chanukah, and what it means to be gay and Jewish during this time of year. An old friend of mine, Clover Lane, gives you her advice for surviving the holidays and Michael Johnston gives us all a run-down of what is happening this holiday season.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa, I hope you have a very happy one.

- William Gooden



THE OPINION EDITORIAL

How to Survive the Holidays



By: Ms. Clover Lane

When I was but a young drag queen, I used to love the holidays. The lights, the carols and the decorations were all magical to me. However, as I have grown older (and more bitter) the magic has faded. As a queen of a slightly more advanced age, I want to share my advice to you for surviving the holiday season. It's real simple...

Don't frigging do it!

I know it's the holidays and we are conditioned like Pavlov's dogs to anticipate every little holiday-related need. But I say, forget it all. Give yourself the best gift you ever could: the authority to say **No!**

You have an easy out this year, because in case you haven't heard, **there is a damn pandemic going on!** Your mother wants to know why you're not coming home this year. Simply tell her you don't want to give her Omicron or any other of the Michael Bay *Transformers* variants that are out there! For the past four years, I have told my family I couldn't come home for Christmas because I was prepping for the new season of *Rupaul's Drag Race*. They don't have cable or Paramount Plus (no one does), so they

have no clue. Instead my friends and I treat ourselves out to dinner at a favorite restaurant on Christmas Eve. We drink too much, laugh too loudly and hit on our waiter way too much. But we have an absolute blast and it's way better than listening to my dick-head brother-in-law go on and on about "Libtards."

It's the same with holiday parties. I loathe office holiday parties the most. You hate spending your waking hours, Monday through Friday with those c**ts, so why kill a perfectly good Saturday night with them? Especially when you could be spending it with your favorite Grindr trick. Just tell them you had emergency dental surgery and are unavailable...unless they're paying you or handing out bonuses.

As for the gift-giving, don't do it either. You max out your credit cards, kill yourself shopping and for what? Give your loved ones a real gift: your time. Give them an IOU to have lunch or take a day trip. It will be something you both will actually remember. It beats spending \$150 on a toy my ungrateful nephew will just break by March.

However you celebrate the holidays, I hope you have a great one. And if you don't...like I care! - CL



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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



Stephen Sondheim, Musical Theater Legend, Dead at 91

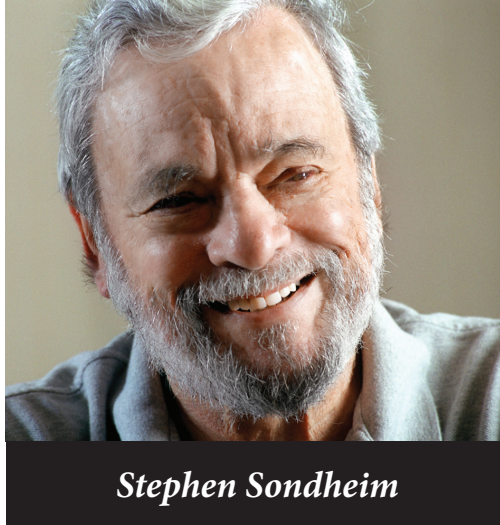
By: Alex Cooper

Out songwriter and composer Stephen Sondheim died Friday, November 26, 2021, at the age of 91. Sondheim's work reshaped American musical theater and has influenced generations of songwriters.

His death was announced by his lawyer and friend, Richard Pappas, according to The New York Times. Pappas said Sondheim wasn't known to be ill, and his death was sudden. The Broadway legend had spent Thanksgiving with some friends, Pappas said.

Sondheim's success stretched from the 1950s, writing lyrics for *West Side Story*, to the 1990s, writing for such musicals as *Assassins* and *Passion*. The first Broadway show that he wrote the music and lyrics for was the 1962 comedy *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. It won a Tony Award for best musical.

The Times noted that the 1970s and 1980s were his "most productive" years. His works in those decades included *Company*, *Follies*, *A Little Night Music*, *Pacific Overtures*, *Sweeney Todd*, *Merriily We Roll Along*, *Into the Woods*, and



Stephen Sondheim

Sunday in the Park With George.

"If you think of a theater lyric as a short story, as I do, then every line has the weight of a paragraph," he wrote in his 2010 book *Finishing the Hat*, which was the first volume of his collection of lyrics and comments.

Sondheim majored in music at Williams College in Massachusetts, going on to study with avant-garde composer Milton Babbitt after graduation, reports the Associated Press.

According to a 2013 HBO documentary, *Six by Sondheim*, he liked to write his music lying down and would occasionally have a cocktail to help him

write. He also revealed in the documentary, directed by frequent collaborator James Lapine, that he only fell in love after he turned 60. Most recently, he had been in a relationship for several years with Jeff Romley.

In April of 2020, at the height of lockdowns, musical theater luminaries came together in a virtual event to celebrate Sondheim's momentous birthday with *Take Me to the World: A Sondheim 90th Birthday Celebration*. The event was hosted by Raúl Esparza and included performances from Neil Patrick Harris, Patti LuPone, Ben Platt, Jake Gyllenhaal, Beanie Feldstein, Bernadette Peters, Mandy Patinkin, and Katrina Lenk, among so many others. The comedic showstopper of the evening arrived courtesy of Christine Baranski, Audra McDonald, and Meryl Streep, who delivered a boozy "*The Ladies Who Lunch*."

During a 2010 event renaming the Henry Miller Theatre on Broadway as the Stephen Sondheim Theatre, Sondheim said, "I'm deeply embarrassed. I'm thrilled, but deeply embarrassed," according to the AP. "I've always hated my last name. It just doesn't sing."

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Celebrating Light, Community and LGBTQ Jews

By David Todd, Contributor
Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

On the first full day of Hanukkah, Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine sat down with Rabbi Joel Alter of Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid in Milwaukee to talk faith, family, community and being queer.

In the summer of 2018, Milwaukee welcomed Rabbi Alter as the leader of Congregation Beth Israel Ner Tamid (or CBINT), a single parent of twin daughters, Ayelet & Annael. The Rabbi also happens to be openly gay. Wait, what? How does a self-described egalitarian Conservative synagogue in Glendale choose an openly queer Rabbi as its leader? We had the same question and found out it's a function of his vision and belief in the light.

First, it's important to note that the Jewish community outside of Israel is not organized into a rigid structure. Not unlike Christianity, there are different denominations of Judaism that interpret the Torah (the Hebrew Bible) and its oral traditions and celebrations. Though the word Conservative appears in its name, the denomination, and his Congregation along with it, is quite progressive. Orthodox streams in Judaism tend to be more hardline.

"Many Jews view the question of queer clergy as a 'special' case. My stance is that we are part of the greater community," said Rabbi Alter. "And I am part of that community, the people and its



Rabbi Joel Alter with his two daughters

heritage. If queer folk are fully a part of the community as a whole, then queer clergy follows naturally."

Ordained at Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York in 1996, Rabbi Alter began his rabbinic career as a teacher, administrator, and school rabbi in Jewish day schools in DC, Baltimore, and Boston, earning his BA from Columbia University, then his Master's degree in Jewish Education from JTS. He has also served as an advisor with national Jewish LGBTQ organizations.

The Rabbi goes on to explain that it's not simply interpretation of Jewish writing and traditions but, as a progressive congregation, being able to find supported evidence in those teachings and traditions that open a pathway for homosexuals to find themselves included in the same community as all other Jews and celebrate the same.

"Is there a difference in the way straight people and the queer community celebrate the holidays like Hanukkah?" MPLM asked the Rabbi. "No. Not really. We all are really celebrating the light, hope, freedom – themes that are reflected in most our holidays and even Christian holidays; embracing the light and looking towards positive role models as a culture and a people, together," he said. Then in a moment of levity he conceded, "But in a more fabulous [way], of course." He continues, "Just as an example, in NYC, some groups take a deeper dive into their support of the LGBTQ community, like the He-Bros. But, in general, we all celebrate in the same way."

Attitudes towards homosexuality in his denomination started changing, finding greater acceptance for the LGBTQ community in the early 90's, notes Rabbi Alter. Real change, however, came in 2006 when there was a formal re-assessment and Progressive Judaism embraced LGBTQ people, including clergy, and therefore "lighting" a way forward for more leadership and role models in modern Judaism, including Rabbi Alter.

For more information on Rabbi Joel Alter and CBINT, visit their website at: <https://www.cbintmilwaukee.org/>

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In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

What's IN/Who's OUT: 2021, The Queer in Review

By David Todd, Contributor
Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

This year has been a banner year for the LGBTQ community and its supporters, yet a sobering one, too. One could even say, the best year so far for our community. And you'd be right, but, there would be a BIG asterisk next to that sentence. It's been the best year for the group, but the transgender community has come under attack. So in 2021, let's see what's IN and who's OUT (of the closet, that is):

What's IN? Being Gay. In February a Gallup poll reported that 5.6% of U.S. adults identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, with the majority saying they are bisexual. That's up considerably from the meager 4.5% in Gallup's 2017 data. In fact, one out of six Gen Z adults considers themselves LGBT. Neat, huh?

Also IN: Progress in the workplace! For 2021, The Human Rights Campaign published their Foundation's Corporate Equality Index showing incredible growth in the number of employers committed to LGBTQ-inclusive policies and practices. (A remarkable 1,142 companies actively participated in this year's survey).

IN politics: Support for anti-discrimination laws, and marriage equality for LGBT people. The numbers are higher than ever in a new report by the Public Religion Research Institute showing that more than three-fourths of Americans (76%) and strong majorities of Americans in every demographic subgroup, favor fairness. This is the first time since PRRI began surveying the matter, a majority of Republicans en-



JoJo Siwa

dorse same-sex marriage, as well.

IN the bag: Consumerism. Support is growing for an estimated 1.4 million LGBTQ-run companies in the U.S., reflecting \$1.7 trillion a year in revenue, according to the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

IN vogue: the word Queer! OUT: LGBTQ (Q you run along, you're special). "Queer" it seems has been growing in popularity since the days of Stonewall (for those unfamiliar, Google Stonewall). The Q in LGBTQ has sometimes meant "questioning" and, most recently, "queer" as the community has taken more and more to adopting the over-arching term that doesn't confine one to any of the first four letters. Queer includes non-binary, pansexual and, of course, plain old gay. We're here. We're queer. Handle it!

Lastly, IN is being OUT of the closet. Though the list is substantial of those announcing their queerosity to the world in 2021, a few biggies, and some pretty recognizable names, stood out from the pack and made some real change in the world:

- Kicking off the parade of public figures coming out in January was **JoJo Siwa**, the 18-year-old singer, dancer, ac-

tor and YouTube personality. In a video on her TikTok, she danced to Lady Gaga's "Born This Way." The video garnered more than 4.5 million likes and 25 million views, by far Siwa's most popular video. In subsequent social media posts she would confirm her status as pansexual and introduce the world to her girlfriend. She wrapped up the year by competing on the TV show, *Dancing With The Stars*, where she made TV history as the first contestant to dance in a same-sex couple.

- In February, Country music (yes, I said COUNTRY music) star **T.J. Osborne** announced he is gay. That's big in some rural parts! Can I get an AMEN? OK, that's pushing it.

- In March, **Demi Lovato** came out as pansexual. Demi has been very open about their private life, including their sexuality. In May, Lovato came out as non-binary and said they use they/them pronouns.

- Infamous *Bachelor* star **Colton Underwood** came out in April after previously denying his sexuality to the public. He explained he's known since he was a teenager but prayed he would be straight. Underwood said there were even moments he had suicidal thoughts prior to coming out. All of which, apparently, make for some pretty good TV. Netflix has ordered a six-episode show called *Coming Out*, where Colton documents precisely that, confiding in his parents, brother, coaches, teammates and friends about being gay.

- **Carl Nassib** became the first openly gay man in the NFL after coming out this June, Pride Month. The Las Vegas Raiders' defensive end came out in a video posted to his Instagram ac-



T.J. Osborne



Demi Lovato



Colton Underwood



Carl Nassib



Luke Prokop



Kal Penn

count. In the video, he said he donated \$100,000 to The Trevor Project, an organization that focuses on suicide prevention in LGBTQ youth, after he struggled with his sexuality for 15 years. Speaking of sports...

- **Luke Prokop** became the first openly gay player in the NHL after coming out in a post on Instagram in July. Prokop, a prospect for the Nashville Predators, wrote he is "proud to publicly tell everyone that I'm gay." His bosses replied. "The Nashville Predators organization is proud of Luke for the courage he is displaying in coming out today, and we will support him unequivocally in the days, weeks, and years to come as he continues to develop as a prospect," the Nashville team tweeted.

- Comedian **Kal Penn**, known for his roles in *Harold and Kumar* and *Designated Survivor*, announced that he has a new memoir titled *You Can't Be Serious*. In the book, he says he is gay and has been dating a man for 11 years... and they're engaged!

- Certainly not least, **Elvira** revealed she is queer and has been in an open relationship with a woman for 20 years. In September, **Cassandra Peterson**, Elvira, published her autobiography titled



Cassandra Peterson/ Elvira

Yours Cruelly, Elvira: Memories of the Mistress of the Dark, where she comes clean about dating a woman for decades.

Now, what's OUT is way out for the queer community, sobering and frightening:

To began with, the **Equality Act**, a promise of President Joe Biden's, is slowly dying in Congress. The Equality Act amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide explicit non-discrimination protections on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity. The bill makes explicit that non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ people in employment also apply to other areas of life, like housing and financing.

Also under attack: the transgender community. This year is the single deadliest year ever for transgender and gender non-conforming people. In the U.S., 47 trans people to date have been murdered. Internationally, the number grows to 375 deaths. Transgender women of color, in particular, are being targeted. Making matters worse is the unprecedented number of anti-transgender bills in our state legislatures across the nation, with 10 of those states passing anti-transgender legislation already. While some are trying to protect a whole country, state by state we see the systematic erasing of people setting an alarming tone which seems inconsistent with the times.

OUT are lesbian bars, and not in a good way. While garnering our city national attention, our own lesbian watering hole, WALKER'S PINT, is being noted as one of only an estimated SIXTEEN lesbian bars left NATIONWIDE! The numbers are thought to have been around 200 during the 1980s. What is going on?

What's clear is if we are going to declare a banner year for the queer community, there's more work to do OUT there.



Cordially Yours, Again!

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

My Favorite Gift This Year? Being Reunited with You!

I don't know about you, but this year flew for me, in comparison to 2020. The world certainly turns quicker without COVID-19! (Gentle reminder, we STILL have COVID-19, just ask Aaron...) and once again it's time to deck the halls, mince your meat, and make your wassail for the punchbowl.

Whether it's Channukah, the Winter Solstice, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, Kwanza, or New Year's Day whatever and/or however you celebrate may it be the very best - ever!

Below are some suggestions on how you can get your Holiday on!

Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" comes to life via the **Milwaukee Repertory Theatre at The Pabst Theater**, now through Friday, December 24. One of the Rep's illustrious Alum's Lee E. Ernst returns as Mr. Scrooge. Add local perennial favorites: Jim Pickering, Carrie Hitchcock, and young Max Pink who is certainly making his mark on the theater scene here.

He's a natural, his father, Michael Pink is the creative genius behind the Milwaukee Ballet and here, he contributes his considerable talents with Stage Movements. However, the most exciting casting is that of Kevin Kantor in the role of The Ghost of Christmas Past!

Yes, I know in the past a female (biologically) was always cast for this character. But, welcome to 2021!

Kevin identifies himself as a Trans, Non-Binary Actor. We all fell in love and awe of Kevin's work when they starred in "The Legend of Georgia McBride" and "Things I Know to Be True".

Personally, I eagerly await to see Kevin's imaginative spin on The Ghost of Christmas Past.

Keep in mind, Mark Clements – Mr. Milwaukee Rep, himself is the Director, with the capable assistance of Leda Hoffman as Associate Director. "A Christmas Carol" a Milwaukee Holiday Tradition – revisit it and revel in the nostalgia.



Michael Johnston

Mentioning, Mr. Pink and our flawless **Milwaukee Ballet**, how about an evening of fanciful fantasy? That's what you'll get taking in "The Nutcracker". Perfect entertainment for all ages. Embrace that child from within, once again. Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 26. You can trip the light fantastic in the newly refurbished **Uihlein Hall of The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts**. The sets, the costumes are gloriously brought to dance by the Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra and Milwaukee Ballet School and Academy. We are so fortunate to have such cultural selections and at affordable price points.

Our cherished Ballet Troop returns to the boards February 03 – 13, 2022 with "Genesis" also, at **The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts – Uihlein Hall**. "ToTo" much!

One Show that I stumbled upon a few years back and attend out of conviction is "Black Nativity (2021)". Written by Langston Hughes and brought to life/directed by Dimonte Henning running Thursday, December 9 – Sunday, December 12. For more info on these shows call **the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts** at 414-273-7206.

Of course, our friends at **The Skylight Music Theatre** have a fresh take on the

Holidays for 2021. Instead of a Douglas Fir this year decorate with Audrey from "Little Shop of Horrors" now through – Sunday, January 02, 2022.

On the topic of 2022 – Skylight has a Wisconsin debut... "Ernest Shackleton Loves Me" Opening Friday, January 14 – Sunday, January 30, 2022. This is not to be missed, the 2017 Off Broadway Smash Hit, will not disappoint!

The following month, perhaps for Valentine's Day, Skylight proudly presents "Raisin".

Not familiar with "Raisin"? Oh yes you are, it's the musical based on "Raisin in the Sun." It premiered on Broadway in 1973, received nine Tony Award nominations, won two: Best Musical and Best Production and ran for 847 performances. You can see it here Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 27, 2022.

The Florentine Opera will be in fine voice in February as well. They will be bringing to the stage "Zarzuela: Luita Fernanda" Friday, February 11 and Sunday, February 13, at **The Wilson Theater at Vogel Hall of The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts**.

If You can't wait that long for your Opera fix, fear not, **Florentine Presents: Carols and Classics**, Friday, December 10, at **The Sharon Lynn Wilson Center for the Performing Arts**, Saturday, December 11, The Wayne & Kristine Lueders Opera Center

Sunday, December 12, St. Paul's Church, these Concerts should cajole you into that Holiday feeling.

The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts really is the hub of the performing art scene, north of the river – I've listed quite a few shows, events, must-sees that will be taking place there.

During COVID-19, like so many others they used their time wisely by making necessary updates, changes, rearranges, and renovations. As of this typing, I haven't had the opportunity to

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see it. And I can't wait!

However, **Broadway Across America**, is still housed there, and that's a good thing!

Kicking off 2022, our fabulous new Year, will be the fabulous new musical, "*Mean Girls*".

Based on the popular movie, this really will appeal to the "younger set".

Full disclosure, I've never even seen the movie! But I will share with you in my opinion, it's the old debate, read the book, see the movie. I much prefer to read the book, see a live production, then to see a filmed version. See for yourself and let me know what you think. Tuesday, January 25 – Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Following in the same genre, Hollywood has taken over Broadway, "*Pretty Woman*". A modern-day version of "*Cinderella*", with a dash of "*My Fair Lady*". Who doesn't want a billionaire to take us under his monied wing make all our dreams come true! And then, they lived happily ever after! Tuesday, March 01 – Sunday, March 06.

"*Ain't Too Proud*" – *The Life and Times of The Temptations*. This 2018 Broadway Motown marriage will rock the Marcus Tuesday, April 05 – Sunday, April 10 come and see the fancy footwork and turn back the hands of time. Such memories...

"*Memories*" – the unforgettable song from "*Cats*" Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's homage to the feline returns to the Cream City. And we're here to lap it up one more time! After all a cat does have nine lives. "*Cats*" in its 41st year – a venerable Broadway Hit and fabulous family fare.

Closing out this Season of Broadway Across America another new one "*Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*" Tuesday, May 31 through Sunday, June 05, 2022.

Willie Wonka was adapted in 1964 from this the original opus. Again, this another show I haven't had the chance to see as of this writing. Therefore, I'm ecstatic about this year's offerings they are all new! What better reason to get up out of your recliner and investing in the arts? **The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts** 414-273-7121 www.marcuscenter.org

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Tis The Season, for fun...

Friday, December 03rd 05:30 p.m. – 08:30 p.m. "*Christmas in The Ward*", that would be The Historic Third Ward! Experience an old-fashion tree lighting ceremony in Catalano Square (138 North Broadway). Shopping, wining, dining, caroling, and merry making.

The place to be, will be, **Club Charlies**. There will be a "*Special Friday Fun Day Show Tunes – Holiday Edition with Karen Valentine and Bradley Fell*". Come on down and sing-along!

Sunday, December 05th 06:00 p.m. **La Cage** will host "*At Homo for the Holidays with Lizzie and Friends*" Starring Lizzie Bordeaux and David Rogers, featuring a menagerie of friends and neighbors.

Friday, December 17th 09:00 p.m. **The Green Chair** in deluxe downtown De Pere, Bosom Buddies, Maple Veneer and Karen Valentine will bring a little Christmas cheer to the land of **St. Norbert College**.

Not to be confused with St. Olaf, those glorious ladies of a certain age, that gild our Christmas Season. It wouldn't be Christmas without a visit from "*The Golden Girls*" at **Hamburger Mary's**.

These very talented thespians, work so hard rehearsing, memorizing, and then looking ever so natural playing menopausal matrons, three times their ages. Simply a must! Dinner and a show,

A great Gift! Anthony Torti pens an original script worthy of NBC Prime-time. Chad Harrington directs them into place and Dear Ruthie, Dita Von, Brandon Herr, and others offer that Miami shine! **Hamburger Mary's** 12/07 – 12/23/2021 7:00 p.m. Curtain. Get your tickets now, they go fast! Yet another highly successful Purse String Production.

Those *Bosom Buddies* return to **La Cage** for their final show for 2021 on Saturday, December 18. Doors open at 04:00 p.m., Show time as always, at 05:00 p.m. Nobody enjoys the HoHoHo-ing as much as M.V. and K.V. sliding

down chimneys, lighting up reindeer's noses, stuffing stockings, making elves work overtime – all in a day's work for these dolls.

There was some very sad news as of late, with the death of Ken Tousignant.

I met Kenny, eons ago when he was a bar tender at **The Ball Game**. He was so very different from the other servers. Playing Sinatra, wearing a Fedora and taking pride in making the classic Martini! What fun, and just like the Martini – Kenny was a classic as well. Flash forward he started frequenting Club Charlies. I always had a time catching up with him. He was a man, from another time – rather like J. Gatsby. And like so many classics, he too is gone too soon.

A perfect spot for a regal repast over the Season with the Reason, how about **The White House**? No need to worry about disturbing our President and Dr. Biden. I'm referring to the House on K.K. here in Milwaukee. 2900 South Kinnikinic Avenue, for reservations 414-897-0495 whitehousebayview.com 05:00 p.m. – 09:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday, Closed Sundays.

Cuisine is European inspired food and craft cocktails, the menu changes daily, so feel free to call and check in to see what is being served. Allison Meinhardt Owner/Hostess is running with her dream, and the entire experience is one while you're dining there. Small intimate, the perfect paradise spot for that unforgettable meal.

My beauty mark for the month, being fair haired, I was always concerned about my eyebrows and eyelashes showing up. Whether in photos or video, or even from stage with bright lights.

The solution? Easy enough, see Nova at **Salon Nova** 2581 North Downer Avenue.

There are ways through darkening your brows and lashes, that they appear more prominent problem solved. It takes very little time and completely painless. In fact, a little pampering call for an appointment: 414-273-6682.

And now, it's time for me to close, the last column for 2021 Wishing You my treasured Readers an incomparable Holiday of Enchantment. Hopefully making up for a less than stellar Season you may have endured last year And please remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar as ***I remain Still Cordially Yours, Again!***

Resource Guide

A SHORT GUIDE TO LGBTQ + MILWAUKEE



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>

Taverns

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-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://huntysmke.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/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>



Businesses

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/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>

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>

BESTD Clinic

Free STI testing Clinic

1240 E. Brady St.

Milwaukee, WI 53202

(414) 272-2144

<https://www.bestd.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 provides medical, dental, counseling and social service help

820 N. Plankinton Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53203

(414) 273-1991

<https://viventhealth.org>

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