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There is a famous 80's song by Annie Lennox and Aretha Franklin called, 'Sisters Are Doin' It for Themselves.' The song has been a anthem for womens' liberation since it release on October 21, 1985. But long before that women have been 'Doing it for themselves' and others in the queer community long before that. Lesbian, bi, queer and transgender women have been at the forefront of the Gay Rights movement since its inception organizing protests and marches. In the late 70's and early 80's as many queer men lay in hospital beds afflicted with AIDs, with no one willing to care for them. Queer women stepped in to care for their physical and emotional needs as well as bring attention to the disease and fund-raise to find treatment. In this issue 's Pride Life Features we look at

LGBTQ+ women who have been leaders for Women's History Month.

Women have also been at the forefront of leading in business both big and small. In this month's Spotlight On, we look at Stone + Sage. Which is owned by a entrepreneurial bi women and her family. And how she has committed to hiring queer people.

In this month's Cordially Yours, Again! Spring has sprung and the art and theater scene is in full bloom for the season. Our own Michael Johnston has a rundown of all the spring happenings here in Milwaukee.

Have a Happy Spring! - William S. Gooden



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In The News

LOCAL & NATIONAL LGBTQ+ NEWS



Bans on the LGBTQ pride flag spark a debate about inclusion and civil rights

By: Maddison Gomez

LGBTQ advocates are increasingly concerned as municipalities and school districts across the country take action to ban the display of the Rainbow Pride flag on public property and in classrooms.

Some say the moves reflect a broader wave of GOP-supported reforms and policy efforts that include book bans, changes to school curriculum, attacks on preferred pronoun use and restrictions on reproductive rights.

“We are in the midst of an avalanche of anti-trans and anti-LGBTQ legislation,” said Dara Adkison, board secretary of TransOhio, a transgender equality organization in Columbus. “You’re playing this numbers game, what can we squeak through?”

A rainbow pride flag will be raised at the Capitol in Madison, Wisconsin in June 2022. School board members in the state’s Kettle Moraine District approved a policy prohibiting teachers and staff from displaying gay pride flags and other items that district officials deem to be political in nature.

Such restrictions have been approved in Delaware, Ohio and Cold Spring, New York, and in school districts from Davis County, Utah to Wales, Wisconsin.



In Green Bay, Wisconsin, an attempt to advance a similar citywide measure was narrowly defeated earlier this month.

And in Florida, Republican Rep. David Borrero introduced a bill that would similarly restrict flag displays at all state and public school buildings statewide.

How do these measures ban Pride Flags?

The municipal measures banning rainbow flags are not specifically identified as such. Presented as a way to avoid favoring one group over another, they limit flag display to government and military flags – but the effect is the same.

In the Ohio, Delaware measure, in May 2022, city manager Thomas Homan notified flag and banner applicants that the city is suspending its program for review, in light of a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court this month that ruled that city officials Boston violated the

freedom of a Christian group to speak when they turned down a request for a Christian flag to be raised over City Hall. Delaware’s program allowed organizations to request that their flags be displayed on street poles around the city.

“While it is unfortunate for our local non-profits to use the banner

and flag program to support cultural and community events, it is sensible and prudent to take this step to protect our city’s interests,” he wrote.

The story goes on

A city spokesman told *USA Today* the review is ongoing.

On March 7, members of the Huntington Beach, California city council are scheduled to take their final vote on a similar measure.

At the council meeting earlier this week, board member Dan Kalmick criticized the proposal as cloaked in language that betrayed his true intentions.

“This is a poor and cowardly regulation worded in ‘equality,’” Kalmick said. “It is of course a ban on the city from flying the Pride flag. Call it what it is... If it runs like a ban and quacks like a ban,

it's a ban.”

Two previous Council votes have favored Regulation 4-3. The proposed measure notes that businesses and individuals can continue to fly flags of their choice on private property.

Last week, Debbie Chang, president and CEO of the private foundation funded by the nonprofit Blue Shield of California health plan, informed Huntington Beach officials that the group canceled plans to conduct a two-day retreat for trustees and executives in light of the situation in the city in June.

“We have decided that until the uncertainty of this situation is resolved, we can no longer in good conscience meet in your city,” Chang wrote in a letter on Friday.

Given the high rates of health injustice and domestic violence in the LGBTQ community, she said, the city's move to ban the Pride flag puts “a vulnerable population at risk of further harm.”

In response, Huntington Beach Councilor Casey McKeon said at this week's meeting: “I don't know why they are trying to blackmail us economically when we design our government flag policy to only fly government flags that represent everyone equally.”

Why is the rainbow flag important?

Gilbert Baker, a Kansas-born artist who spent much of his life in San Francisco, created the iconic six-striped rainbow flag in 1978 at the behest of LGBTQ activist and lawmaker Harvey Milk, according to the New York-based Gilbert Baker Foundation. He died in 2017.

The symbol has since become an icon of LGBTQ inclusion.

“It's that ancient visibility of knowing where you're welcome,” said Adkison of TransOhio. “The Pride flag is an easy way to know you have some allies there.”

Peg Corley, executive director of LGBTQ Center OC, based in Santa Ana, Calif., said Huntington Beach council members sent “a very loud message” by considering the measure.

The rainbow flag “is the most diverse symbol we have,” Corley said. “Literally every walk of life is represented in the LGBTQ community, so let's say we're not going to fly a symbol of diversity and inclusion — that's the message they're sending.”

How is the LGBTQ community reacting?

The Gilbert Baker Foundation, the New York-based organization named after the flag's creator, launched a “Save the Rainbow Flag” campaign on Friday with instructions for local communi-

ty officials on how to mobilize and letter-writing, as well as an open letter from the ACLU with legal Arguments against flag restrictions.

“Make no mistake – right wing groups want to push back on LGBTQ+ rights and they are beginning to ban the rainbow flag,” Charley Beal, the foundation's president, said in a press release.

Some of those bans have already been reversed — for example, in Newberg, Oregon, school board members last month reversed a controversial 2021 measure banning political signage, which included the rainbow flag, after the measure was challenged by the ACLU.

But, according to Beal, “each month brings with it a new threat to LGBTQ+ rights and equality. It's time to stop the haters.”

Corley, whose organization was asked to participate in public rainbow flag raisings as Orange County communities kicked off Pride Month celebrations in recent years, said she expects more businesses to pull out of Huntington Beach should the ban go Remain in force.

“We are people, not a political agenda,” she said.

Source: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2023/02/24/pride-flag-ban-lgbtq-symbol-vanishes-more-cities-schools/11325450002/>



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Wis. School District Bans First Graders From Singing Cyrus-Parton Duet 'Rainbowland' At Concert

The Waukesha School District said the “song could be deemed controversial.” The school instead suggested the class sing “Rainbow Connection,” from “The Muppet Movie.”

By Marlene Lenthang

A Wisconsin school district has banned a first grade class from singing Miley Cyrus and Dolly Parton's duet “Rainbowland” because it was deemed “controversial” and conflicting with school policy.

Melissa Tempel, a teacher at Heyer Elementary School in Waukesha, tweeted March 21 that her first graders were “so excited” to sing “Rainbowland” for a spring concert but that administrators vetoed it.

The 2017 song talks about working together and living in harmony, with lyrics like “Cause I know if we try, we could really make a difference in this world” and “Living in a Rainbowland ... Where we're free to be exactly who we are / Let's all dig down deep inside / Brush the judgment and fear aside.”

Venting her frustration over being barred from using the song, Tempel tweeted, “When will it end?”

The Waukesha School District said in a statement Friday that there's an approval process for instances like these.

In this case, a teacher suggested “Rainbowland” to the music teacher, who checked with the principal, who checked with the central office administrator, “so they could review the song together and alongside our Board Policy 2240 — Controversial Issues in the Classroom.” The district policy describes what determines whether a topic is controversial and says such matters must be approved by the principal.



“They determined that the song could be deemed controversial in accordance with the policy,” the district said.

In 2017, Parton told Taste of Country the song was about inspiring hope and positivity.

“It's really about if we could love one another a little better or be a little kinder, be a little sweeter, we could live in rainbow land,” Parton said. “It's really just about dreaming and hoping that we could all do better. It's a good song for the times right now.”

In the end, the principal asked the music teacher to choose a different song, and “Rainbow Connection” by Kermit the Frog was selected.

Tempel said on Twitter that officials later turned their backs against the class singing “Rainbow Connection,” from “The Muppet Movie,” which led her to suspect there was an issue with the use of rainbows. The class ultimately stuck with “Rainbow Connection” after “parents sent emails to admin,” Tempel said.

Tempel said the controversy over the song was much bigger than her classroom.

“The *Rainbowland* story is about much more than a banned song. The result of the political pushback on LGBTQ+ inclusivity and rights in schools is unfolding and it's tragic,” she tweeted.

The district didn't elaborate on why “Rainbowland” was so controversial to begin with.

“This entire matter has been reviewed and the outcomes are fully supported by the Superintendent. At no time was the Board of Education involved in this matter,” the district said.

Tempel tweeted Friday: “The latest I heard is that the song was banned bc @MileyCyrus is controversial. D'oh, I thought for sure it was @DollyParton and her beautiful drag queen followers! Oh well, I can't stop my students if they still sing Rainbowland. It's a fun, catchy song!”

The incident is the latest political showdown in school boards and classrooms across the country, which have hosted intense debates over how sexuality, gender identity and race are taught. District Superintendent James Sebert had prohibited rainbows and pride flags from being displayed in Waukesha classrooms, *The Associated Press* reported.

Source: <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/wisconsin-school-district-bans-first-grade-class-singing-controversial-rcna77145>

Pride Life Features

THE EVENTS AND PEOPLE THAT ARE SHAPING LGBTQ+ MILWAUKEE

Honoring LGBTQ Leaders for Women's History Month

By: Tim Manugian

This Women's History Month, we have chosen to honor some of the innumerable LGBTQ women, non-binary people, and femmes who have impacted the world throughout history. Our community is powerful, and each person has their own remarkable part to play. We celebrate them this month, and all year long: those who came before us, or are making history right now. At GLAD we remain committed to uplifting these voices and building a world that celebrates them unreservedly.



Marsha P. Johnson

Marsha P. Johnson (August 24, 1945 – July 6, 1992) was an outspoken gay liberation activist and self-identified drag queen. Along with her close friend Sylvia Rivera, she was one of the key people involved in the 1969 Stonewall uprising. Stories differ on whether she threw a brick or threw a shot glass, but she became a symbol involved with the event to this day. A popular member of the New York Art scene, she worked with Andy Warhol and as a drag performer. After working in the Gay Liberation Front, Marsha co-founded Street Transvestites Action Revolutionaries (S.T.A.R.). She worked with STAR for years, founding the STAR House, a

shelter for gender-nonconforming and transgender youth. She moved specifically into AIDS-related activism in the 1980s, working with groups like ACT UP.

Marsha was a cornerstone of the queer community in New York and beyond until she died in July of 1992. Her death was originally ruled a suicide, but after extensive pressure from her close friends and family, advocacy groups, and fellow activists, it was reopened as a possible homicide. Since her passing, she remains one of the most well-known figures in the queer community. Her story, recently memorialized in the documentary "The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson," inspired many activists and LGBTQ people today to fight for what they believe in. In her memory, the Marsha P. Johnson Foundation fights for the equality and rights of Black transgender individuals.



Pragati Singh

Pragati Singh is an activist and one of the preeminent leaders of the asexual rights movement in India. She began her career as a maternal health doctor, when she discovered that there were no online communities for anyone on the asexual spectrum in India. She created Indian Aces, a group designed to help

foster community and support. Dr. Singh also conducted research to identify the unique challenges and hopes of India's asexual community. She was able to push against a rigid medical establishment to get her research published, helping to raise awareness of people on the ace spectrum in both the medical field and the country at large. Her groundbreaking work enabled her to present at international conferences and was chosen to be one of the BBC's 100 Women of the Year in 2019. She continues to work to provide a space and a voice for the ace community in India.



Christine Jorgenson

Christine Jorgenson (May 30, 1926 – May 3, 1989) was the first person in the United States widely known to have received gender-confirming surgery. The Bronx native and World War II veteran received medical care in Denmark in 1952 and immediately became a media sensation. Christine originally intended to live a private life but realized she had a platform to speak up. She became a performer, went on talk shows and radio shows, and wrote her autobiography. From the '60s to the '80s, she toured college campuses and other venues to speak about issues of transgender rights. Christine passed away in 1989 from

cancer, but her legacy helped change the way people thought about LGBTQ people. Her fame brought about visibility at a time when there were very few people living openly as transgender and shaped the national discussion on gender identity.



**TAMMY
BALDWIN**

Tammy Baldwin

Tammy Baldwin was the first openly gay person to be elected to both chambers of Congress. Baldwin has been an advocate for LGBTQ rights, access to healthcare, and student debt relief. She introduced the Ending LGBT Health Disparities Act which sought to fund research and cultural competence for LGBTQ healthcare. She has regularly fought for these issues, including supporting the upcoming Equality Act, which would close many gaps in non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ individuals, women, people of color, and people of minority faiths.



**BRENDA
HOWARD**

Brenda Howard

Brenda Howard (December 24, 1946 – June 28, 2005) was heavily involved in planning the first Pride event in 1970 after coordinating rallies to commemorate the 1-month, 1-year, and subsequent anniversaries of the Stonewall Rebellion of 1969. Known by some as “Mother of Pride,” Brenda is widely credited with

coming up with the modern idea of the week-long pride event that we see celebrated internationally. Initially active in the feminist and antiwar movements, in 1987 she turned more towards bisexual-specific organizing with organizations like BiNet USA and the New York Area Bisexual Network. She helped plan dozens of marches and brought issues of bisexual representation to the forefront in the queer community, and worked for kink and polyamory visibility. Sadly, she passed away from cancer in 2005, but her legacy lives on Pride celebrations worldwide.



**KIM COCO
IWAMOTO**

Kim Coco Iwamoto

Kim Coco Iwamoto is a politician from Hawaii. From both her lived experience as a transgender individual and her grandparents' experience as survivors of Japanese internment in California, she grew up no stranger to the pressing need to protect all people's rights. To this end, she served on the Hawaii Board of Education, and later on the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. This made Kim the first openly transgender person elected to statewide office in the country. She ran both for Lieutenant Governor and State Representative, only narrowly losing both races. Kim continues to push the boundaries for the Asian-American LGBTQ community and fights to represent all people's interests in her work, including leading advocacy efforts for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness in Hawaii.

Janet Mock

Janet Mock is a transgender rights advocate, writer, and media producer. Originally from Hawaii, she worked



**JANET
MOCK**

as the staff editor for People magazine, where she came out as transgender. She wrote her first autobiography in 2012, which began her entry into more overt advocacy by speaking on her experience transitioning as a teen in Hawaii. She worked for a medley of media organizations and formats before settling into screenwriting. After writing her second autobiography, she began writing the critically-acclaimed show Pose on FX. Pose was groundbreaking for casting trans actors to play trans characters and accurately depicting the Ballroom scene of 1980's New York. Janet is the first openly transgender woman of color to write a television episode and secure a major studio deal. Her work on and off-screen has increased crucial transgender representation in the media.



**AMAZIN
LETHI**

Amazin LeThi

Born in Saigon, Amazin LeThi is a fierce advocate for LGBTQ kids in sports. Amazin was adopted into a white family in Australia and began her lifelong passion for athletics as a bodybuilder at age 6. She was bullied both for being Asian and LGBTQ, and her work at the intersection of these identities has been influential. She founded the Amazin LeThi Foundation, which works to prevent anti-LGBTQ and anti-AIDS discrimination. She works tire-

lessly for the inclusion of LGBTQ people in sports and has worked publicly to further queer Asian representation in sports and the media with Athlete Ally, the BBC, and the Obama White House, among many others.



ANGELA DAVIS

Angela Davis

Angela Davis is a longtime activist, first in the movement against the Vietnam War and as a defining second-wave Black feminist. A self-identified, long-time Communist, she has been a vocal advocate for prison abolition and alternatives to incarceration. Angela has been an educator for many years, lecturing on feminism at colleges across the globe. Through her work in these movements, Davis has consistently advocated for women and the LGBTQ community, even to the point of breaking with other leaders who were not listening to those voices. She has been a leading advocate for intersectional advocacy and activism and has led the field by example. She lives now with her long-time partner and fellow UC Santa Cruz professor Gina Dent.



JENNICET GUTIERREZ

Jennicet Gutierrez

Jennicet Gutierrez is an advocate for the trans undocumented community. Jennicet moved to the US at 15, learning English and being subjected to in-

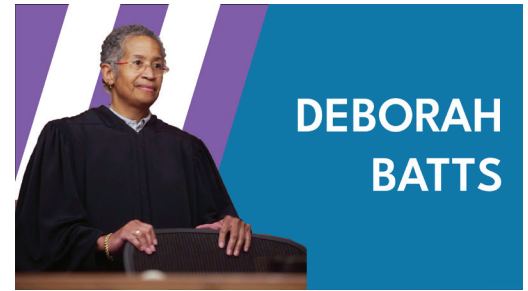
tolerance simultaneously. Famously, she interrupted President Obama during an LGBTQ Pride reception to raise the issue of his administration's treatment of transgender immigrants. This generated a national conversation on the issue and the politics of respectability in the LGBTQ movement. She was a founding member of La Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement, an organization that works at the local and national levels to achieve the collective liberation of trans, queer, and gender-expansive Latinx people.



YASMIN BENOIT

Yasmin Benoit

Yasmin Benoit is an asexual and aromantic activist in the UK. She is one of the first and most successful Black alternative models. Pushing into a white-dominated field with Eurocentric standards of beauty, she got many questions from journalists and had to advocate for herself from the beginning of her career. As a model, she has also gotten many questions about her asexuality and fights many misconceptions about the ace community. Benoit has said in interviews, "I'm not trying to sell myself, I'm selling a product," a refrain she has had to repeat over her career. She has worked with AVEN, the Asexuality Visibility and Education Network (where she now serves on the Board of Directors), to increase the knowledge of and acceptance for the asexual and aromantic community. She is also lending her perspective to a movement that often is dominated by white voices, showing how diverse the queer community really is.



DEBORAH BATTS

Deborah Batts

Deborah Batts was the nation's first openly gay federal judge. She served as an Assistant US Attorney in New York and was a professor at Fordham Law School before she was nominated for the Southern District of New York seat, following the recommendation of Senator Patrick Moynihan. Her confirmation in 1994 made her the first openly lesbian federal judge, not to mention the first African-American lesbian judge. While she never stressed her sexuality, she understood that she was a role model for many. In a 2019 interview, when asked about her thoughts on being a role model, she said "You can certainly be a mentor, someone who encourages people who think that they can't do it. They can do it."

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In The Spotlight

SPOTLIGHTING MILWAUKEE'S AMAZING PRIDE COMMUNITY

Stone + Sage: A Business That Is All in the 'Family'

By David Todd,

Writer, Milwaukee Pride Life Magazine

You can't talk about businesswoman **Jennifer Kawczynski** without talking about family. The co-owner of Stone + Sage, the new-age store now open in New Berlin and sister-store to Erth CBD in Bay View, is in business with her daughter, Cheyenne Donnell. And the family is growing.

"I started out on my own, seven years ago, when I formed ErthScentials, my holistic healing company," says Jennifer. "I started selling at local flea markets, and to friends and family." She made everything from essential oil infused candles, soaps, lotions and more. When the business began to grow, she expanded into CBD looking for a way to help her father who was facing serious health concerns. "I have stuck to my roots of Holistic healing in all shapes and forms



and love to be able to offer such healing products to the community and other families just like mine." As the business grew, she added daughter Cheyenne and son-in-law Patrick to the team. With the opening of Stone + Sage in December of 2022, Jennifer added four more to "the family." That includes daughter Cheyenne being named co-owner and manager of the new store. "It's always a collaboration between us in the end and I think that gives us great results," adds Cheyenne. "I love being surrounded by family at work. You'll even see my son involved at the shop."

In 2023 the team will nearly double. "ERTH and Stone + Sage are family-owned and operated, and LGBTQ+ owned and operated and women owned and operated," Jennifer says proudly. "We're so blessed to be able to add more to the family!" She can tell you something special about each person there. "They're all my family." She means it.

Jennifer shares her same love of family with her community and her passion for the work she does. "I have always been into the Holistic/Healing field. I strongly believe in it's power and benefits." So much so, that each year she donates dozens of gift bags and product to local nonprofits, community organizations and women's groups. "I was able bring my passion full circle and build a business out of it. That is beyond fulfilling," she says grinning. "And to get to spread your love and passion to others? I get back two-fold what I give."

Jennifer Kawczynski dreams are coming full circle – always back to family. "Hands down my main source of push and motivation has come from my precious Daughter Cheyenne." Jennifer chooses this story to explain how. "[Cheyenne] told me one day sitting in the car, 'mom, you have so many great ideas, but do nothing with them.' In that moment, my life was changed. She was right. It was time to push and do what I've always dreamed of doing," Jennifer says as if completely enlightened. "I put things into action, and that is what I did from that day forward."

Stone + Sage is located at 3830B S Mooreland Rd., New Berlin, www.stoneandsagewi.com





Cordially Yours, Again!

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

Springing into Spring

Hoping not to bore you, I'm still simply stymied at the speed of time! And it is true, the older you are the faster the time goes...every 15 minutes is breakfast! Flipping those calendar pages, creating a breeze comparable to a fan. 'Tis the mercurial month of March – let's see what's in store for us this time out.

Woody's will be the place to be for a "Variety Show" 8:00 pm. **Saturday, March 4th.** Goldie Adams is pulling together entertainment on an occasional basis, bringing a softer side to the classic sports bar. Joining Miss Goldie will be theater maven, singer, dancer, director, Doug Clemons and the velvet sounds of Corky Morgan also singing live! Haven't heard Corky as much as we used to, you'll fondly remember him as a popular *Singsational* cast member. And rounding out the cast, the well-rounded Karen Valentine, still glowing from all the Valentine love! I hear tell, cards, valentines, perfume, furs, flowers, jewelry – it was Christmas in February! Or simply Valentines' Day and her birthday.. which one? don't ask, she'll probably lie!

Milwaukee Chamber Theatre bounces in this Spring with "HOOPS". Adopted by Eliana Pipes with original music by B-Free from the HOOPS Project by Nicole Acosta. Friday, March 10th – Sunday, **April 2nd** in The Studio Theatre of the Broadway Complex in The Historic Third Ward.

Tuesday, March 7th is **Purim**, a Jewish holiday which commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from annihilation at the hands of an official of the Achaemenid Empire named Haman.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre has *August Wilson's "Seven Guitars"*



By: Michael Johnston

strumming away for you through **Sunday, April 2nd.**

Finding direction in the land of opportunity with *Lloyd Suh's "The Heart Sellers"* is up and fascinating all until **Sunday, March 19th**, and then becomes history.

The third and final **PRIDE Night** for this season will be: **Wednesday, April 19th** and you get the choice of seeing "God of Carnage" or "The Greatest Love for Whitney – A Whitney Houston Tribute". For the Password PRIDE, you'll get the special promotional price of \$30! Included will be a PRIDE reception before the show with complimentary refreshments! And adding a bit of glamor and glitz, Dear Ruthie Keester, B.J. Daniels, and Karen Valentine will be on hand as "Ambassadors for the Arts."

That "Rat Pack" feeling is in the air until **Sunday, March 19th** with Dean Martin, and **The Rep** has "Dino! An Evening with Dean Martin." **The Stackner Cabaret** is the hip and happening headquar-

ters as the uber talented Tally Sessions brings the 'King of Cool' alive! Gently stirred, not shaken. Director Jonathan Hetler's vision of Jerry Lewis' all-time favorite partner is uncanny. I had the pleasure of catching this portrait of the prolific performer who mastered night clubs, radio, movies, television, records, concert tours and it's really his savvy, seductive nature. He really was a just a nice guy, not the greatest vocalist, not the greatest songbook, but befriended many stars of the day and was always in the mix. I think you'll dig it! A great opportunity to spend some quality time with your folks, this program brilliantly crosses the generations.

Milwaukee Rep will be Celebrating 70 years in the business, come the 2023/2024 Season, 1953 – 2023. There are twelve terrific theater pleasing productions not to be missed:

"Country Sunshine: The Legendary Ladies of Nashville with Katie Deal", "Run Bambi Run", about the Brew City's favorite dear, Lawrencina Bembenek, "Parental Advisory: a Breakbeat Play", "Nuncrackers", "Dial M for Murder", "A Christmas Carol", "Guys on Ice", "Little Women", "What the Constitution Means to Me", "The Chosen", "Piano Men 2", and "Nina Simone: Four Women". To be a part of this historic event, call The Rep and/or subscribe to their sensational 70th Season at 414-224-9490/www.MilwaukeeRep.com

Saturday, March 11th are *Saint Patrick's Day Parades* (Downtown Milwaukee and Wauwatosa).

Sunday, March 12th, Daylight Saving Time begins, on **Saturday, March 11th** before bedtime, Spring Forward...Yes, we lose an hour of valued weekend! But we gain light, sunshine!

Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day running through **Sunday, April 2nd**, **The Skylight Music Theatre** unveils "Noises Off". Per *The New York Times* "A spectacularly funny, peerless backstage farce." This opus will be Directed by Skylight's very own Michael Unger, with a very special Skylight twist – music! Normally, "Noises Off" is a comedy, a farce – this time out, a singer and band will be added!

Skylight's Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber classic "Evita" was phenomenal! So thrilled to have been at opening night, and to this day when thinking of it, I still smile and hum a tune or two! Rana Roman, Andrew Varela and Richard Bermudez were simply beyond, bringing these iconic Characters alive – with their own unique interpretations. Director and Choreographer, Gustavo Zajac brought a sense of authenticity and truth to this version – and the Tangoing that opened the show, and the dancing throughout... It was step on, not some Hollywood-ized Carmen Miranda bit. We were so lucky to be able to watch this one, Wisconsin!

Heartiest congratulations to the 'Broadway Baby' ("Les Miserables" "Reefer Madness", "Little Women",) turned Theatre Executive, Susan Spencer Varela, and her promotion as Interim Executive Director of Milwaukee's very own Skylight Music Theatre. I love seeing local girl does well stories like this soar! The Skylight has been Susan-ized, with the power, talent, and dedication of both Heymann and Varela – Brava!

Bosom Buddies return to **La Cage Saturday, March 18th** at 5:00 p.m. celebrating the Sounds of Burt Bachrach. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., no cover charge. Joining Maple Veneer and Karen

Valentine will be Special Guest, Corky Morgan.

On the topic of saluting Bachrach and his legacy of song – currently, our community has lost many fine people, may we remember them, thank them, and wish them rest: Andy, Jason, Annette, Marlene, Tim, and so many others

Monday, March 20th is the Spring Equinox.

On the topic of woman power, **Renaissance Theaterworks** will present "Tidy" by Kristen Idaszak on **Friday, March 24th - Sunday, April 16th** directed by Elizabeth Margolius. Thirty years of theater by women, for everyone! Their stage is now in **The Next Act Theatre**, with that very welcoming parking lot! Congratulations Suzan Fete, Artistic Director, on being a Betty Award Winner – 2022!

Thursday, March 23th is Ramadan.

The Marcus Arts Center

- *Nickelodeon The Sponge Bob Musical*, For Young Audiences (Or Audiences, Who Think Young) **Friday, March 3rd - Sunday, April 2nd**

- The salute to The Royals "Six, The Musical" **Tuesday, March 7th - Sunday, March 12th**

- For the intellectuals, *National Geographic Live: View From Above with: Terry Virts* **Thursday, March 16th**

- A fresh take of Mozart and Da Ponte's Opera "Cosi Fan Tutte: Remix by Nicolas Lell Benavides and Kelley Rourke" **Friday, March 17th - Sunday, March 26th** at **The Florentine Opera Company**

- **Saturday, March 18th**, "One Night of Queen" a Tribute to Freddie Mercury" as performed by Gary Mullen and The Works

- The next evening, a tribute of a different variety "The 5th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Celebration" **Sunday, March 19th, 2023**

- "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" returns to **Uihlein Hall** at **The MarcusCenter, Thursday, March 23rd**

– **Sunday, March 26th**, a weekend of Quasimodo in Milwaukee.

- For something a bit more sublime, the soundtrack of the sixties, I'm sure including "The Sounds of Silence" as "The Simon & Garfunkel Story" is told in song. One night only, **Wednesday, March 29th**.

- **The Wilson Theater** (formerly known as Vogel Hall) will be the location where you can repent this Lent. "Late Nite Catechism" will be in session on **Friday, March 31st** to save your Soul. There is only one class, so you'll have to make the most of it and not miss it!

- The same night, in **Uihlein Hall**, the bag pipes will be blowing, perhaps kilts will be worn, and everyone will be enjoying the music of "The Red Hot Chilli Pipers" on the last day of **March, Friday the 31st**.

- Disney's "Frozen" debuts here at **Uihlein Hall** of **The Marcus, Thursday, April 6th** all the way through **Sunday, April 16th** - a full eleven day run. Providing an ideal opportunity in introducing theatre to the young.

The Mitchell Park Domes is on track once again with their ever-popular Train Show until **Sunday, March 26th**. Amazing how The Show Dome can be reconfigured and take on so many holidays, hobbies, seasons, and interests – with a floral slant.

The Golden Girls Mother's Day Spring Spectacular will be running **Tuesday, May 2nd - Sunday, May 14th**. **Purse String Productions** is planning some upcoming fabulous events to look forward to, and this is just one of them.

And so, we're marching on to a new month, a new column, a new time setting, a new season, and until next time, Remember, it's the glamour, not the grammar as I remain *Still Cordially Yours, again!*



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722 E. Burleigh St.

Milwaukee, WI 53212

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

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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>

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La Cage Niteclub ♦

Gay Dance Club

801 S. 2nd St.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 383-8330

<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.

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(414) 672-0806

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Zócolo Food Park ♦

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Milwaukee, WI 53204

(414) 433-9747

<https://www.zocalomke.com>

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Businesses

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>

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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>

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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 ♦

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<https://www.purpledooricecream.com>

Sherman Perk Cafe ♦

Local coffee shop in the Sherman Park Neighborhood

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<https://shermanperkcoffeeshop.com/>

La Finca Coffeeshouse ♦
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.
958 W. Oklahoma Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53215
(414) 988-2149
<https://www.facebook.com/ToDoPostresOfficial/>



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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>

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>



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