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PURE ENJOYMENT – "GoD And DoG"

Short video message in song.

Animal lovers, **you MUST see this one.**

<http://christiangays.com/comfort.shtml>

EVENT – HARBOURFRONT CENTRE – TORONTO DEC 2 – 5

DV8 Physical Theatre's ***To Be Straight with You*** Comes to World Stage.

Artistic Director Lloyd Newson leads a multi-ethnic cast in a poetic but unflinching exploration of intolerance, religion and sexuality.

TORONTO, ON (Nov. 4, 2009) – Harbourfront Centre's World Stage 2009-10 performing arts series continues with the world-renowned UK-based company DV8 Physical Theatre and the powerful new dance work ***To Be Straight with You***. Conceived and directed by Lloyd Newson, artistic director of DV8, the piece will have its Toronto premiere at the Fleck Dance Theatre, Dec. 2 through Dec. 5, 2009.

The piece surveys existing states of homophobia by examining religious and cultural idioms; and deftly incorporates dance, text, documentary, animation and film in a compelling performance.

To Be Straight with You emerged from Newson's personal experiences when confronted by homophobia in a Gay Pride march in the early 1990s. The encounter became the impetus for Newson and DV8 members to conduct hundreds of interviews with homosexuals from various backgrounds who are directly affected by intolerance, based on cultural or religious systems of belief.

Every word spoken on stage comes directly from these interviewees, many of whom chose to remain anonymous for fear of the consequences should their identities be revealed. The result is a powerfully moving work that exposes the realities lesbians and gays face in the ongoing fight for rights.

Visit the website at <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/worldstage0910/dv8/> or contact Cary Mignault cmignault@harbourfrontcentre.com or 416-973-4655 for more information.

EVENT – LESBIANS EXPLORING FAITH TOGETHER – BIRMINGHAM, UK, Nov 21

The next 'Lesbians Exploring Faith Together' Event will be a workshop day in Birmingham led by none other than eminent theologian Professor Lisa Isherwood. See her profile at <http://www.winchester.ac.uk/?page=7607>. The workshop title will be "Relax - it's just sex and gender". No previous experience of theological study is required.

The meeting will be at Carrs Lane Church Centre, Carrs Lane, Birmingham B4 7SX on **Saturday 21st November 2009** from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Places will be limited so booking is recommended. E-mail Sam Lowe (sam_rana@hotmail.com) to reserve a place.

The day will start with lunch, and there will be an opportunity to go out for drinks/meal in the evening afterwards.

Hope to see you there.
RCCaucus Convenor.

EVENT - TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – NOV 20

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an occasion in the LGBT community set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held on 20 November.

It was founded by Gwendolyn Ann Smith to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco, California candlelight vigil in 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in hundreds of cities around the world.

To see a list of international events or to list yours, please visit <http://www.transgenderdor.org/>

EVENT - "BURNING NOPAL" MUSIC GROUP PERFORMING

- for the East Texas chapter of PFLAG on Monday, December 7, 2009 @ 7PM in Tyler, Texas.

Please visit <http://www.burningnopal.com> for details

TAKE ACTION – END ANTI-LGBT JOB DISCRIMINATION - ENDORSE THE FLORIDA COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE BILL

The **Florida Competitive Workforce Bill** adds "sexual orientation and gender identity and expression" to Florida's civil rights law that bans discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Even as cities and companies across our state adopt policies banning anti-gay and gender identity-based discrimination, Florida law fails to provide any protection to LGBT Floridians against workplace discrimination.

A new bill called the "**Florida Competitive Workforce Bill**" would prohibit anti-LGBT discrimination at work, in public accommodations and in housing. It would simply add "sexual orientation" and "gender identity and expression" to Florida's

civil rights law that bans discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

Individuals, organizations and companies are invited to sign on as endorsers.

Major employers are already standing up to support pro-equality legislation because they understand that employees work best when they are judged based on merit, not prejudice.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida, the state's largest insurer with over 7.7 million customers and 6,000 employees across the state, stands out as a leader.

Please sign on as a supporter at <http://eqfl.org/competitiveworkforce/>

NEW WEBSITE - "GAY WEDDING VALUES"

I just found out about this website and am incredibly impressed with it. If you're thinking about getting married, please click on their link that you'll find on the **Gay Wedding Resources** page of the website. *<http://christiangays.com/links/weddings.shtml>*

SEEKING - LESBIAN WITH RELATIONSHIP/LIFE COACHING EXPERIENCE

Leading Reality Television production company is seeking Lesbian with experience in relationship/life coaching. Ideally the candidate will have some experience in matchmaking or counseling couples through difficult times. Person must also be comfortable in front of camera and innovative in their strategies to help couples in need.

<http://www.gotcast.com/casting-calls/The-Matchmaker/55182>

NEW BLOGGER – AYA - “I AM STILL ME”

Aya just recently started blogging with us but she has been really prolific. If you want to start from the beginning, go to the Archives under “About Me”.

I hope you'll check out her blogging page at <http://christiangays.com/blog/aya.php>

BLOG – TERI IS AT IT AGAIN

Teri has added two more new entries.

If you're following her story, or if you want to start following her story, check it out at <http://christiangays.com/blog/teri.php>

REMINDER – FRAUD ALERTS

This is mainly for those who have their profiles on the **Dating Service** but anyone is welcome to subscribe just for the info.

Please, please, please read the information on the website about frauds and scammers, and make sure you subscribe to receive our **Fraud Alerts**. We currently have had 2458 people register their profiles with us. **Over a hundred of them have turned out to be frauds and scammers!**

That's a sad statistic and I hope it doesn't scare you away from giving the Dating Service a try. At least on ChristianGays.com we do our best to monitor inappropriate activity, and we publicize the information on the website for all to see, if they want to check someone out. I don't know of any other dating service that does that, so stick with us, but **DO SUBSCRIBE TO RECEIVE THE FRAUD**

ALERTS at <http://christiangays.com/osdate/fraud.shtml> and read the tips that **"They Might Be A Scammer If . . ."**

FROM OUR HUMOUR PAGES – "CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEST"

<http://christiangays.com/humour/test.shtml>

NOTABLE BIRTHDAYS, November 1 - 30

November 1: Olympic decathlete and founder of the Gay Games **Tom Waddell**, 1937

November 2: Singer **k.d. lang**, 1961

November 3: Artist and writer **Tee Corinne**, 1943

November 4: Editor and publisher **Barbara Grier**, 1933; photographer **Robert Mapplethorpe**, 1946

November 10: Activist **Phyllis Lyon**, 1924

November 13: Writer and saint **Augustine of Hippo**, 354

November 14: **William III**, King of England, 1650; American composer **Aaron Copland**, 1900

November 17: **Louis XVIII**, King of France, 1755; actor **Rock Hudson**, 1925; drag entertainer **RuPaul**, 1960

November 19: Actor **Clifton Webb**, 1891; fashion designer **Calvin Klein**, 1942; film actress, director, and producer **Jodie Foster**, 1962

November 22: British composer **Benjamin Britten**, 1913; tennis champion

Billie Jean King, 1943

November 26: Novelist **Isabel Miller** (Alma Routsong), 1924

November 28: Novelist **Rita Mae Brown**, 1944; fashion designer **John Galliano**, 1960

(from glbtq.com)

A STORY - THE ANT AND THE CONTACT LENS

Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens.

'Great', she thought. 'Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry.' She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the bible verse 'The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth.'

She thought, 'Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me.'

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, 'Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?'

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it!

The story doesn't end there. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, 'Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You.' I think it would do all of us some good to say, 'God, I don't know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will.' _

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called._ Yes, I do love GOD. He is my source of existence and my Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him...I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)

(with thoughts of Terri climbing her mountain today, and with thanks to Mike for sending it!)

LESSON – WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?

What Love means to a 4-8 year old....

Touching words from the mouth of babes.

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined.

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore.

So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.
You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they
go out and smell each other.'

Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries
without making them give you any of theirs.'

Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before
giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'

Danny - age 7

'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still
want to be together and you talk more.
My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss'

Emily - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.'

Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,'

Nikka - age 6
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.'

Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.'

Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'

Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'

Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'

Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Brad Pitt.'

Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'

Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (what an image)

Karen - age 7

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross.'

Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you

should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

And the final one

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said,

'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

JOKE

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was making her rounds. She was visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas.

As luck would have it, a gas station was just a block away. She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned

Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car. She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street. One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm becoming Catholic."

(Thanks Bruce!)

God bless,
Mary

Gay AND Christian? YES! It IS Possible!

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