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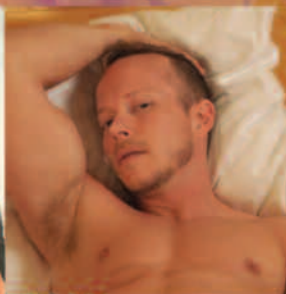
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# COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE SEEKS DOMESTIC-PARTNER BENEFITS FOR MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMPLOYEES

**Milwaukee**— County Executive Chris Abele announced on Monday, June 13 he would work with the County Board toward adoption of an ordinance that would extend health benefits to domestic partners, a proposal that former County Executive Scott Walker blocked in 2009.

"To continue offering one category of employees fewer benefits than others is unfair and makes it more difficult to attract the best possible

job candidates," Abele said. "I will work with the County Board for passage of a sensible domestic-partner benefits ordinance, and I will sign it."

Abele said many units of government in Wisconsin, including the State of Wisconsin and the City of Milwaukee, offer such benefits, as do dozens of private Wisconsin-based employers, including Northwestern Mutual, Aurora Health Care, Foley & Lardner, Miller Brewing, Associated

Bank and Marquette University, as well as many national companies with operations in the state.

In 2009, the board voted, 13-6, to draft revisions to the county's health care plan that would enable coverage for domestic partners. Walker, then the county executive, vetoed the measure.

Abele discussed his goal for passage of the ordinance on Friday at the opening ceremonies of PrideFest Milwaukee at Henry Maier Festival Park.

## EQUALITY WISCONSIN OBTAINS DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN.

**Milwaukee** - Equality Wisconsin recently obtained domestic partner benefits for small businesses (2-50 employees) in southeast Wisconsin. With a coalition of small businesses they contacted four major health insurance companies about providing domestic partner benefits to their employees.

Equality Wisconsin reports that United Healthcare (UHC), in the third quarter of this year and Humana, in the winter of 2012, will be offering domestic partner benefits to the small business market. Currently both companies are working to upgrade their databases to accommodate the added benefit.

Athena Sinclair, an insurance broker who assisted Equality Wisconsin in this effort, said "I am pleased that UHC and Humana will join

Wisconsin Physicians Service in this market and enable employers to make this decision. Employers need to be able to compete for talent, and offering domestic partner benefits to employees makes sense for southeast Wisconsin small businesses. Having competition in the group health insurance arena is critical."

Helen Brown, Human Resource Manager, with ZBB Energy commented, "Domestic partnership coverage provides a wider recognition that all people deserve equal benefit coverage and this move shows a commitment by health insurance providers to having a broader, progressive vision. As a small company this change will allow us to not only attract and retain staff, but also to provide equal benefits to all employees."

Russ Klisch, President, Lakefront Brewery, was "proud to support Equality Wisconsin in getting United Healthcare and Humana to offer domestic partner benefits. Hopefully this will lead other health insurance companies to do the correct thing and offer these benefits."



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# **THEATRE Z IN ASSOCIATION WITH NEWARTS PRESENTS “ANGELS IN AMERICA, A GAY FANTASIA ON NATIONAL THEMES” Opens Tuesday, July 5**

**Green Bay** - Newly formed theatre company, Theatre Z, will present its inaugural production of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America," Tuesday, July 5 through Sunday, July 10 at Arketype, 612 Stuart Street in Green Bay. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. There is no performance Saturday, July 9.

Winner of the 1993 Tony Award for Best Play and Pulitzer Prize for Drama, "Angels in America" centers on two couples desperately trying to preserve their relationships as the world collapses around them. A Mormon couple, Harper and Joe Pitt, must address their crumbling marriage when the agoraphobic Harper panics after Joe is offered a job in Washington by his mentor, the infamous Roy Cohn. Meanwhile, gay couple Prior Walter and Louis Ironson cope with Prior's AIDS diagnosis and Louis' subsequent impulses to abandon his lover in the face of the terrifying disease.

Set in mid-80s Manhattan, Kushner weaves their lives together through a series of magical encounters in which ghosts appear in bedrooms, Valium®-induced delusions transport characters to Antarctica, and angels speak of a prophet.

Stephen Rupsch directs the production with April Beiswenger as designer. The cast includes Green Bay residents Carol Cassell, Dustin James, Molly LeCaptain, Jerry Lesperance, Zach McLain, Kyle Pingel, Laura Riddle, Ray-Anna Young, and stage manager, Elizabeth Jolly.

Tickets are on sale now. Prices are \$15 and all seats are general admission. Student tickets (if available) are \$10 and sold an hour before each performance. Advance tickets are available through the St. Norbert College Box Office. To purchase tickets online, visit [tickets.snc.edu](http://tickets.snc.edu). All day-of tickets sold at Arketype will be cash or check only.

Please note: This play contains adult content, language and nudity.

For more information, contact the St. Norbert College ticket office at (920) 403-3950 or visit [www.tickets.snc.edu](http://www.tickets.snc.edu).

"Angels in America" is being presented with generous support from Arketype, a creative design, advertising, and marketing agency. The agency is providing promotional materials and marketing support, and its Stuart Street offices in the former Grace Presbyterian Church presents a unique setting for the Theatre Z production.

Theatre Z is a new semi-professional theatre company in Green Bay. Its mission is to provide intimate, entertaining and challenging theatre experiences to greater Green Bay audiences by presenting plays that focus on diversity in order to celebrate and foster community.

## **SENATOR KOHL'S SEAT - BALDWIN & POCAN'S DECISION ALSO DEPENDS ON FEINGOLD**

**Milwaukee** - A straw poll conducted at a recent state convention in Milwaukee puts former U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold as the top choice of Wisconsin Democrats in two upcoming contests.

Feingold was the leading choice for a U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Senator Herb Kohl who is retiring from office. Feingold had 271 votes compared to U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin who received 187.

There has been speculation that openly gay congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, would run for Kohl's seat. Baldwin, says she'll make a decision about the U.S. Senate race sometime this summer.

If Baldwin does declare, State Rep. Mark Pocan, D-Madison, might vie for her open seat. "I am seriously considering a run for her congressional seat," Pocan told the Capital Times. "But it's all in Tammy's hands. She starts the domino effect."

That same straw poll has Feingold received 254 votes out of 573 cast in the governor's

race at the two-day convention. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, who lost to Walker in last November's gubernatorial race, came in a distant second with 99 votes.

Wisconsin Democrats are trying to organize a recall for Governor Walker in 2012.

Feingold has not indicated what his future political plans are. Some Democrats hoped he would run against President Obama in the 2012 primary.

Feingold announced back in February 2011 he had formed a grassroots Political Action Committee Progressives United, a movement intended, among other things, to fight the controversial United States Supreme Court decision Citizens United v. FEC

Feingold currently teaches an elective course called Current Legal Issues: The U.S. Senate . . . to upper-level law students at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, and plans to write a book and support President Barack Obama in his reelection bid in the 2012 presidential election.

## **POCAN TAKES VIDEO BLOG TO THE PEOPLE**

**Madison** - State Representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison) today announced the launching of his own YouTube channel, which will initially post daily video about the state's biennial budget. Pocan's videos will be embedded in his blog at <http://markpocanwi.blogspot.com/>. Below is his statement about what he hopes to accomplish with these videos:

"Early next week, the Legislature is expected to take up Governor Walker's ultra-conservative Republican budget. Contrary to popular belief, Walker's budget isn't bad; it's terrible.

"I have decided to add a video component to my blog because I believe that it's important to show Wisconsin and the world what's going on in Madison, no matter how ugly it gets.

"I've spent three terms on the state's budget committee, one as co-chair and a term as a national vice-chair of the non-partisan National Council on State Legislature's Budget and Revenue Committee. My goal is to bring details about the state's budget directly to the people."

# OP-ED

## We Can Save Medicare for Gays

By: **Matt Chen, Graduate, National Journalism Center  
GOProud, Florida Affiliate, Former Log Cabin Maryland Chairman**

If we do not act now, the failure of leadership by President Obama and Democrats in Congress will lead our Medicare system to certain bankruptcy. We can save Medicare for current seniors -- gay and straight -- and make sure it's around for today's young people by supporting Representative Paul Ryan, House Budget Chairman. Sounds crazy, but the Republicans have better ideas for preserving health care for gay people than the Democrats who want to play head-games to win elections while the program descends into the bankruptcy. Even President Bill Clinton was caught off-camera scolding his Party for thinking all they have to do is nothing to save a program that contributes directly to our government having \$60 trillion+ in unfounded obligations. This means our government, supposedly run by the most intelligent lawyers and Ivy League graduates available, have no funding for Medicare (or Social Security) in the next 20 years.

In his "Path to Prosperity", Rep. Ryan has laid out a plan to save Medicare by creating a patient-centered system for seniors that gives them more choices for their health care while reining in exploding costs. Gays should appreciate this even if Ryan is a Republican. After all, gays get old too even if their hearts are forever young -- figuratively speaking.

Rep. Ryan's plan ensures that present seniors in Medicare are not affected and provides a sustainable path for future enrolls. (Democrats just want to play with people's emotions and many liberal gay activists do the same).

The Republican save Medicare plan is simple, it's cost-effective and it puts the patient -- not bureaucrats -- in control. But President Obama and Democrats believe attacking Rep. Ryan's plan, while offering no solutions of their own for saving Medicare, is a winning electoral strategy: Attack Rep. Ryan, win the next election.

That's why it was so stunning for Democrats to hear former President Bill Clinton, hugely popular with many in the Gay community, says that his Party must do more than just win elections by demonizing Republicans for trying to save Medicare. The Democrats can't get away with doing nothing, says the former President.

The problem is this "strategy" will come at the expense of Gay seniors and Gay taxpayers... and the many older Gay people with HIV/AIDS. Worst part is that President Obama has already admitted we're on an unsustainable course:

"Medicare is slated to go into the red in about eight to 10 years. I don't know if people are aware of that." - President Barack Obama, August 2009

We're aware Mr. President, now what are you going to do about it?

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The preceding Op-Ed is not the opinion of this news magazine or it's publisher who personally believes the only way to save our medical care system is to follow Canada and much of the EU's example and move to socialized medical care. In the interest of expanding dialogue on important political issues, Quest has begun to include information sent to us from the Gay Republican's side.*

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Madison-based artist Paul Baker Prindle's photographic series Mementi Mori has taken him to twenty-three states and the District of Columbia. Showing seemingly innocuous locations, Mementi Mori documents the haunting sites of homophobic murders where biological men, sometimes boys, were murdered because they were gay or transgender. Viewers won't find the bloody remains of violence or clues

to who was murdered or why within these photographs. This show depicts that human lives were forever ended upon ignominious, plain places. Hinting at the fleeting nature of life, this exhibition calls attention to the speed with which hate can bring about death and oblivion.

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# MILWAUKEE'S PRIDE WEEKEND EVENTUALLY SHINES BRIGHT

By Mike Fitzpatrick

**Milwaukee** - Despite a cool wet start, Milwaukee's annual pride weekend brought together members of the LGBT community and their allies from around the state for three days of networking, fun and activism June 10-12.

Record attendance on Saturday and Sunday at the 24th Annual PrideFest could not counteract the rain-suppressed numbers that came to see Oscar-winning actress and singer Mo'Nique and a bevy of RuPaul's Drag Race dolls Friday night. Despite an overall drop in attendance of about 15% from 2010, the 26,112 who visited the Henry B. Maier "Summerfest" grounds still made this year's festival one of the best attended in PrideFest's two dozen year history.

"You know, it's hard to be upset, when you see so many people having such a great time. Rain or shine, we are grateful to a community that



**Above:** Headliners on Miller Stage **Below:** RuPaul's Drag Race Performers  
Photos for Quest by Will Sharkey and Steve Vargas

comes out in support of diversity and celebration," PrideFest President Scott Gunkel said.

For equality activists, recently-elected County Executive Chris Abele's announcement that he planned to seek to extend health benefits to same sex-partners of county workers on June 10 seems a bright way to open the pride weekend. Mayor Tom Barrett's remarks at PrideFest's opening ceremony echoed the city's honor that one of the nation's largest gay pride festivals "is here, showcased in Milwaukee."

While the heavily-promoted main stage acts Salt 'N Pepa and LeAnn Rimes drew big numbers, younger attendees and dance music fans were also impressed by the out-

standing line-up of talent offered through the weekend at PrideFest's Pump! Dance Pavilion, which has become, thanks to stunning lighting, vi-

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suals, and professional dancers, the closest thing to a circuit party experience that the Cream City has ever experienced. In addition to top DJs such as Dave Audé and Chris Cox, recent Billboard dance chart topper Wynter Gordon, the New York-based Xelle and RuPaul drag dolls Carmen Carrera and Stacy Layne Matthews helped keep the crowds at a fever pitch throughout the festival.

Throughout the festival the Health and Wellness area at Pride-Fest offered outreach to gay youth, smoking cessation, spiritual wellness, massage and Reiki demonstrations rapid HIV testing and more to visitors. Events on the Stonewall and Rainbow stages offered diverse acts ranging from hip-hop and burlesque to special screenings by the Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival. Day-time diversions at the dance pavilion offered leather and drag shows plus choral performances by groups such as th Chicago Gay Men's Chorus and the Milwaukee Men's Chorus.





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Sunday's picture perfect weather brought out an estimated 6500 people to watch the Milwaukee Pride Parade's record-breaking 53 unit show. Crowds along some parts of the parade route were 8-10 people deep, with folks spilling into the street.

Leading off the parade was county supervisor Peggy West and contingents from the Milwaukee Fire and County Sheriff's Departments. Lesbian and gay members from the two departments served as this year's parade grand marshals. In addition to the dance-driven sounds from floats and decorated cars, the Lakeside Pride Freedom Band provided musical accompaniment to this year's parade.

Competition for all award categories was especially strong this year. Award-winning entries were as follows: Best Marching Unit was the Abbey of the Brew City Sisters, with the Lakeside Freedom Band as first runner-up and the Triangle Bar placing second. The Milwaukee LGBT Center was voted the Best Decorated Car, with runners up Rocky Horror Picture Show (1st) and Allard Pet Sitting, LLC (2nd). Best Float went to Green Bay's Napalese Lounge with its gay car wash themed entry. Milwaukee's Latinos En Accioion & El Tropical Night Club Aztec-themed extravaganza took 1st Runner-up and Kenosha Club ICON's mechanically-minded float was awarded 2nd Runner Up. Quest Mag-

azine's "Seven Deadly Ruthies" entry earned the Spirit Award.

The weekend capped with the first-ever countrified headline show on the PrideFest Miller Lite Main Stage. Artist Chely Wright, the first country music entertainer to come out publicly as a lesbian opened up for LeAnn Rimes, who told the crowd she was honored that PrideFest Milwaukee marked her inaugural debut performance at a pride festival. Rimes' tear-filled final words to the audience encapsulated the reason for the pride weekend: "We all have hearts. We should be able to love who we want to love."

See over 2000 photos from PrideFest & the Milwaukee Pride Parade online at [www.quest-online.com](http://www.quest-online.com)







## The Wine Tasting Party and Auction for the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin in Racine.

Filling a need so large it surprised just about everyone isn't easy, but the folks in Racine know how and have a good time while they are doing it.

Mike Fitzpatrick & Quest/Outbound owner, Mark Mariucci Mariucci traveled down for this event and shot these photos. (No Za didn't get drunk!) But he did meet Wisconsin Gazette Publisher Louis Weisberg finally and they posed for this snap below with Louis partner pictured on the right.





# THE NAKED TRUTH

## ...About Michael Lucas

By Mick Sandoval

Love him or hate him, there is no denying that Michael Lucas is a dominant force in gay porn today. He is the president of New York's largest gay-adult-film company, Lucas Entertainment, and its biggest star. But arguably, it isn't his films that are getting the most ink in media these days. Michael's controversial commentary on everything from pedophilia, bare-backing and anti-Semitism in the gay community are what seem to be grabbing the most headlines. We spoke with Michael to discuss why he has chosen to be so vocal about his views and how mixing politics with porn is affecting New York's largest porn empire.

**You celebrated another birthday this month! 39! I think I am the only person in the industry who doesn't lie about his age.**

**How much longer do you plan to reign as Porn King?** I have no plans to retire anytime soon. I consider 40 to be quite young. I also consider 50 to be young.

**Can you see any of today's young stars following in your footsteps and launching their own porn business?** I am sure some will try, but I don't see other companies opening. It's very hard to build a brand in today's environment.

**How has porn changed since you launched Lucas Entertainment?** It's become a complicated business. There is much more competition and many more different ways to reach the customer. It took forty years to go from 8mm reels to VHS tapes to dvd. Today, there are dozens of ways to deliver the product and new ones pop up regularly. You really need to stay on top of it.

**You have used your celebrity as a platform to express your opinions.** I have always been vocal on issues I care about deeply, even opinions which are not so popular. If my popularity as a porn star gives my opinions additional resonance, then all the better.

**What is rattling your cage these days?** I am deeply worried about the situation in the Middle East, the increasingly aggressive posture of Iran and the growing worldwide hostility towards Israel. Here in America, my main concern is the stalemate of vitally important issues that comes from the absolute

polarization between the two political blocks.

**What has influenced your activism?** Life. Growing up in communist class rooms in my native Russia, I directly experienced anti-Semitic discrimination and the hurt and the shame that comes from it.

The security of a Jewish homeland where none of this will ever happen again has become deeply important to me. I also read history and follow current events and travel a lot.

**Has being vocal hurt your porn business?** I actually don't care. I speak out on certain issues because I feel strongly about them and that's quite apart from my work as a businessman.

**Does it upset you to read negative comments on the web?** Some negative re-

sponses do upset me, some amuse me. The many positive responses encourage me.

**What do you think is the biggest misperception about Michael Lucas?** That I am a cold and distant person. I am actually very warm, funny and sensitive. I care deeply about my friends and family.

**Michael, are you anti-Muslim?** Yes. I believe all organized religion throughout history has been a force for the bad. I believe that whenever religion has influenced politics, the world has become a worse place. Most Muslim countries prove this point. Their leaders are hypocritical and corrupt and it's the people who suffer, especially the women and minorities. Is it a coincidence that the ten countries that still impose the death penalty for same sex relationships are all Muslim? Even in the worst days of the old Soviet Union, gay people were not sentenced to death. And, of course, I get personally mad at them whenever I have to take off my shoes at airport security.

**Do you truly believe the gay community is increasingly anti-Israel and anti-Semitic?** In my mind, being anti Israel is just a new way of being anti-Semitic. And yes, the gay community does sometimes make unthinking alliances with supposedly progressive forces who think Muslim countries are nuts just because Israel exists.

**Is that why Lucas Entertainment is now sponsoring gay tours of Israel?** I sponsor gay tours to Israel because Israel is a beautiful country and gays and lesbians have a wonderful time there. Everybody who traveled with me last year loved it.

**Queerty labeled your political opinions on Israel as virulent, frightening Islamophobia.** I think if

Queerty calls you names, its sort of a compliment.

**What are your views on pedophilia?** This question probably comes from a column I wrote in The Advocate, which was misunderstood by some. In it, I made a clear distinction between pedophiles and child molesters. Pedophile inclinations are much more widespread than we realize but most pedophiles are in control of their feelings and never touch a child. I also made it quite clear I firmly believe that child molestation is a crime.

**What are your feelings about President Obama?** I think he was a much better campaigner than a president. As a President, he appears weak and indecisive. Decisiveness is a very important quality in a President.

**What government leader has come closest to meeting your ideal?** Winston Churchill; for his bravery when all Europe surrendered to the Nazis. I admire his perseverance because he didn't let his country fall while the rest of Europe submitted. He united his country and was a real fighter. And he was one of the few people who knew Hitler's true nature from the very beginning.

**How did your colleagues in porn react to your opposition to bareback films?** I chose early on to follow my ethics and always promote safe sex in my films. Those who produce bareback movies don't like that I so vocally condemn what they do. I actually think that their argument that bareback movies don't do harm because "porn is just a fantasy" is dangerous bullshit because porn does strongly influence community norms.

**What bothers you most about the current state of the adult film business?** People who are illegally downloading my films. I consider it stealing. There is no difference between shoplifting clothing from a store and downloading an adult film for free. It costs a lot of time, hard work, and money to produce these films.

**Today, naked pictures can be found all over the web for free. Is porn still profitable?** Most free porn (except what is stolen) is actually crap. That's good enough for some people but there are plenty who enjoy really good porn made by professionals.

**If you were elected President of Porn, what's the first action you would take to clean up the biz?** I would outlaw barebacking.

**Where do you see yourself in five years?** Where I am now: in New York, with my friends, running my business. I'm a very happy person.

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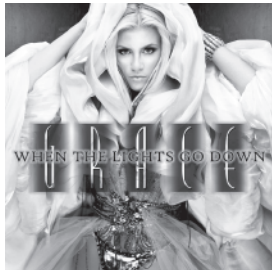
By Jimmy Newsom

After beating a retreat in the face of the hip hop explosion, great pop music is on the march again. The last couple of months have seen brilliant singles from pop artists Katy Perry, Lady Gaga and Ke\$ha. Here are some of the best new tracks popping into gay clubs this month.

### "When the Lights Go Down"

Grace

Grace, the protégé of American Idol's Randy Jackson, is a Russian pop goddess that will no doubt appeal to Britney and Kylie fans. In her debut single, she delivers a high energy track with just the right amount of sass, pounding beat, and diva fierceness to shake gay dance floors into a heated frenzy this summer. By the time the blonde bombshell hits the chorus of "Let's see what happens when the lights go down" - and in the video, walks a sashay that puts RuPaul to shame - clubbers are at Grace's command. Give the girl her microphone; Grace turns up the fun 'when the lights go down'.



### "All About Sex"

Sariah

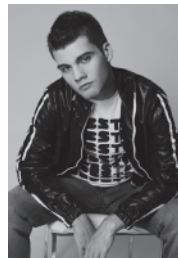
Sariah leans more than a bit toward the provocative in her latest 'party hard and live life to the max' track. Less concerned with aiming at the mainstream radio dial, she and her collaborators make "All About Sex" as street and club ready a record as possible. Following Lady Gaga's lead, Sariah's out to bend current trends to her needs. "All About Sex" is an impressively produced, rambunctious record that may become the celebratory party anthem of the summer.



### "Beautiful"

D Alexander

The f bomb is thrown in the track, but that's not what is raising eyebrows with "Beautiful". It's that the voice flirtatiously belting lyrics like "Look at me when I step on the scene, I'm the hottest thing that there is" isn't from a girl. They're sung by a boy, er... man. A cross between twendom's Justin Beiber and post nsync's Justin Timberlake, the young D Alexander is turning convention on its ear with his unabashed, delightfully catchy high powered electro-pop dance romp that a mere few years back would likely have been given to Christina Aguilera. But this is 2011 people and D Alexander is proving boys, er... men, can be beautiful too.



### "See the New Hong Kong"

Josie Cotton

The artist behind the cult classic "Jonny, R U Queer" has clearly sharpened her pencil with this artfully written track about a doomed lost love. Cotton is reminiscent of Cyndi Lauper circa early 80s, with cutesy vocals that seem girlish but are deceptively sophisticated and soar into the stratosphere. Cotton's mind bending lyrics soar into the stratosphere too, making you wonder if Josie is, in fact, from out of space. She may very well be and that's part of her magic. "See the New Hong Kong" is way ahead of it's time. It's melodic, smart, and mesmerizing. It's the direction music should be heading, if only more pop divas had brains. Remixes by Love Rush U.K., CCW and Baggi Begovic.



### "Fetish" Faith Michaels (See interview in this issue)

In Fetish, Faith Michaels digs into clubland's hard-core underground roots. The record is a throwback to early nineties dance floors - BG (Before Gaga) - when Madonna reigned supreme with grungy, dark dance tracks. Like Erotica, the substance of Fetish resides in haunting, straight-talking vocals that intimately educate the meaning of a fetish. The vocals are alluring and with the help of catchy grooves, Faith Michael's draw listeners into her cavernous sex den. There's a strange heaviness amidst the naughtiness on the track: at its core is a lesson of acceptance of others that resonates well beyond the dance floor.

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# PRIDE OF DANCER REPRISE AT MGAC JUNE 25



Miss the Pride of Dancers Hafla on the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center (MGAC) stage at PrideFest? Or, did you see it and want to see it again? Either way, you'll have another chance at the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center, 703 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Walker's Point on Saturday, July 25. The show starts at 7pm. A \$5 donation at the door is requested of all participants.



Pride of Dancers presents a full range of international dance from Bollywood to Burlesque and from Tribal Fusion to Egyptian Cabaret style belly dance. This energetic and exciting show's dazzling performers, extravagant costumes and sensual music shouldn't be missed. The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center *one-night only*



reprise features many of the same dazzling performances and performers!

The star-studded lineup includes Extreme Taqsim, Dreamy Genies, Seshetat, Ty's African Dancers, Astor Street Burlesque Dancers, Sulakshana Jayaram (Classical Indian Dance), Bollywood Charisma, Kish Kish, and Jasmine.

The informal MGAC setting offers the opportunity for audience and dancers to meet, greet and mingle. Information about how to join

classes is available and a small costume bazaar offers all the requisites for the properly outfitted dancer.

The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center holds Haflas, or belly dance parties, nearly every month in collaboration with Shaia Fahrid's Astor Street Dance Studios and Milwaukee Belly Dance Productions. See its website at <http://milwaukeebellydance.webs.com/astorstretdance.htm>

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# OUTWORDS BOOKS CELEBRATES 18TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A QUARTET OF LESBIAN AUTHORS

C.P. Rowlands, Anne Laughlin, Martha Miller and Chris Paynter

**Milwaukee** - To celebrate the 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee, an afternoon reception and author program featuring a quartet of leading Lesbian novelists is planned for Saturday, July 9 at 1 pm. The event is free and all are welcome.

Those joining the program are C.P. Rowlands, the author of the bestselling **Collision Course**, who will offer a preview of her upcoming, **Jacob's War**. Blue Feather Books will be represented by Chris Paynter who has released, **Two for the Show**, a sequel to her popular baseball-themed debut, **Playing for First**. Golden Crown Literary Society award-winner Anne Laughlin will read from her latest, **The Collectors**. Finally, longtime popular mystery writer Martha Miller will read from her May release, **Retirement Plan**, a modern morality tale of justice and retribution.

Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee, then Afterwords Bookstore & Espresso Bar, had a gala opening and reception on Friday, July 9, 1993. Once just one of many LGBT Bookstores scattered across America, Outwords Books is now one of a handful, which have remained open. Back in April, A Different Light in San Francisco closed its doors, following the closing of other such notable gay bookstores as Lambda Rising and the Oscar Wilde Bookstore in NYC.

Anne Laughlin is the author of **Sometimes Quickly** (2008) and **Veritas**, which won a 2010 Goldie award in the Mystery category. Her short



Anne Laughlin



Chris Paynter

stories have appeared in anthologies from Cleis Press, Alyson Books, Bold Strokes Books and others. In 2008 Anne was named an Emerging Writer Fellow by the Lambda Literary Foundation.

After leading a nomadic childhood as an Air Force brat, Chris Paynter graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor's degree in journalism leading to a career as both a general assignment reporter and a sports reporter. She continues to work on her novels, including **From Third to Home**, the third book in the *Playing for First* Series.

Winner of a Raymond Carver Short Fiction Award, mystery writer Martha Miller is the author of four previous books including **Nine Nights on the Windy Tree**, **Dispatch to Death**, and **Skin to Skin: Erotic Love Stories**. Her stories, reviews, and articles are widely published in anthologies, magazines, and periodicals. She writes a monthly column for *Out and About Illinois* called "Martha [Les-

bian] Living," a lesbian send-up of that other, more domestic, Martha.

Born and raised in the Midwest, C.P. Rowlands attended college in Iowa and lived in the southwest and on the west coast before returning to Wisconsin. She is an artist in addition to having worked in radio, sales, and various other jobs. She has two children, two grandchildren, a partner of over nineteen years, and a dog and a cat.



Martha Miller



C.P. Rowlands

C.P. Rowlands, Chris Paynter, Martha Miller and Anne Laughlin will read and sign copies of their novels beginning at 1:00pm on Saturday July 9, 2011 at **Outwords Books, Gifts & Coffee**, located at 2710 N. Murray Ave. in Milwaukee.

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## STAGEQ AND OUT!CAST THEATRE PRESENT GAY MYSTERY COMEDY "IT'S MURDER, MARY!"

**Madison** - StageQ is partnering with OUT!Cast Theatre to bring the gay mystery comedy "It's Murder, Mary!" to the upstairs Drury stage at the Bartell Theater June 17 - July 2, 2011. Proceeds from the show will benefit the Bartell Theatre Foundation and StageQ.

The campy comedy from California writers Andrew Black & Patricia Milton is an adult send-up of Agatha Christie stories, with all gay men trapped in an old hunting lodge while a movie-obsessed killer knocks them off one by one in the style of old classic movies. The characters are spoofs of classic gay stereotypes and include Scott Albert Bennett as Lotta Miles, a drag queen; Michael Bruno as Bebe Busby, a bitchy lush; Will Endres as Kale, a pretty twink; Kris Kalb as Matt Rally, a handi-able activist with a Disney allergy; Edric Johnson as Don-



ald Smith-Harris, a neurotic doctor with a porn obsession; Jeremy Keene as Ronald Harris-Smith, the doctor's wife; Karl Reinhardt as Turk Malone, a leather bear; and Adam Williams as Buff Bodd, a porn star.

"It's Murder, Mary!" runs Friday, June 17 - Saturday, July 2. Thursday shows are at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday shows are at 8pm and Sunday June 26 is at 5pm. The show is for mature audiences due to some nudity and sexual humor.

The Bartell Theater is located at 113 E. Mifflin Street in downtown Madison, WI. Tickets are \$15 for Friday and Saturday shows and \$12 for Thursday and Sunday. Tickets may be reserved at [www.StageQ.com](http://www.StageQ.com) or by calling 608-661-9696 x3.





## FRIDAY NIGHT

Photos by Steve Vargas & Za







## A Look at PrideFest 2011

Photos on this page by Paul Masterson and Will Sharkey





# Gotta Have Faith

## Faith Michaels Releases 'Fetish'

By Charlie Rocafort Photos by Guy Guido

Faith Michaels isn't shy about her fetish. When the female impersonator -whose name pays homage to Faith Evans and George Michaels – spots a sexy loafer, it's like a vampire seeing blood. Her eyes close in on her target. Her heart rate goes up and she prepares to go in for the bite.

"When I wrote Fetish, I was shy about talking about what turned me on," she remembers. "The song liberated me. It has made me comfortable, not only with my fetish but with myself. Today, I'm an open book about anything in my life. No secrets."

Famed circuit DJ Twisted Dee produced of the track. Marquis remixers DJ Paulo, J Zuart and DJ Peter have released original versions of the song; all contributing to the track's popularity in clubs and fast rise up the dance charts.

### Is it true that growing up, you were fascinated with Superman?

Yes, I loved the movies. I would cry when the credits started rolling. Christopher Reeve was my boyfriend, he just didn't know it.

### Did you know you were Trans growing up, or did you think you were gay?

As a child you're not thinking, "Oh, I'm gay" or "I want to dress in drag". You're a kid.

### When did you learn the difference?

I learned the difference about ten minutes ago when I looked it up. I am a female impersonator. I go to work as a boy and leave as a boy.

### Have you lived your life defying convention?

Looking back today at the kid I was, I would say, "Yep, he'll be a queen someday." I remember my mom joking with me that I would marry Wonder Woman. I thought, "I don't want to marry her. I want to be her." But I was just being me. I wasn't trying to defy convention.

### Even now, you're releasing a track that deals with the very taboo subject of fetishes.

I don't feel that fetishes are a private subject anymore. There are many groups and websites dedicated to our community. Even Youtube acknowledges all the different fetishes. I wanted to release the song because until now, there was no anthem for fetishists.

You have been very open about your foot fetish. When you write a song on the topic, you better be ready to show all your cards.



### What is about feet that turns you on?

I like well kept feet. Clean nails. I like a guy who knows what a pumice stone is. I also love the look of socks on a foot. The way the sock hugs the foot drives me crazy.

### Do you get into smelling feet?

I love the smell of feet! Not a three or four day unwashed smell. That's a bit much for me. I prefer the natural smell mixed with the delicious odor from shoes.

### Does a particular shoe get you going?

I get excited when I see a guy with a pair of loafers or boat shoes and no socks. Seeing their bare foot disappear into the shoe; I love it! Also, watching a guy slip their foot in and out of their shoe is a real turn-on for me.

### Have you ever been caught staring at a stranger's foot?

Oh yes. Sometimes the guy understands what he's doing to me and keeps doing it anyway. I love that.

### Why is it important that we embrace our fetishes?

We should fully embrace every wonderful facet about ourselves. No one should be ashamed of what is natural to their self.

### Do you believe everyone has a fetish?

I do. A fetish doesn't have to be sexual, it just has to bring you joy. If you have ever been so in love with someone that a touch of their hand makes you weak in the knees, you've experienced a fetish.

### You have also said that you believe we're all drag artists.

Most people are pretending to be people they are not. If you're gay pretending to be straight, you're wearing heterosexual drag. If your piggy bank is empty but you're driving a BMW, you're wearing rich man drag.

### When is drag good?

When you are hyper-glamorizing your outer self to match the fabulousness you feel inside.

### Does your hyper-glamorized outer self match your inner fabulousness?

It's getting there.

### What's the main message of "Fetish"?

As long as we're not hurting anyone by embracing our inner diva – or our inner fetishist – haters should leave us the hell alone.

### Friend Faith Michaels on Facebook.

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### Friday, June 24

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Patio Party with Beer Bust 5-9

**Midtowne Spa (Milwaukee)** Squirt Lights Out Party

### Saturday, June 25

**BOOM (Milwaukee)** Fetish Party

**Captain Dix (Wisconsin Dells)** Anita Buffet & Friend's Wet & Wild Show 11 pm Join the Green Bay Girls as they show the Dells how much they like to party (and entertain!)

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Naps Country Show 10:30pm

**PJ's (Oshkosh)** Bear Club Party with Cookout. 8 pm

### Monday, June 27

**National HIV Testing Day. Call 800-334-AIDS to find a free testing location near you.**

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Free HIV testing from 6-8pm

### Wednesday, June 30

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Karaoke Contest 9:30 pm

### Saturday, July 2

**Fierte' (Kenosha)** Come help celebrate Rich's birthday with Fierte's Follies featuring Keely Jo Kline & CC Domino 10:30 pm

**LaCage (Milwaukee)** IndependDance Party 10 pm

### Sunday, July 3

**LaCage (Milwaukee)** Fireworks after party No cover tonight  
Miss Gay Cream City WI-USofA 2011 upstairs in Montage 9pm

### Friday, July 8

**Pride Alive presents: Boys, Babes, and Bounty** 6:30pm  
Location: Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center, Kimberly

### Saturday, July 9

#### Rainbow Over Wisconsin Presents:

**Pride Alive 2011 Joannes Park Green Bay**

**Shelter (Green Bay)** Quest Magazine Presents FEVER! The official after party for Pride Alive. Feat Duwanna Moore & special Chicago DJ's, Cody Domino & Multidimensional Fortitude. **Hot Male Dancers** - Ricky Sinz, Ethan Hudson & Trent Rock  
**also that night**

**Napalese (Green Bay)** Elsi's Birthday and Pride Show 10:30pm

**Madison Gay Video Club** - "From Beginning to End (Brazil)" (TLA Releasing, dir. Aluizio Abranches, 2009) "Trunks 1-3" (Hot House Video, dir. Steven Scarborough, 2005-2006)  
8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

**Outwards Books 18th Anniversary (Milw)** Lesbian Author Event: C.P. Rowlands, Martha Miller, Anne Laughlin and Chris Paynter This is a Free Event. All are welcome. - 1pm

### Sunday, July 10

**Pride Alive Weekend Finale' (Riverside Ballroom Green Bay)**  
Chez Bouche, a dance comedy revue. 7:30 pm Dinner & Show  
\$20 Show only \$10 Order Tickets by July 1 608-276-6082 or online at [chezbouche.com](http://chezbouche.com)

### Monday, July 11

**Outwards Books (Milw)** Outwards Men's Book Club. The book to be discussed is Celluloid Activist: The Life and Times of Vito Russo by Michael Schiavi - 7pm

### Tuesday, July 12

**Outwards Books (Milwaukee)** Lesbian Reading Group. The group will discuss Like Lovers Do, the new romance by Lori L. Lake - 7pm

### Thursday, July 14

**Outwards Books (Milwaukee)** Author Event  
Andrew Grey (A Serving of Love) and award-winning mystery writer Mark Zubro (Foolproof, A Simple Suburban Murder) -7pm

### Saturday, July 16

**PJ's (Oshkosh)** PJS Welcomes Mr. Wisconsin Unlimited 2011  
Mirage Cruz 10:30pm

### Saturday, July 23

**Madison Gay Video Club** - "Violet Tendencies" (Breaking Glass Pict., dir. Casper Andreas, 2010) "Violated" (TitanMen, dir. Paul Wilde, 2011) 8:00 PM, [www.mgvc.org](http://www.mgvc.org), 608-244-8690 (evenings)

**Shelter (Green Bay)** Miss Shelter Plus 5pm

### Thursday, July 28

**Cream City Foundation's "My Best Friend is Straight"** 9:30 PM at North Point Lighthouse, 2650 N. Wahl Avenue, Milwaukee

### Thursday, August 4

**Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival (UWM Union Theatre)** Special advance screening of "Circumstance" Tickets \$5 starts 7pm  
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### Saturday, September 3 & 4

**Captain Dix (Wisconsin Dells)** Northern Plains presents Midwest Leather Prides Bear/Cub 2011 Competition 7pm on Sept 3 & 12am Sept 4

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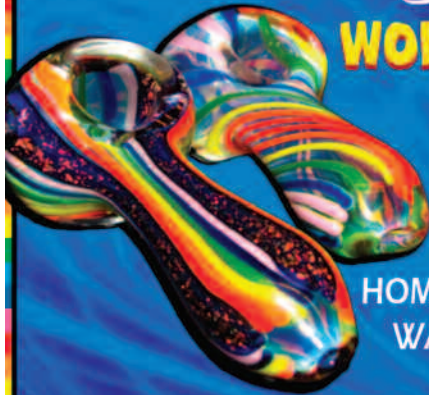
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**Anders als die Andern** (Different From the Others) continues to top Glenn's ever lengthening "wish list" of films to be screened at our fabulous Milwaukee LGBT Film Festival. First released in 1919 and starring Conrad Veidt, **Anders als die Andern** is often cited as the first sympatric cinematic portrayal of homosexuality. It and such other German Expressionist film classics as **The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari** (1920), **Nosferatu** (1922), and **The Last Laugh** (1924) led a young and really quite impressionable Glenn to yearn for a time machine that might take him back to the extraordinarily hedonistic days of Weimar German. Sadly, no such time machine ever materialized.

How curious, then, that earlier this week, literally on his doorstep, Glenn found a copy of **Christopher and His Kind** which stars Matt Smith, the reigning Doctor Who.

Even without the Tardis, Smith smoothly slips into the role of the writer and sexual bon vivant Christopher Isherwood, long remembered for his **Berlin Dairies** which would form the basis for the award-winning **Cabaret**.

If Brian Roberts (Michael York), the Isherwood stand-in in Bob Fosse's blockbuster cinematic musical adaptation was ever-so deliciously bisexual, Smith's Isherwood here is made of vastly different (gayer) stuff:

"Its 40 years since I first wrote about my time in Berlin, and the book I'm now writing is perhaps an attempt to set the record straight, well, as straight as it's possible to be... I could say that I went there because of what was happening politically, but in fact I went because of the boys. To me, Berlin meant boys."

And it is boys, boys and more boys that Christopher finds. Collected off the train by his similarly inclined friend, the poet WH Auden (Pip Carter), Christopher is whisked off to a smoldering den of iniquity called the Cosy Corner. Decadently cavernesque, the Cosy Corner boasts the cream of German youth; strapping lads all. And yet nary an old troll in sight.

Isherwood looks for all the world like the proverbial kid in a candy store, Auden is rather

more dismissive: "They're nearly all rampant hetters who use our money for cunt."

Nonetheless, Isherwood makes a quick connection with a comely lad named Caspar (Alexander Doetsch), who does indeed prove to be, as Auden foretold, "frightfully good at it."

As Isherwood settles into his new home, we meet a host of familiar friends, their portrayals no longer encumbered by the rose-tinted glasses Isherwood had previously employed. On the train he meets Gerald Hamilton (a brilliantly reptilian Toby Jones) who would become the inspiration for the bumbling Mr. Norris. Marisa Berenson's faultlessly stunning Natalia Landauer from Fosse's film here changes gender to Wilfrid Landauer (Ido Goldberg), a politically astute young man who has the unenviable task of seeking to act as something of a conscience for Isherwood. Best of all there's Imogen Poots as Jean Ross, a singer of limited abilities just waiting to become immortalized as Sally Bowles.

Isherwood's dalliance with Caspar is as tumultuous as it is brief; Caspar disappearing under the cloak of night only to reappear later in full Nazi finery. Meanwhile Isherwood finds an innocent young lad named Heinz (Douglas Booth), a hum-

## Buy it, rent it or just forget it...

Director Geoffrey Sax and screenwriter Kevin Elyot have in **Christopher and His Kind** the almost impossible task of trying to mitigate the "Doctor Who" effect from casting Matt Smith as well as shedding the ghost of Fosse's classic film adaptation of **Cabaret**. To their credit, they largely succeed.

Matt Smith acquits himself quite nicely, dutifully donning Isherwood's distinctively affected speech. Smith's Isherwood also possesses a wonderfully rakish charm as well as revealing a surprising sexual abandon at definite odds with the actor's performance as The Doctor.

And too, the spectre of **Cabaret** is quickly shed. Thanks to the excellence of the cast of **Christopher and His Kind**, Glenn found himself continually fascinated with the real backstory. Impossible to ignore is Lindsay Duncan's positively chilling portrayal of Isherwood's mother Kathleen: "When I think of what I went through bringing you into this world, months and months of feeling quite seedy." Although Christopher is able to escape her web, no such reprieve came for younger brother Richard, hauntingly played by Perry Millward. No less haunted is Pip Carter's portrayal of WH Auden. The poet's sardonic façade of perfectly pitched one-liners merely masking the unrequited love Christopher manages to blithely ignore. "The only cause you really care about, Christopher is yourself," Auden told his friend at the end. "But you've turned it into an art form."

Less successful are brief scenes of Nazi outrage which manage to feel both obligatory and inadequate. But how refreshing to see proof that even a literary giant as Christopher Isherwood, as he surely must be considered, could actually have been really rather naughty.

## Just the facts...

**Christopher and his Kind** has a running time of 90 minutes and is English

**Christopher and His Kind** will be available on DVD on 6/28 with an SRP of \$24.99

Tom Wlaschiha who plays would-be Nazi Gerhardt can be seen in the recent remake of **Brideshead Revisited** in the role of Kurt.

ble street cleaner. Finally Isherwood believes that he's found a boy he can take care of. As the Nazis, including Heinz's own brother Gerhardt (Tom Wlaschiha), have increasingly taken to the streets, Kevin Elyot's screenplay focuses on Isherwood's efforts to bring Heinz home to England and safety.





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What's a Horse Meat Disco party like? Screamingly, wig-whipping fun! For Horse Meat Disco III, the boys once again dive into the crates to throw down a sweat-soaked set equally satisfying to the disco virgins and jaded trainspotters alike who throng their riotously fun parties. While Disc 1 features remixes, re-edits, remakes of classics, rarities and new tracks, such as Todd Terje's edit of Claudja Barry's "Sweet Dynamite," a dub of Billie Ray Martin's latest, "Sweet Suburban Disco" and Yam Who's fab 2011 cover of Shah-Lor's '88 hit, "I'm In Love", disc 2 features 14 Sleaze classics.

What's Sleaze? Sleaze is the name given to the downtempo dance music played in the wee hours at legendary gay clubs in the early Eighties. DJs like Michael Fierman at The Saint and Bobby Viteritti at The Trocadero Transfer favored this music to fit the mood of their dancefloors, as their crowds were gently coming down from the high-energy high hit earlier in the evening. Grooving, melodic, soulful, and sometimes funky, these sexy songs were perfect for bumping, grinding

## HORSE MEAT DISCO ARE BACK AND FEELIN' SLEAZZZY!

The UK's Best Party Returns! New Album July 19, U.S. Gigs In San Francisco, Fire Island, NYC Announced

The Horse Meat Disco boys—DJs (pictured here) James Hillard, Severino, Jim Stanton and Luke Howard are back with "Horse Meat Disco III," their third mixed double-CD and double-LP (!) supported by a nearly two dozen city world tour, including 3 stops in the U.S.: Juanita More's Pride Party 2011 in San Francisco (June 26), The Pines Party on Fire Island (July 30) and Brooklyn's Mister Sunday (July 31).



and, well, gettin' sleazy on blacked-out dancefloors at sunrise. Wildly popular and greatly anticipated, many timed their arrival to coincide with that night's Sleaze set.

Horse Meat Disco III contains a clutch of exemplary Sleaze classics, among them Sylvester's rare "Give It Up," Loleatta's drag-ready "Seconds," T.S. Monk's disco-heavenly "Candidate For Love" and BLT's funky "Tighten Up." Also here are Sleaze hall-of-famers "Summer Breeze" by Baiser, "Close To Perfection" by Miquel Brown (better known for "So Many Men, So Little Time") and the thoughtfully included and beloved "American Love" by Rose Laurens.

Horse Meat Disco III is the perfect summer

mix for those seeking to dip below the often surface nature of contemporary dance music and groove a little bit deeper. Pumping hard enough for modern disco fans, but substantial enough for its critics, this brilliant set is backed up by edifying take-'em-to-school liner notes by contemporary disco don, Danny Wang.

Beware, the Horse Meat Disco boys know what they're doing, so don't be surprised if you find yourself helplessly backin' it up and workin' it out on the beach, making sexy face in traffic or going bump in the night. It's that good. Better yet, original full-length versions of select tracks will also be available as a beautifully packaged gatefold jacket double-LP set (gatefold jacket pictured above).

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