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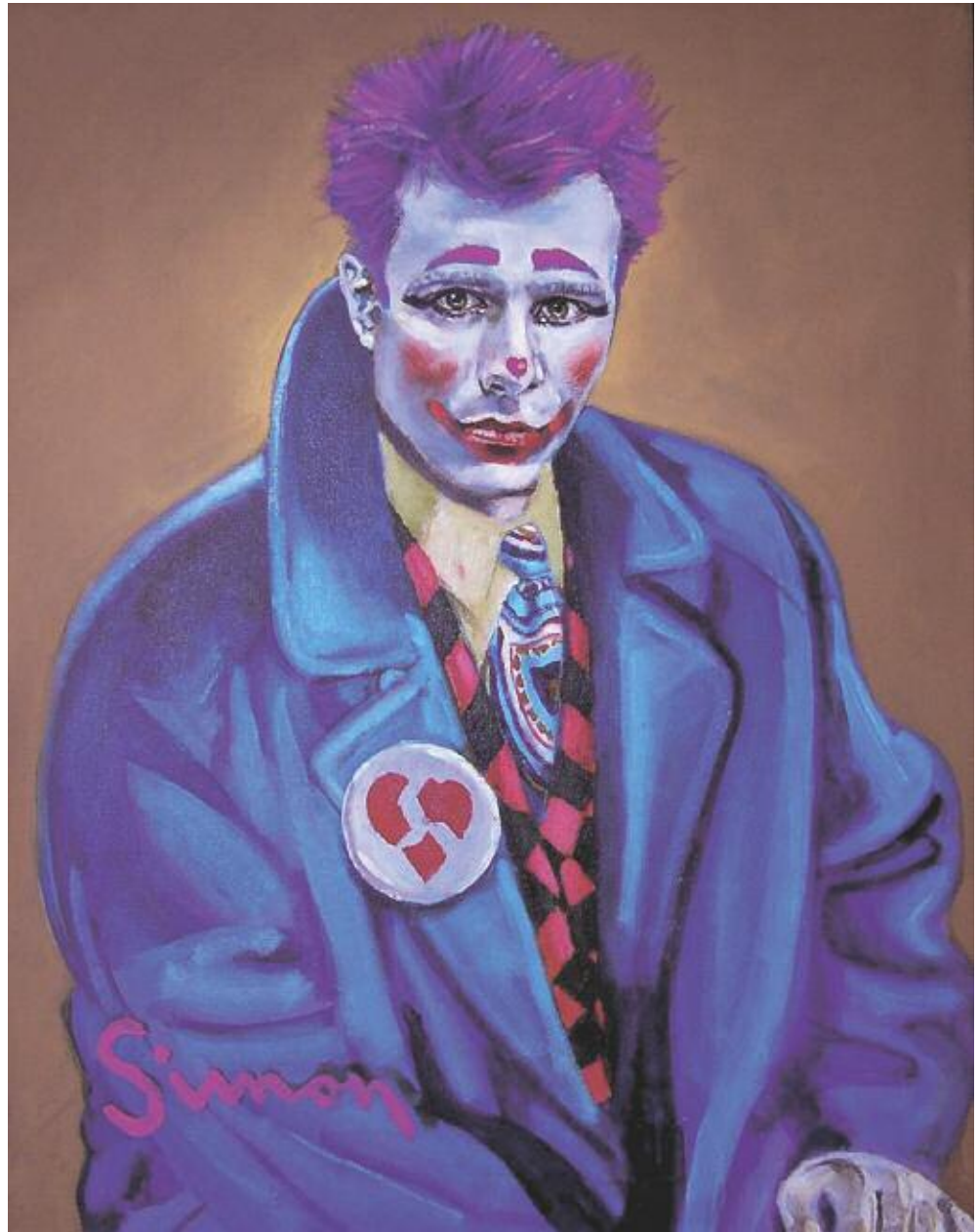
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# JOE SIMON SHOWS PAINTINGS AT MILWAUKEE GAY ARTS CENTER

The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center's (MGAC) current art exhibition features oils and acrylics on canvas by Milwaukee artist, Joe Simon. Entitled *Seasonal Dreams*, the show is both a retrospective and a view of Simon's current works. Beyond references to the season's holidays and the dominant autumn and winter palette, the collection of a dozen and a half paintings reveals a broad creative spectrum.

Showcased on MGAC's red wall are five gay clown portraits circa 2002. "I created the line of clowns for the first Gallery Night exhibition held in the LGBT Community Center on Court Street. The center had just moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to its new location. Paul Masterson curated an art gallery there. That was almost a decade ago. I wanted to express LGBT identity in a whimsical way but with a political message. For me, the painted clown faces, exaggerated wardrobe with in-your-face accessories, and pie throwing, of course, seemed like the perfect vehicle to engage viewers. It's something intrinsically silly but with a serious subtext. Clowns are a great metaphor. We laugh at clowns but we're also afraid of





them. Most people got it. Those who didn't, gay or straight, represent the dilemma we all face. Superficial judgment is why we don't have rights," Simon said.

Earlier pieces hang on the gallery's brick wall. Most are dedicated to one of Simon's passions, the cinema. There are mock movie posters and a collage of film stars, as well as works with a seasonal theme.

Other paintings include land- and cityscapes. One even features the Milwaukee Gay Arts Center itself.

Finally, Simon shows off his latest project, pet portraits. These commis-

sioned pieces feature a Doberman Pinscher and a seasonally appropriate black cat. Rendered in oil, Simon's portraits capture that particular pet personality. The dog looks alert, although less than threatening despite the reputation of the breed – a true best friend. The cat, however, stares out at the viewer with a piercing, all-knowing feline glare. "I've always had a cat, at times two. Any pet owner will agree that the relationship with a cat, dog, or any domesticated animal, is deeply personal and emotional. I paint pets in the manner of John Singer Sargeant to give their portraits all the import and gravitas of a traditional formal



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sitting. Yet, the character of each subject remains uniquely personal and engaging," Simon said.

For more on Joe Simon's work or to commission a pet portrait, see his website at [www.jsimonart.com](http://www.jsimonart.com)

The Milwaukee Gay Arts Center is located at 703 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Milwaukee's Historic Walker's Point neighborhood. Hours are by appointment. Call 414-383-3727 for more information.

# Bookworm Sez - Gift Guide 2011

You had your eyes wide open. Still, it happened: the holidays snuck up on you, just like they do every year. One day, it was September and you were drinking something iced. The next minute, you had a long gift list in your hand and you were standing, baffled, in the middle of a crowded store, wondering how you ever got to this point and wishing for that iced drink. Allow me to make your life easier. Here's a gift guide to make fulfilling that list a snap and your holidays smoother by giving books...

## FICTION

Your giftee might be someone's wife. She might be his second wife. But imagine being someone's fourth wife – and the other three are still married to hubby! In **"The Secret Lives of the Four Wives"** by **Lola Shoneyin**, a woman becomes a fourth bride and quickly becomes the favorite. But what will it do to the family? I'm not telling. Wrap it up and ask your giftee later...

If your giftee has read all the Twilight books and is eager to move onto something with a little more bite, then wrap up **"Tattoo"** by **Kirsten Imani Kasai**. This fantasy book is about human-animal mutations that can switch genders at will. That's not always a good thing... especially when the Tattoo draws both alter-egos into danger. Wrap it up with **"Darker Still"** by **Leanna Renee Hieber**, a story of a painting of a dead man.... or is he really dead? Umm hmm: guaranteed holiday hauntings. Also look for **"Touch of Frost"** by **Jennifer Estep**, a Harry-Potter-meets-romance kind of book with a touch of chaos and mystery.

Speaking of holiday hauntings, you might want to include **"Ghosts by Gaslight,"** edited by **Jack Dann and Nick Gevers**. This collection of all-new stories by seventeen writers will keep your giftee right on the edge of his (or her!) seat right through the New Year.

If there's a traveler on your list, he or she might like **"Touch and Go"** by **Thad Nodine**. This "road novel" tells the story of a recovering addict who journeys with his sponsors from coast to coast to make an important delivery to a dying man. It's not, in any way, an easy trip, of course. Can you possibly resist wrapping a gift like this in an old map? Can you resist also giving **"Tales of the New World"**, ten short stories by **Sabina Murray**, each with a travelers-and-explorers theme? I wouldn't be able to....

So you've got a knitter on your gift list and you hate giving yarn – again. Why not give her **"Sunrise on Cedar Key"** by **Terri Dulong** instead? This novel is about knitting together dreams and hopes, and a new life borne from the ashes of an old one. Another book that will appeal to someone who loves books about loss and rising from the ashes is **"Silver Girl"** by **Elin Hilderbrand**, the story of a woman who loses everything and escapes her problems with her best friend – only to step into different problems.

Has your giftee ever dreamed of chucking it all and running away? Then here's a great book to give: **"The Double Life of Alfred Buber"** by **David Schmahmann**. Alfie Buber is known and loved by everybody in town but he lives a secret life. Can he meld the two existences into one happy life?

If your giftee loves a good bodice-ripper with faith-based characters, then look for **"Highland Sanctuary"** by **Jennifer Hudson Taylor**. Set in ancient times, this book tells the story of a "comely lass" who captures a chieftain's heart after he discovers a secret village of outcasts. There's adventure and battle in this book, but God's word is in here, too. Also look for **"Yours, Unexpectedly"** by **Susan Fox**, a book about a wedding postponed and the romance that springs from it.

If your giftee relishes a good sweeping, many-layered epic novel, you can't go wrong by wrapping up **"Conquistadora"** by **Esmerelda Santiago**. Set in the mid-1800s in varying locales around the world, this novel tells the story of a young woman who leaves Spain to travel to Cuba and faces dangers and challenges she never knew she'd see.

Who doesn't love a good mystery? For sure, you've got someone on your gift list who does, which is why you'll want to look for **"Defensive Wounds"** by **Lisa Black**. When forensic investigator Theresa MacLean is handed a case where everybody involved is a suspect with a motive and several influential lawyers are found dead, she knows that she has to gather good evidence – even though the crime scene is a mess. And for an even better gift, pair it up with **"Motor City Shake-down"** by **D. E. Johnson**, the story of revenge in Detroit, gangsters, unions, and

a deadly mob war.

Want more for the mystery maven? Look for **"Ghost Hero"** by **S. J. Rozan**, the story of a P.I. who's been hired to find the latest star in the art world. Ghost Hero Chau is making a huge splash with his amazing paintings. The problem is, he's been dead for two decades... Pair it up with **"Swift Edge"** by **Laura DiSilverio**, a book about a missing figure skater, an Olympic possibility, and murder cold as ice.

And what if there's two (or more) mystery fans on your gift list? The more the merrier with **"Coffin Man"** by **James D. Doss** (a Charlie Moon Mystery set in the Wild West) and **"Jersey Law"** by **Ron Liebman**, a humorous crime-novel about two Jersey lawyers and the drug lord they've been cornered into helping.

Bonus when you give two people mysteries for the holidays: Swapping!

## NON-FICTION

Hey their. Rapping up a few good presence? Yeah, I know that's all improper, but there's my point: if your giftee is a writer who loves words, then wrap (rap?) up **"The Bugaboo Review"** by **Sue Sommer**. This lighthearted book takes a good, hard look at confusing grammar, spelling, and words your writer knows and uses – perhaps incorrectly. This book will quash that mistakenness like a, um, a bug. Wrap it up with **"The Pun Also Rises"** by **John Pollack**, for a perfectly word-wise Yule.

Is there a giftee on your list whose name practically screams for something edgy? Then look for **"Adventures in the Orgasmatron"** by **Christopher Turner**. Far from prurient, this big fat book takes a look at the history of the Twentieth Century

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Does your giftee go, go, go in a too-fast-paced life? Tell him (or her!) to slow down by wrapping up **"What I Learned When I Almost Died"** by Chris Licht. This small book is the true story of an ambitious man who spent eight days in the hospital after suffering a near-death brain hemorrhage. Wrap it up with a joke book because life's too short.

If you've got a new homeowner on your gift list (or someone who's a big DIYer), then you'll want to give a gift certificate for **"What's a Homeowner to Do?"** by Stephen Fanuka and Edward Lewine. This book, coming out in January, is filled with all kinds of fix-and-design ideas that will make that old house a home. Wrap the gift certificate up with a promise to help, and you've got a gift that can't be beat. I also liked **"The Archaeology of Home"** by Katharine Greider. This is the story of the history of a Manhattan row house, and the displaced author who was compelled to find out more about the irritating, exasperating, wonderful place she called home.

Here's a quirky little gift for the die-hard, can't-live-without-books reader on your list: **"Reading with the Stars"** by Leonard Kniffel. What does Laura Bush like to read? How about David Mamet? Or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar? This is the ultimate celebration of fame plus fiction (and non-fiction) and your giftee will love it. So you say your giftee is crazy about those crime shows on TV? If she always wanted to be a detective, then wrap up **"Delayed Justice"** by Jack Branson and Mary Branson. This book is filled with cold cases and the ways with which investigators solve them (or, at least, try to solve them). This book is an armchair PI's delight. Pair it up with the fast-moving **"We Have Your Husband"** by Jayne Garcia Valseca with Mark Ebner, the true story of a kidnapping in Mexico and one wife's frightening ordeal. And for a look at the other side of the bars, wrap up **"Hard Time: Life with Sheriff Joe Arpaio in America's Toughest Jail"** by Shaun Attwood, a book about a man who spent time in jail under Arizona's "notorious" Sheriff Joe.

And if there's someone on your gift list who can never get enough of true crime, look for **"Delivered from Evil"** and **"The Crime Buff's Guide to the Outlaw Rockies"**, both by Ron Franscell. These books, the first one about people who survived mass murder and horrific killings and the second one about Wild West bad guys and the places they were bad, will keep your crime buff in his or her seat for a good long time.

So you say your giftee loves music. She love to watch dancing. He's a HUGE movie fan. Then you can't go wrong when you wrap up **"Art & Soul: Stars Unite to Celebrate and Support the Arts,"** edited by Robin Bronk, photography by Brian Smith. This book is literally half love-letter from your favorite Hollywood / Broadway / TV / Movie stars, and the other hand if pictures of those stars in their support of the

arts. This huge coffee table book is a delight for anyone who loves entertainment of any kind.

Curious minds can't be without their books, and **"What Does the Earth Sound Like?"** by Eva Everything is the perfect one to wrap up. Using science quizzes, this book entertains and informs – a winning combination in any science geek's world. Wrap it up with **"Curious Folks Ask 2"** by Sherry Seethaler, a book for the trivia-minded.

The holidays are a time for family, but if yours is far-flung, then **"Made for You and Me"** by Caitlin Shetlerly will be a welcome gift. This is the story of a Shetlerly and her husband, their ill-fated move cross-country, and their journey back to heart and home. Wrap it up with tissues and a wish for a visit, soon.

If you've got someone on your list who is staring at the future with a tornado of a toddler, then look for **"Dr. Riley's Box of Tricks"** by Douglas A. Riley, EdD. This is a book of parenting solutions for everyday problems with the kiddoes, and includes things that Mom or Dad has yet to encounter. And if the kid is, um, a bit older, then wrap up **"How to Raise Your Adult Children"** by Gail Parent and Susan Ende, M.F.T. Yes, indeed, just because your giftee's baby turns 18, doesn't mean she's done being Mom...

Without a doubt, you know someone who likes a good argument. So why not give **"Muzzled: The Assault on Honest Debate"** by Juan Williams. This book tackles the subject of PC-ness, free speech, racial profiling, religious debate, and why you can (or can't) say certain things in certain places to certain people. Get a copy for your giftee, and find one for yourself, too, then look for **"Living 'Illegal': The Human Face of Unauthorized immigration"** by Marie Friedmann Marquardt, Timothy J. Steigenga, Philip J. Williams, and Manuel A. Vasquez. Here's another good book, and it's filled with enough debate to last well into the new year.

Everybody makes New Years' resolutions to lose weight and get active, but if your giftee is making real promises, then wrap up **"In the Long Run"** by Jim Axelrod. This is the true story of a man who confronts all the wrong things in his life and vows to beat his father's record in the New York marathon. It's a book about fathers and sons, regrets and triumphs.

You gotta love small towns, and if your giftee is particularly smitten with his (or hers!), then look for **"Emus Loose in Egnar: Big Stories from Small Towns"** by Judy Muller. This book, a long letter to the kind of places where everybody knows everything about you five minutes before it happens, is perfect for anybody who lives in a tiny town or is missing one of the same. If there's someone on your gift list who is concerned with the environment, then you'll be glad you give **"Hot: Living Through the Next Fifty Years on Earth"** by Mark Hertsgaard. This book, part cautionary and all informative, will make you glad you wrapped it in recyclable paper, too. Also look for **"The Beekeeper's Lament"** by Hannah Nordhaus, a book about food, bees and their keeper, and keeping all of the above in good working order in the world.

We all need a little boost now and then, and if your giftee is in particular need, then be sure to give **"Everything is Going to Be Okay"** by Bruce Eric Kaplan. This sweet story and its accompanying simple illustrations will give that special person just the right kind of comfort. Wrap it up with **"1,000 Mitzvahs"** by Linda Cohen for a mitzvah of your own this holiday.

Is there a self-professed geek on your gift list? Oh, I just know he'll want to open a package with **"NASA Space Shuttle Owners Workshop Manual"** by Dr. David Baker and **"RMS Titanic Owners' Workshop Manual"** by David F. Hutchings and Richard de Kerbrech in it. These way-cool books, brought to you by the people who publish the Haynes automotive books, include schematics, detailed pictures, engineering facts, and so much more. And if you really want to make the gift spectacular, look for **"The Practical Pyromaniac"** by William Gurstelle, a book made for playing with fire.

Do you have on your list someone who is concerned about social justice and crime? Then be sure to wrap up **"False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent"** by Jim Petro and Nancy Petro, and **"Convicting the Innocent"** by Brandon L. Garrett. These books nicely complement one another and will make great gifts for any future or current lawyer. And if that social justice advocate is also interested in immigration issues, wrap up **"Rescuing Regina"** by Josephe Marie Flynn, SSND (a book about deportation during times of war).

What would the world look like if it was filled with one gender or another? If you've heard your giftee muse about that in times of irritation, then wrap up **"Unnatural Selection"** by Mara Hvistendahl. This book presents scientific and cultural scenarios for what the world would look like if women become obsolete, and how we could be heading in that direction... And speaking of unnatural worlds, look for **"Real Aliens, Space Beings, and Creatures from Other Worlds"** by Brad Steiger and Sherry Hansen Steiger. This book makes a world full of one gender or another seem like a happy walk in the park...

Where do we come from? If there's someone on your gift list who ponders the big picture, then wrap up **"Born in Africa: the Quest for the Origins of Human Life"** by Martin Meredith. This book takes a look at how scientists continue to discover where humanity's roots lie, and what may be expected in the coming years. And for even more big-question thinking, add **"When Gadgets Betray Us"** by Robert Vamosi to the gift box. That's a book about how we've come to rely on technology and what could happen if it suddenly turns on us.

Okay, now the important stuff: release dates are approximate. You might have to order what you want to give, so allow plenty of time. If all else fails, buy yourself the book and give a gift certificate. Heck, buy yourself the book anyhow because you've worked hard this year. And if you've got questions, nicely ask your favorite bookseller because she's made it her job to put books in your hands. - **Season's Readings!**

# ANTIQUING

By Paul Masterson

Antiquing is often listed as an "Interest" in an on-line profile. For some it conjures an image of a musty and dusty antique shop. In it, a gay couple looks for that perfect Victorian jardinière or the elusive last serving piece, a compote spoon perhaps, to complete their sterling silver service for 12 in that rare, long obsolete pattern. That may well have been back in the day - but not today. For those in know, antiquing is much more than that.

Antiques and vintage memorabilia are not only part of our contemporary collecting culture but are integral to popular urban design. They're even an investment! Especially in these days of our economic trials and tribulations, antiquing represents a better alternative to saving than shopping in a big box store. Think of it as recycling with class.

The spectrum of vintage wares is just as broad as found in any mall or shopping center. The prices are surprisingly affordable, often significantly cheaper than for new items. When considering a holiday shopping list, everything from ornaments to unique gifts and from table accessories to cookbooks are plentiful in the confines of an antique center.

For the young LGBT fashion and trend conscious crowd, vintage anything has a particular appeal. Brian Belli of *Antiques on Second* (voted Best of 2011 by the Shepherd Express, by the way) revealed that 20 to 30-somethings account for 30-40% of sales. It's easy to see why. A visit to this old factory building is a trip through centuries of great old stuff.

Located at 1039 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, just a few blocks south of National Avenue, literally in the shadow of the Allen Bradley clock tower, *Antiques on Second* is home to over 150 dealers. They offer both serious and casual buyers a little bit of everything. The inventory ranges from high to low end with everything in between.

For the true collector there are specialty items like artwork, militaria, railroad memorabilia, early 20<sup>th</sup> century pottery and glass. But beyond that, there are the essentials for any decorating direction. Heaps of jewelry, all manner of metal wares, household items and

walls full of prints, paintings and pictures can be found there. Setting up a new apartment with a particular look could be accomplished in just a few hours of roaming the aisles on the various floors.

Belli pointed out some of the advantages to

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buying vintage. "The quality of older items versus new is one thing," Belli said. "New furniture looks great in the showroom but it's generally made with particle board and other

cheap materials. It will fall apart after a couple of years of average use. By comparison, one can find well crafted, solid wood dining room sets, cabinets, and living room furnishings that have not only withstood the test of time but will probably last at least another century. And, they are probably cheaper."

The same is true for almost any other category. Take bar accessories, for example. Several vendors specialize in cocktail shakers, glasses and other related items. Thanks to the cocktail culture of the 1950's and 60's, these are readily available in a variety of styles. A zepelin shaped cocktail shaker was seen priced at \$22.50! "With the economy, more people are entertaining at home. For the price of a few of a night out in a club, a person could outfit a bar at home," Belli said.

Another location just a block away, is *Clinton Street Antiques* at 1110 South 1<sup>st</sup>. The

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business has been in operation for over 19 years. The brightly painted building itself is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century storefront. It houses five consignors' booths in addition to the owners' inventory. The selection includes everything from early American primitives to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century industrial. Proprietor Doug Quigley explained the current vogue of industrial. "It's about repurposing. Anything related to factory relics whether old drafting tools, tables, lighting or machine parts can be used for other purposes. People like to make these things their own by creating new uses for the obsolete," Quigley said. And again, the cost is moderate compared to new furniture and decorative accessories. The resulting look will be unique from user to user. One man's yard-wide cogwheel can become another man's coffee table or art on the wall.

Half a block from *Clinton Street Antiques* is another old three-story factory building. It houses *Walker's Point Antique Center* on the third floor. As well as having







a general line of antiques and collectibles, this venue is noted for its large selection of vintage clothing for men and women including fashionable footwear from wing-tips to stilettos. Soon a used book store will occupy the other two floors.

Further north is *Riverview Antique Market* at 175 South Water Street (the address is actually on the part of Water Street that turns towards the lake just before the Third Ward Bridge). This huge, single level facility features an exceptional array of quality antiques, vintage clothing, objets d'art and fine furniture.

Speaking of furniture, *Marcia's Second Time Around*, 5928 S. 27th Street, is another good bet for reasonably priced vintage as well as new furnishings of all types with contemporary living in mind. Although somewhat off the beaten trail if you live in the city, it's worth a ride, or a visit to its virtual store at [www.marciasusedfurniture.com](http://www.marciasusedfurniture.com).

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Besides the economic and fashion value of antiques, it's a perfect cheap date. What better way to size up compatibility than to wander through antique shops with a potential new boo? If he or she spends a lot of time looking over those old brass padlocks, gushes over rhinestone costume jewelry, or *just has to have* that 19<sup>th</sup> century, life-sized papier-mâché Santa, you'll definitely know what you're getting yourself into.

Of course, there's always a charm to a

trip through memory lane when antiques. Nostalgia has always been a part of our lives. You might just find that old toy, record, or copy of *Catcher in the Rye* you once cast away in a moment of practical downsizing or lost in a move. You never know, you might just become a collector.

Next time you're on line looking and you come across a profile listing "antiquing," you might consider an instant message...

## Musical Gift Ideas... Winter Chill Tracks

By Mick Sandoval

Baby, it's cold outside. Luckily, gay dance floors are fired up this winter, thanks to new blazing tracks from our favorite club artists. Here are just a few of the new numbers heating up your favorite gay club this winter.

### "Last Drag" Traci Lords Sea to Sun

The notorious Traci Lords returns to the dance floor with a catchy, full-throttle club track about the cravings that tempt the innocent to the wild side. Her first release through independent dance label Sea to Sun, Last Drag is anything but a drag. Its perfectly concocted blend of camp and vamp suits Lords to a tee proving she can be playful as a pussycat but when it comes to music, she is all business. The main edit is mix engineered by four-time Grammy Award winner Tom Lord-Alge. Remixes by Razor n Guido and Sted-E & Hybrid Heights.

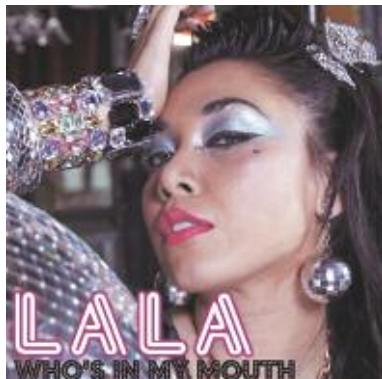
### "I'm Your Man" Moses

The first single from the out-artist takes listeners on a sonic journey into the mind of a young man who is not afraid to turn conventional on its ear. Its dirty synth sound, heavy beat, and harmonies are influenced by 80's new wave pop.

The song and it's provocative music video explore the idea of masculinity and gender roles, demonstrating how a man can be strong and sexy in many forms. Even dressed in outfits Lady Gaga might wear, Moses packs a punch and his music is no-holds-barred honest and raw.

### "I'm Not Going Down" Sariah

Sariah is as wholesome and well adjusted as they come, except when it comes to her provocative song titles. The follow-up to last summer's "All About Sex" is a shiny, digitally rendered, huge power ballad. It's a mix of Britney, Christina and maybe even old school Jessica Simpson. Sariah takes a rather cliché subject about not being in the mood for a dead end romance but adds a youthful vibe and playful lyrics (with double meanings) to make her message sound fresh and relevant to the young clubbers that adore her.



What makes club music worthwhile is that you can dance to it, you can make out to it, and you can get silly with it. LaLa does all that with her latest semi-camp, high-energy ditty that captures our celebrity-obsessed zeitgeist. With pop star sass, LaLa belts out lyrics that would make Ke\$ha blush. LaLa may be a half-pint sized but she is a lyrical and vocal firecracker and her R&B laced music is explosive.



Jackson and Coleman Vrana make up the angst ridden, twin gay brother rap band, Elephant. Their first single since signing to Scruffy Records is their most confrontational ever, taking direct aim at the rampant homophobia in today's hip hop community. There are obvious elements of Eminem, however their rhymes avoid topics common in traditional hip hop. There is no mention of money, bling, or guns. In place of record scratching and hard pounding bass, the twins present an electro-based hip hop, incorporating penetrating synthetic beats with punk-laden melodies created from guitars and keyboards. It works to give a unique voice to a whole new generation of young queer activists.



D Alexander has been called the Justin Beiber of the gay dance floor but like Beiber, he and his music are growing up. This disco dance romp is a marked departure from the electronic R&B sound of D Alexander's last hit, "Beautiful". In this latest, the out artist displays his flirty, passionate side, demonstrating a love affair with the dance floor. At least it's a mutual love; his music is spinning in clubs all over the world.

### "Neva Eva Eva" Faith Michaels

The sophomore track from the dance floor's newest drag diva is another empowering club track about living life on your own terms. Penned by The Rhythm Rehab specifically for Michaels, the song mixes the classic bitch track with a fun campy beat. It's a tongue-in-cheek warning to those who think they can suck Michael's joy. The answer is "Neva Eva Eva" and after dancing to this delightfully fun ditty, you won't want to.

### "Suddenly" Dalal

The Austrian hitmaker's follow-up to "Taste the Night" is less immediate and more experimental, a bit more alternative/electronica sounding than the club thumping zeal of her previous track. To some it will be seen as a

tip of the hat to Kylie Minogue, and they may be right. The single's strength is in large part due to Dalal's willingness to toy with her sound - even if it's within the confines of dance-pop. Without risks, there can be no rewards, and the catchy melody of "Suddenly" paired with the young artist's breathy, forlorn vocals make a tantalizingly smooth and seductive new dance track.

### "World Keeps Turning" Sylvia Tosun Sea to Sun

What makes Tosun stand out from the rest of the club diva pack is that her songs are genuine and unlike the pop-machine-manufactured tracks, they are clearly close to her heart. She sings with depth and passion and in her latest single, her power-pipes are on full display. She hits and sustains the song's climactic note with such force you feel blown backwards. Her over-the-top vocals recall the crystalline euphoria that helped Enya rise to fame a decade ago.

### "Mix Magic Music" Sugar House Crew

Tony Moran presents an album that embraces the soul, sympathy and conviction of club music. It is packed with extraordinary talent including legendary dance icon Jennifer Holiday whose inspiring track, "Magic", is aptly named. "Tenderness" reignites the powerful collaboration of Moran and Deborah Cox. It's their first work together since their gem, "Easy as Life", from Broadway's Aida. Newer diva faves are also abundant on the album including Wynter Gordon and Frenchie Davis who are particular standouts on an album where pretty much every track is destined to become a dance floor staple.

### "Who the Hell Do You Think I Am" The Brunettes

Move over Pussycat Dolls, there are new sexy ladies in town. With the help of their producer, American Idol's Randy Jackson, this all-girl group is clawing its way to the top of the pop charts with solid, quasi-feminism, I-Don't-Need-a-Man girl-power anthems. The strong chorus in "Who the Hell..." absolutely bursts out of the blocks and blasts a serious dose of high energy into an already wickedly slammin' house track that is sure to light dance floors on fire this winter.

### "Stiletto's"

Emii

Thank the shoe gods that Emii's new track is not another Jennifer Lopez "Louboutins" disaster. What makes



Emii's ode to footwear successful is that it doesn't take itself as seriously as it's predecessor. It follows the path carved by "These Boots Are Made for Walking" in that it is vibrantly colorful with a glossy Glee-inspired music video that adds to the fun. Also, where Lopez's track was lyrically repetitive and vocally lackluster, Emii's is an up-tempo pop ditty with ear-pleasing vocals. It's a solid follow-up to last summer's "Mr. Romeo".



# The Music Man @ Skylight Opera

a review by Paul Masterson

*The Music Man* came alive on the Broadway Theatre's Cabot stage at its Skylight Opera opening last Friday. Supported by a 12 piece orchestra, the show's 36 member cast (the Skylight's largest to appear on stage) deftly sang and danced its way through Meredith Willson's 1957 musical with earnest ease, high energy and honest fun.

Best known for its 1962 film adaptation starring Robert Preston and Shirley Jones, *The Music Man* is a popular classic. I saw it as a kid myself. Many, if not most, of its two dozen songs have become show-tune favorites including "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Gary, Indiana," and "Till There Was You," among many many others.

Staged for the first time by the Skylight Opera, this opulent production leaves little to be desired. It's upbeat, light and still tugs at the heartstrings with more than a bit of sentiment. Its feel good, love-conquers-all story is seasonal tonic and a welcome alternative to Milwaukee's usual holiday entertainment fare.

Set in 1912 in River City, Iowa, the plot revolves around itinerant con man Harold Hill. He arrives in town to bilk the naive townsfolk. He sells them on the idea of saving their youth from the evils of pool. The solution is to form a boys' band. Conveniently, Hill is happy to provide the instruments, uniforms and instruction manuals...for a price. He intends to abscond with the citizens' money but falls in love with the skeptical librarian, Marion. She's on to Hill but, a lonely widow herself, she falls for his pitch as well.

The leads Norman Moses as Professor Harold Hill and Niffer Clarke as the librarian Marian Paroo are veteran professionals with well-honed expertise in song, dance, and acting. It shows. The secondary roles, including a good number of teens and even younger, budding artists, give impeccable performances thanks to Bill Theisen's astute direction and Pam Kriger's tight choreography.

The cast also includes Mark Bucher, artistic director of the Boulevard Theatre, in a rare on-stage appearance as the blustering, posturing and ever corrupt Mayor Shinn. It's a role written for Bucher's penchant for that certain Vaudevillian sense of comedy.

Set designer Peter Dean Beck's pastel shaded turn-of-the-century houses replete with fretwork and wicker furniture and the wonderful library set, along with Gregory W. Slawko's charming costume design from the



ladies' fancy dress to their exercise sailor suits, and, of course, the men's Edwardian suits complete this visual trip back to more innocent times.

From the clever opening train scene with its appropriate rhythmic steam-engine dialogue to the final triumphantly rousing reprise, the show's energy never abates. This is family entertainment that shouldn't be missed.

Skylight Opera Theatre's *The Music Man* runs through Dec. 18 at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway in the Historic Third Ward. Call (414) 291-7800 or visit [skylightopera.com](http://skylightopera.com) for ticket information.

Photos by MARK FROHNA



November 18, 2011

### Open Letter to the Community at Large

I send a sincere thank you to all, for bringing forth ideas, about the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center regarding the current changes. During times of change we open ourselves up for great opportunity. A community center cannot be a center for all without the community coming together. This is accomplished by the community engaging with the center, and the center visibly engaging with the community.

I am here to listen to your concerns. More than anything, please understand, today is a new day for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. On behalf of the center, I invite you to have conversations with me about what you would like to see the center doing in the future. If you know of ways we can open ourselves up to other aspects of the community, please contact me at [swalker@mkelgbt.org](mailto:swalker@mkelgbt.org).

If you know of people who would like to lead the center into a productive future by sharing their leadership, their ideas and talents with us, please send me their names. If you would like to volunteer on a committee, the board, or to help us hone our skills as an organization, please contact me.

I have a positive outlook for what we can achieve if we all work together.

Thank you for all the support during this time of transition.

Sheldon Walker  
Interim Executive Director  
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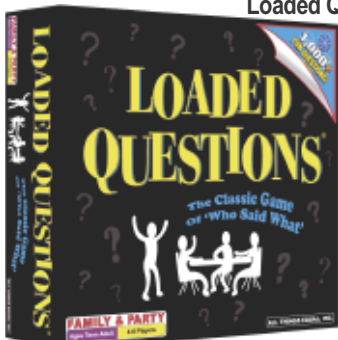
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Perhaps we chose this because of its tongue-in-cheek approach to pork, but we can honestly vouch for its quality, too. Rib enthusiasts will start salivating the moment they receive this finger-licking gift that offers customizable packages that can include up to 10 slabs of six styles of ribs, including Memphis Baby Back, Key West Citrus, Carolina Mustard, Carolina Red, Hawaiian, and Texas – along with bottles of sauce that complement each style. Sides and desserts – like slow-roasted baked beans red velvet cake – make the gift a hearty meal. (\$15 & up; [pigofthemonth.com](http://pigofthemonth.com))

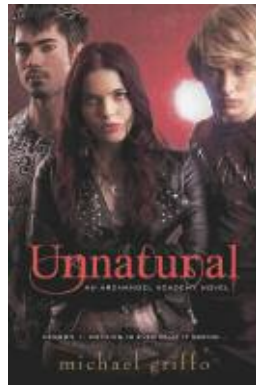
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Lyon Fine Jewelry's Stonewall Equality Bracelet deserves a special place in every stocking this year. Made of leather with silver detailing that resembles the equality emblem, the bracelet is a stylish accessory for the LGBT community and its straight allies. Twenty percent of the proceeds from the sale of each Equality Bracelet will be donated to Friend-factor, a gay-rights organization for straight supporters, which is building a movement to end discrimination. \$95; [www.lyonfinejewelry.com](http://www.lyonfinejewelry.com)



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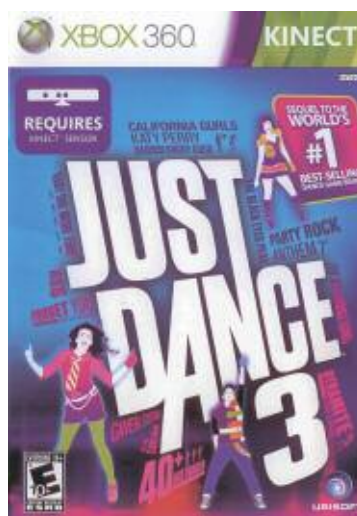
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## Just Dance 3

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You'll want to wait until the party bois say goodbye to uncapped Stolichnaya, an ultra-premium, velvety smooth vodka ranked as The Best Tasting Vodka in the World by The Beverage Tasting Institute. It's best shared with that special someone. \$59.99; [elitbystoli.com](http://elitbystoli.com)

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### Thursday, December 1

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**Sixteenth Street Community Health Center (Milwaukee)** HIV Outreach for World AIDS Day

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### Saturday, December 3

**Madison Gay Video Club** "Longhorns" (TLA Rel., dir. David Lewis, 2011) "Retreat (FP211)" (Falcon Studios, dir. Steve Cruz, 2011) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

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### Saturday, December 10

**Club Impulse (Beloit)** Mr. WI USofA M.I. 9:30 pm

### Monday, December 12

**Outwords Books (Milwaukee)** 7pm Join the Outwords Book Club in December for a discussion of The Two Krishnas by Ghalib Shiraz Dhalla. In the tradition of A Fine Balance and The

Namesake, The Two Krishnas is a sensual and searing look at infidelity and the nature of desire and faith. At the center of the novel is Pooja Kapoor, a betrayed wife and mother who is forced to question her faith and marriage when she discovers her banker husband, Rahul, has fallen in love with a young, male Muslim illegal immigrant who happens to be their son's age. Faced with the potential of losing faith in Rahul, divine intervention, and family, she is forced to confront painful truths about the past and the duality in God and husband.

### Tuesday, December 13

**Outwords Books (Milwaukee)** 7pm The Lesbian Reading Group meets in December to discuss Robbi McCoy's Two on the Aisle. - Wren Landry has happily fled San Francisco and her nationally-known work as secretive food critic Eno Threlkeld for a few weeks' vacation to visit her twin brother, Raven. Enter Raven, thrilled to be playing Beatrice in this season's Much Ado About Nothing. Enter Sophie Ward, former investment banker, now goat farmer and cheese monger, followed by a ruthless celebrity chef with a grudge against Eno, a zealous cupcake competitor, a baker who makes aebleskivers everybody covets, a family of Danish immigrants with a fishy back story, and a dubious seer whose predictions might just hold the key to averting disaster. In this mixed-up story of mistaken identities, mysterious loves, miscues, merriment and mayhem, love runs amok on the streets of a Shakespearean festival, and not even the goats on the Tallulah Rose Farm know how it all ends.

### Saturday, December 17

**Madison Gay Video Club** "Harvest (German)" (TLA Rel., dir. Benjamin Cantu, 2011) "Ipanema Heat" (Halcyon Studios, dir. Matthias von Fistenburg, 2011) 8 PM, [www.mgvc.org](http://www.mgvc.org), 608-244-8690 (evenings)

### Saturday, December 31

**Madison Gay Video Club** Special New Year's Eve Party "Fest Selects: Best Gay Shorts" (First Run Feat., various dir., 2008-2010) "Falcon 40th Anniversary" (Falcon Studios, various dir., 1977-2010) 8:00 PM, <http://www.mgvc.org>, 608-244-8690 (evenings)

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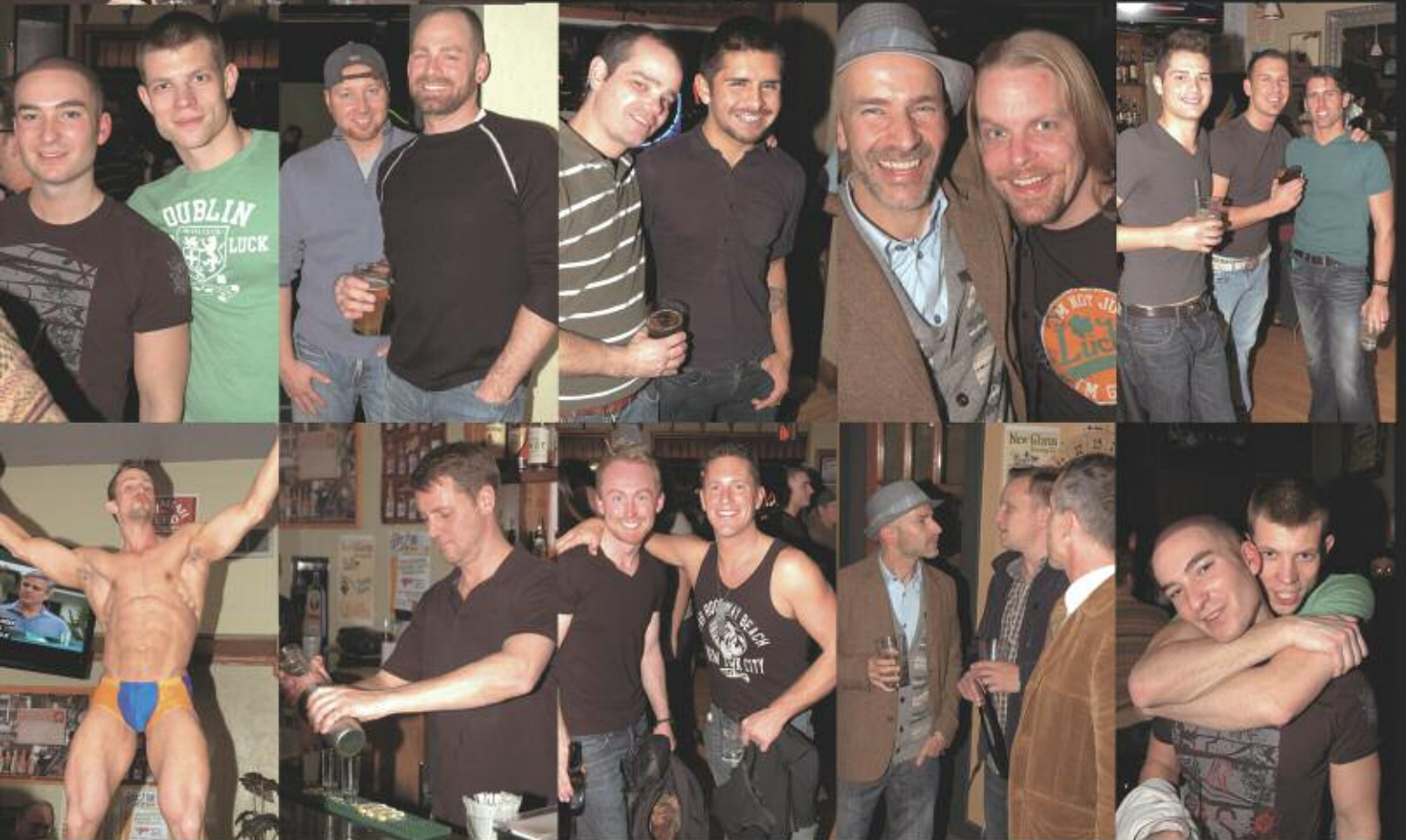




**Dinner with Rainbow  
Over Wisconsin**  
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Leaving the cinema following an opening weekend matinee screening of **J. Edgar**, stumbling around the packed to overflowing parking lot in desperate search of the familiar banged and bruised '93 Honda Civic, Glenn could be heard mumbling, "Why?"

Just: "Why?"

**J. Edgar** is the new biopic on the much vilified former F.B.I. chief. On paper at least this project looks set for a strong run come Oscar time. Acclaimed actor Leonardo (**Titanic**) DiCaprio takes on the title role under the direction of the Oscar-winning octogenarian director Clint Eastwood. Fresh from his Oscar-worthy efforts on the film **Milk**, Dustin Lance Black is on board as screenwriter. Red-hot, not to mention devilishly handsome, Armie (**The Social Network**) Hammer plays Hoover arm-candy Clyde Tolson.

So what went wrong?

The conceit of Black's screenplay is that the Kennedy-era Hoover is dictating his memoirs to a suitably handsome, square-shouldered, upright, forthright F.B.I. agent. This memoir is to be Hoover's legacy. Hoover's assumption of his starring role in 20<sup>th</sup> Century American history is evident as he spins his tale. Just as clear is that J. Edgar felt he and only he possessed the mantle necessary in protecting the American way of life, forever diligent in keeping our shores safe for mom, baseball and apple pie.

Thus **J. Edgar** unfolds as a series of flashbacks and flash-forwards, skipping lightly across several decades of extraordinary people and events, blithely playing fast and loose with facts.

Yes, yes, what Hollywood biopic hasn't played fast loose with facts?

As depicted here, young J. Edgar is a funny little guy, awkward, possessing a bit of a stutter and awfully pompous. One day he spies Helen Gandy (Naomi Watts), a new member of the bureau's secretarial pool. The next day finds him on bended-knee proposing marriage, their courtship having consisted solely of J. Edgar showing off his new card catalogue system. Just as prim and proper and presumably just as sexually repressed as J. Edgar, Helen dodges the role of wife in favor of becoming a career woman. In fact Helen quickly becomes Hoover's first and perhaps most devoted confidante.

Meanwhile, entering from stage left is Hammer's flawlessly attired Clyde Tolson. DiCaprio's J. Edgar is something of a broken record in declaring Tolson unfit to wear the G-man badge but accept him to the ranks he does



thanks to one magical shopping adventure from which Tolson and J. Edgar emerge donning matching, impeccably tailored suits.

Yet Glenn is forgetting the person most responsible for J. Edgar's achievements: Anna Marie Hoover (Judi Dench), J. Edgar's steely-strong mother. Recognizing that her little J. Edgar wasn't born great, she is portrayed as determined to do all she can to thrust her son into achieving greatness.

But first she saw that she had to make a man out of him. In one of the most chilling scenes in the film, Anna cuts J. Edgar's coming out speech right off at the pass, "I'd rather have a dead son than a daffodil for a son"—to which J. Edgar replies, simply, "Yes, mother."

J. Edgar lived with his mother until her death in 1938.

Nevertheless Clyde Tolson becomes J. Edgar's constant companion; humbling walking always just a step behind the man he towers over. They seem the perfectly devoted couple, always lunching together, always going off to the races and on holiday; they even share a hotel room so as to save money. That's right folks; they were just two bachelors sharing expenses in much the same way that Cary Grant and Randolph Scott were just two struggling Hollywood stars during those impetuous



## Full Price, Matinee or wait 'til the budgets...

Despite the hype, particularly that surrounding the kiss between DiCaprio and Hammer's Tolson, moviegoers are in store for a rather dull, disjointed picture. Neither Eastwood nor Black seems entirely sure what to make of the enigmatic figure. Credit is due and given Hoover's championing the use of finger-printing as well as his role in advances in criminal science. Conversely, the film barely acknowledges 1950s, McCarthy or the role played by the J. Edgar and the F.B.I. in the communist witch hunts.

And what would a biopic of J. Edgar Hoover be without our titular hero donning a dress? What, indeed!

Rarely has an urban legend taken such hold in the collective American psyche as that of J. Edgar Hoover in drag. Forget that no such photograph exists. Forget, too, that the story of Hoover at a party at a New York hotel dressed in pearls and a little black dress, originating with Susan Rosenstiel, later a convicted perjurer, has been thoroughly discounted. Sadly, this urban legend proved too irresistible to Black and Eastwood. In a scene even more risible scene than that of the bloody kiss, DiCaprio's J. Edgar, following his mother's death, slips into her favorite dress before curling up on the floor in the classic fetal ball.

Go if you must. If you are like Glenn, a film like **J. Edgar** will prove proof positive (40 proof minimum) that cocktails need to be available at your local multiplex.

## Just the facts...

"**J. Edgar**" clocks in at a mind-numbing 137 minutes

"**J. Edgar**" boasts a tepid Opening Weekend box office total of \$11.3 million and continues at various multiplexes throughout Milwaukee and across our fair nation.

Josh Hamilton, who here plays the small role of Robert Irwin, played Serge, Edwina's gay son in **Absolutely Fabulous**.

1930s, pooling their meager wages so as to share a fabulous Hollywood Hills mansion.

All is well until J. Edgar, determined still to follow his mother's wishes, tells Clyde that he has been seeing Hollywood glamour gal Dorothy Lamour; that their relationship had even gotten to the "physical" stage. A fist-fight ensues. Clyde is willing to do whatever it takes to keep his man. The bloody kiss that follows, inducing groans that echoed throughout the theatre, will likely haunt Glenn's nightmares for some time to come.



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