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Serving the Greater LGBT Communities of Cambridge, Guelph and Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario Canada

Bruised Fruit... *a second helping*

an evening of queer stand-up comedy

Featuring:

Richard Ryder Ted Morris
Doug Taylor Stephen Sharpe
Roberto Bozac Dawn Whitwell
Susan Fischer

Sunday, March 28th
8:00 - 10:00 PM
Tickets \$8.00
Club Ren
24 Charles St.

for more information or to reserve tickets online
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Editorial

Wow, a few days of nice weather can really change your outlook. Spring is in the air! You can taste it, smell it, feel it! I am sure winter has a trick or two left in store for us but by now it's more bark than bite. The stirring has begun, we are awakening from hibernation.

Our community is no exemption and is also abuzz with activity. Last month, we saw two successful Pride events [profiled in this issue] and Shelley Secrett held another sold-out Cliterature event. March is proving to be even busier. The Friend's of Dorothy have their annual bowling tournament, WPRIG is sponsoring the Rainbow Reels Queer Film festival, and tri-Pride is putting on "Bruised Fruit – a second helping". We have seven of the funniest gay and lesbian comics coming to Club Renaissance at the end of the month to put on the largest queer stand-up show ever done in southwestern Ontario.

Who says there is nothing gone on in our community? Programming and supporting gay and lesbian events in the area has been a primary goal of tri-Pride Community Association. It's not enough to just do a one-day, once a year Pride event. We need to be visible, active and productive throughout the year. Tri-Pride has already put together a "La Cage" event at the Walper Terrace Hotel in April and of course plans are well under way for a number of events for this year's Pride Celebrations.

It's Spring now get out there and enjoy everything this community has to offer!

Cheers

Dave Olesen

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tri-Pride Community Association Inc. is a not-for-profit organization serving the LGBT communities of Cambridge, Guelph and Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario Canada. The Organization's mandate is to provide a venue for Pride annual events in our community.

Pride Pages aims to be a resource for the GLBT community with information about local organizations, social groups and upcoming events.

Pride Pages encourages submissions for organizational information, local events, and related articles. Pride Pages reserves the discretion to refuse publication of opinion or any material which may be deemed unsuitable. Pride Pages is a free publication periodical of tri-Pride.

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We have again, some of the best Queer talent around including:



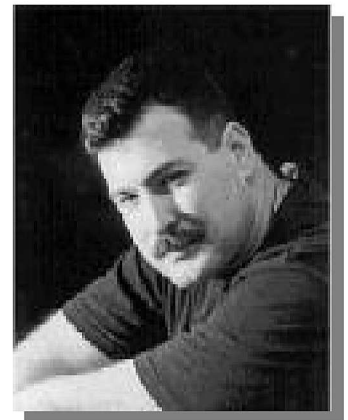
Dawn Whitwell

Dawn began performing standup in 1997 and in 1998 was nominated for the Tim Sims Encouragement Fund for up and coming talent. Ever since, her work has been featured regularly on several Canadian national broadcasts (CBC, The Comedy Network, W). Other career highlights include performances with such greats as Colin Mochrie, Scott Thompson, Sean Cullen, Sandra Shamas and Eric Tunney, as well as 7 consecutive March of Dames festivals. Dawn's writing continues to earn her both local (eye Weekly, NOW Magazine) and international acclaim (HBO/U.S. Comedy Arts Festival, Ellen DeGeneres).

Roberto Bozac

Roberto Bozac was born in Montreal but started his comedy career in Ottawa because there wasn't anything else to do. He was a regular at YukYuk's (one of their few openly gay comics) as well as a member of the improv comedy troupe at The Institution and has performed in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, and San Francisco.

He is also an award-winning actor, and has performed in such shows as Sondheim's Assassins, Sorkin's Hidden in This Picture, Shakespeare's A Midsummer's Night Dream and Hutchinson's Rat in the Skull. He continues to perform at comedy venues around Toronto, has recently appeared in *Queer as Folk* as 'distant blur behind Emmet's head at the awards show' (uncredited) and has a small (but pivotal) role in *Homecoming* (a Karrowprime film to be released in October 2002). This multi-talented actor/singer/comedian/IT consultant is available for plays, parties, weddings, bar mitzvahs, web services programming and dates with handsome and sane (optional) men (not so optional).



Richard Ryder

Native Torontonion Richard Ryder is an Actor/Writer/Standup Comic/Supermodel (you have to say it with the slashes or it isn't the same). He is also one of the cofounders of Oot & Aboot, Canada's first All Gay Comedy Company. Richard's comedy has been a constant source of embarrassment to his family which is as it should be.

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PRIDE SLIDE

About twenty-five people showed up the bright and crisp afternoon of February 7th with toboggan in hand. Well most of them anyway! Thanks to those to showed up for moral support and sound effects.

OOOOH! AHHHHH! OUCH!

Sliding down an ice covered hill at outrageous speeds. Fearful but exhilarating! It was the first time many had partaken in such youthful activities in many, many years.

What a rush to feel like a kid again for a couple of hours. The next day however? No report of any serious injuries.

Thanks to Dan and Dave at Muses Café for providing the chilly sliders with Hot Apple Cider.



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Rosie's Night Rocked the Nest... Again

On February 20th, the Robin's Nest was not filled with its usual quiet anticipation for the regular Saturday crowds. The smell of rockers, drummers and laughter siphoned through the air. Rosie's Riveting Review, in its second annual production, brought 150 people to Cambridge to support a Tri-Pride fundraiser showcasing Fiona MacCool, WombBoom and the Strap-Ons.

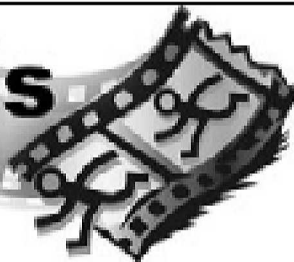
WombBoom is one wickedly primal, soul inspiring, all women (womyn) drumming ensemble playing original and traditional African, Middle Eastern and Latin rhythms. The mix of djembe, djun djun, didgeridoo, keyboards, percussions & vocals told time-honoured stories of women such as "Monabayasa", to the imaginative originals of Carole Anne Buriss's "Steady Coco". The group is a dynamic mix of seven lesbian women, most of whom have no musical training. "(We) just picked up a drum and felt it in our hips and in our hearts," announced Deb Parent, a feisty machine who made me smile every time I watched her on the stage. "As women, (drumming) is our birthright..." It is through the raw power of the drum they hope to inspire movement, healing and the stories of women around the world. "*The spirit dances & she takes your body & leads you to the floor. Her arms enfold you & she moves you to the dance. She is the drum...She is home... for every human.*" To find out more information on WombBoom's new cd, "Walk Me to the Edge", or to book or locate upcoming gigs, visit www.wombboom.ca

The Strap-Ons shook patrons out of their seats and onto the dance floor for an indie-girl rock version of "My Best Friend's Girl" and an original entitled "27". "(You know you're) a true-blue lesbian when you've stolen your best friend's girlfriend," base guitarist Deanna McNeil explained on stage. The four women based out of London played at K-W's Pride day last year and are scheduled to be back again for the festivities this summer. The band blends a unique sound of alternative-pop-rock with country overtones. "We've tried to write happy songs, but we just couldn't..." McNeil stated on Friday. She credits songwriter Pam Armstrong's misery and break-ups for successful originals such as "Void"; where lead singer, Wanda Schneller's looming, smouldering vocals lend themselves nicely to the lyrical pain of 'move out day'. But the jewel in this crown, in my opinion, was the amazing sound of Strap-Ons newest member, drummer Monica Miatello. She alone is worth the ticket prices and more to see. To check out more on the group, tour information or to buy the cd, "Leaving Nothing", please check out www.strap-ons.ca.

And finally the emcee for the evening, the unforgettable, 'Welcome to the Carlsberg years' comedy vixen, Fiona MacCool. MacCool welcomed everyone to the Nest with a reminiscent look at lesbian dating, the highlights of the Satellite Motel and ended with a breath-less remake of Eminem- homo style. This woman is strictly amazing; embodying skills not just to make you laugh, but to truly entertain you. She is Robin Williams, Bette Midler, Eminem, and Liza Minelli all rolled into a spiral haired lesbian dream. Keep your eye out for her performances; this is one dyke you won't want to miss.

Suzanne Botsford

Rainbow Reels Queer Film Festival



**Thursday March 11th to
Sunday March 14th, 2004**

*All films, unless otherwise noted, shown
at Davis Centre, room 1302, University
of Waterloo.*

More information contact:

WPIRG at 888-4882
or info@wpirg.org

<http://rainbowreels.org/>

Thursday March 11th
9:15 PM -- Girl King (@ The Princess Cinema)

Friday March 12th
6:15 PM -- F**K the Disabled
followed by Q&A with film protagonist Greg Walloch
9:00 PM -- Beyond Vanilla

Saturday March 13th
7:00 PM -- I Exist
8:15 PM -- Luster
10:00 PM -- Reel Revolution After Party
@ UW Grad House featuring comedy by Greg Walloch
and music by DJ (TBA)

Sunday March 14th
7:00 PM -- Brother Outsider
9:00 PM -- Southern Comfort

Community Calendar

tri-Pride Committee

Meetings Tuesday, 7:00-9:00pm, 400 Queen St. S. Meetings are open to the public. Come and have your say. For dates, please call (519) 584-██████

Gay & Bi Fathers Support Group of Waterloo Wellington

Meetings every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm in Guelph. For details call Jon (519) 823-██████ or Dave (519) 821-██████

GLOW Discussion Group

Wednesdays at 7:00pm at the University of Waterloo. A social follows at 8:30pm in the UW Grad House. 519) 884-4569 or visit www.glow.uwaterloo.ca

Rainbow Youth Group

Open discussion group for GLBT youth ages 16 to 25. Every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00pm. Call (519) 570-3687 for information.

Pink Coffee House

Wednesdays 9:00 to 11:00pm at Muses Café, 10 King Street East, Kitchener.

GLOBAL Gathering

Wilfrid Laurier University's organization for students, alumni and faculty. GLOBAL gathers every second Thursday. For meeting times, locations and more, email global@wlu.ca

K-W Friends of Dorothy 10 Pin Cosmic Bowling League

Every Sunday at 3:00pm at the Frederick Brunswick Lanes, 385 Frederick Street, Kitchener. For more information contact (519) 744-██████ or visit www.kwfriendsofdorothy.com

Community Contact Information

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ACGWC AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County	(519) 763-██████
GLOBAL Gays, Lesbians Or Bisexuals At Laurier, QWL (Queer Women at Laurier)	(519) 884-██████
GLOW Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo Info Line	(519) 884-██████
KW Friends of Dorothy Bowling League	(519) 744-██████
Lesbian Gay Bi Youth Line	(800) 268-██████ TH toll free
The Outline/GQE Guelph Queer Equality/HOWL Hanging Out With Lesbians	(519) 836-██████
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Rainbow Chorus of Waterloo-Wellington County	(519) 584-██████
The Rainbow Parenting Network	(519) 743-██████
tri-Pride Community Association	(519) 584-██████
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If you know of a community group or regular event which should be listed here, please let us know about it. info@rainbow.on.ca

WHAT'S ON..

LOCAL GLBT EVENTS FOR MARCH



Saturday March 6th

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Bowling Tournament
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www.kwfriendsofdorothy.com

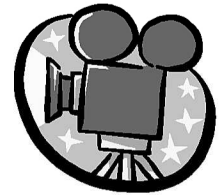
Friday March 12th

Rainbow Chorus Dance
CAW Hall
611 Silvercreek Parkway N
Guelph
9 pm



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