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Pride Pages

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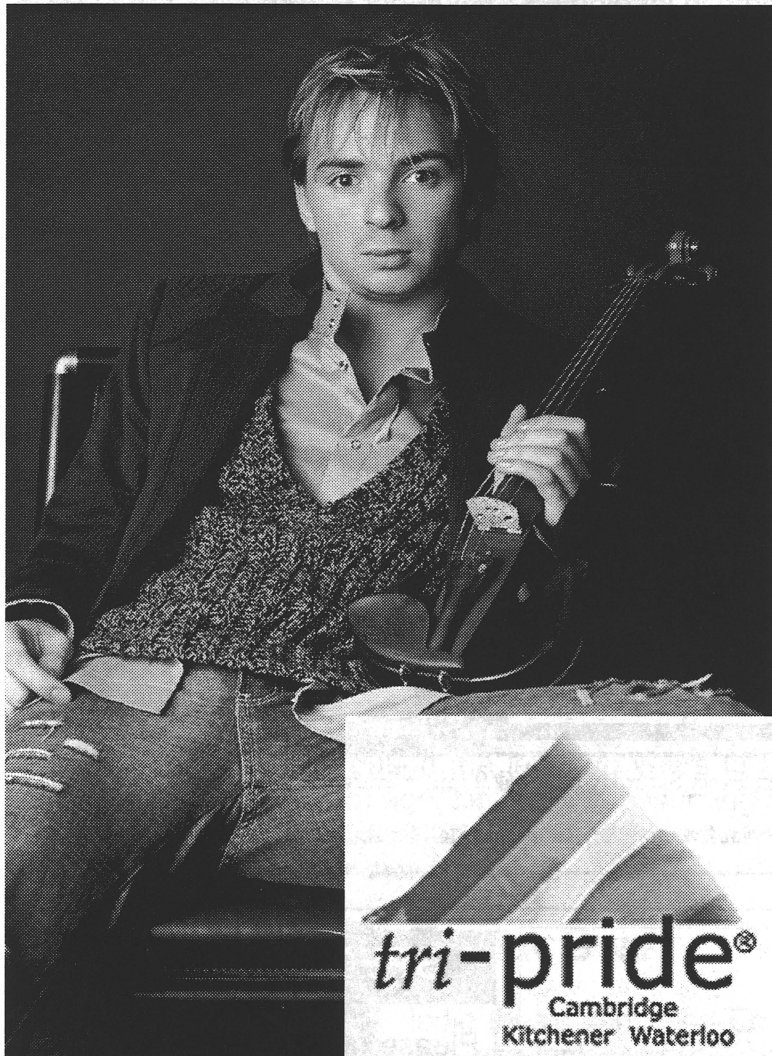
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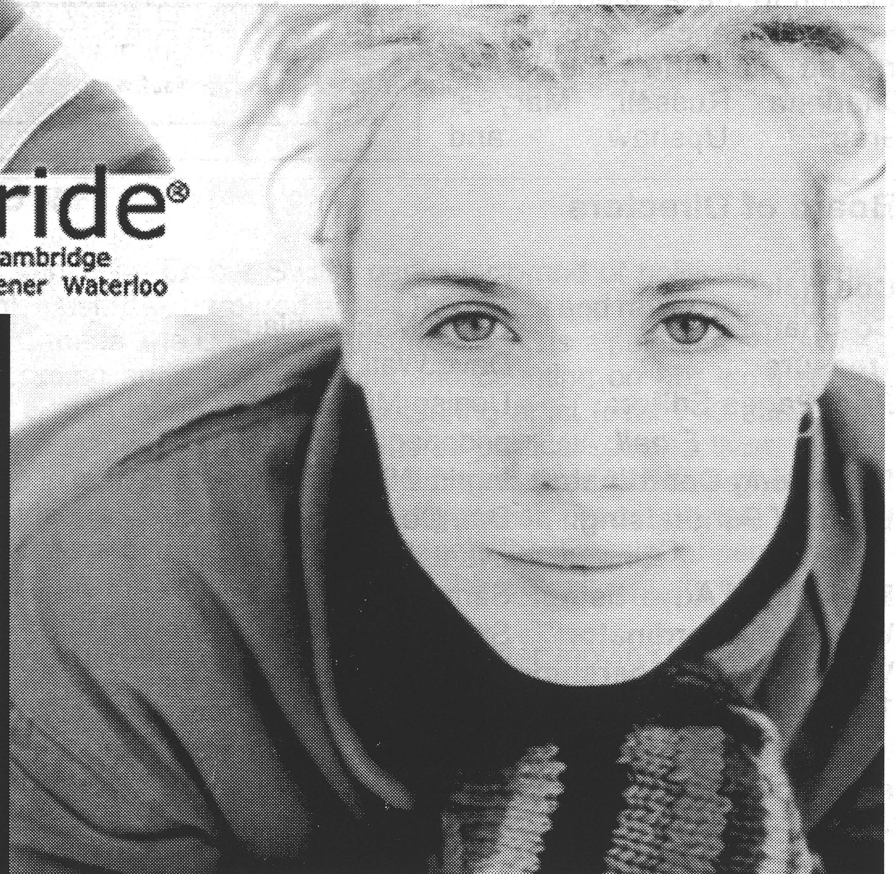
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WAVE OF ACCEPTANCE



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HELLO everyone, and welcome to *tri-Pride 2006: Wave of Acceptance*. This issue is packed with information about some of the performers playing at this year's Pride celebration, and the low-down on what exciting events we have planned in the week leading up to our June 4 event, Pride in Victoria Park.

This year's *tri-Pride* celebration is shaping up to have one of the most exciting, and most diverse lineups yet. From tribal-steeped percussion to classical violin crossed with electro-pop, our performers cover a vast array of styles and disciplines. With the number of performers wanting to be on our stage, it was a tough decision to settle on the seven who you will see at *Pride 2006: Wave of Acceptance*. Over the next few pages you will be introduced to Stutter, Ember Swift, and Dr. Draw. In addition to these three top-calibre performances, you will be treated to the music of Charlena Russell, Mary5e, Greg Upshaw and


WombBOOM! at this year's Pride celebration. Read on, and stay tuned for our *Pride Guide* for more information about what exciting events you can participate in leading up

to and including *Pride Day 2006*. As always, if you are interested in helping out with *tri-Pride* in any way, please feel free to contact us at info@tri-pride.ca for volunteer information.

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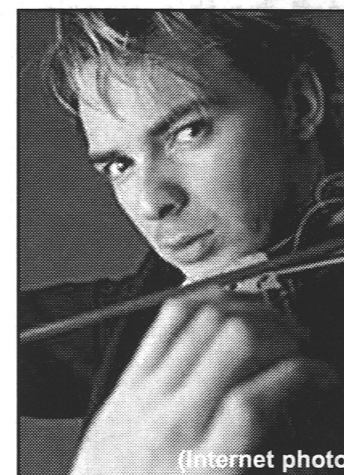
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The *tri-Pride* Committee is always looking for new members, as well as volunteers for specific events. If you're interested, please email: info@tri-pride.ca

SPECIAL NOTICE

Please note that Cambridge's Brave and Crazy will not be performing at *Pride Day* in Victoria Park in Kitchener on June 4, 2006, as previously posted on the band's website. Brave and Crazy will, however, still be opening for Carole Pope June 3, 2006, at Dickson Park arena in Cambridge. The *tri-Pride* Committee apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Pride Day Performers



(Internet photo)

DR DRAW

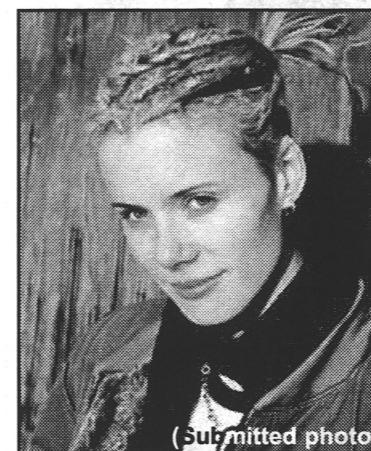
When Eugene Draw was still busking for a living, people working in the office towers nearby often called the joyful musician "doctor." He had the ability to cure the common blues and uplift the spirits of even the most cynical passer-by. If positive energy has been a consistent element of Dr. Draw's career, then genre bending is certainly another trademark. In fact, his renditions of classical masterpieces as well as his original compositions defy singular classification.

Unfettered by music's traditional boundaries, Dr. Draw and his talented band pull together an organic blend of instruments that satisfies eclectic audiences. Added to Draw's violin strings are the instruments of his musical collective; an award-winning guitarist, electronic keyboard specialist, electric harpist, rock bassist and drummer. Citing such diverse influences at Chopin,

Charles Mingus, David Bowie and Pink Floyd, Dr. Draw comes by his unique musical masala honestly. Elements of African percussion, Indian Ragas, North American Folk music and Reggae all find their place here and there throughout Dr. Draw's compositions.

Born in Moscow to a family immersed in classical music, the young boy learned the power and drama of performance from his ballerina mother. He practised his beloved violin sometimes up to six hours a day, hardly willing to stop for breaks. When Eugene's parents moved to Canada, he was enrolled at the prestigious Royal Conservatory of Music. Ultimately constrained by the school's formal approach to music, Eugene left the institution in favour of the street where he was free to improvise and experiment. Draw has been based the last two years in Montreal as part of that city's burgeoning music scene. At just 23 years of age, Dr. Draw is assuming his place among only a handful of artists with the charisma and talent to command attention from so many important and diverse stages.

www.livetourartists.com/dr-draw/index.htm



(Submitted photo)

EMBER SWIFT

Indie music sensation Ember Swift's particular brand of politically charged folk-jazz-funk music has garnered ardent fan frenzy and rave critical acclaim from across Canada, the U.S., and Australia. Swift is a poignant songwriter, a prolific recording artist (eight albums and counting on her independent Few'll Ignite Sound label), a relentless touring artist (over 200 shows per year), a vibrant stage performer, and a fierce political/social activist.

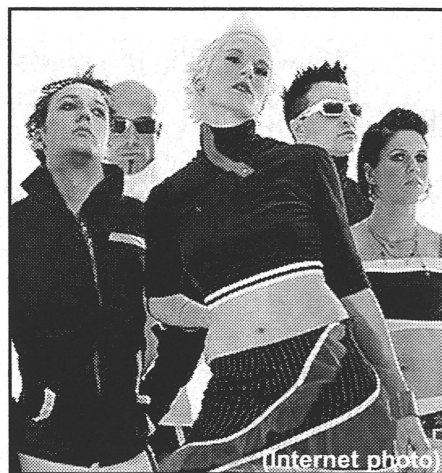
Swift grew up in both Burlington and Woodstock, lived in Ottawa for a time, and now resides in Toronto. A self-taught guitarist, percussionist, "mother-taught" vocalist, and trained pianist through the Royal Conservatory of Music, Swift has been writing songs since she was nine years old and performing since she was ten.

Her first professional live show took place in Ottawa, but it was only after moving to Toronto and immersing herself in the music scene there that Swift met her soon-to-be integral band-mate Lyndell Montgomery. In 1997 as a four-piece band, Ember headed out on her first tour of the east coast of Canada.

Submitted

Pride Day Performers

STUTTER



(Internet photo)

Like Blondie dry-humping No Doubt in the backseat of Billy Idol's car, Stutter smashes pop, new wave, rock and dance into a fresh and explosive new sound. The much-anticipated debut, produced by Alex Gregg (Brittney Spears and N'Sync) and mixed by Rich Chycki (Pink and Simple Plan) is in stores now. The video for Twenty-One is on MuchMoreMusic and the band is out touring Canada to support its release.

Stutter is Mo on vocals and guitar; Dom on bass and vocals; Marty on drums; Linz on keyboard and vocals and Jol on guitar and vocals.

www.stuttermusic.com

MAKE PRIDE DAY HAPPEN

The *tri-Pride* Committee needs you for the Pride Festival June 4! We are looking for volunteers to help us out on Pride Day to make it a success. E-mail info@tri-pride.ca if you are interested.

So now you've seen who the headliners for this year's Pride Day are. Make sure you check the PrideGuide for them and other artists who will be gracing the stage June 4, in Victoria Park. In the mean time, here's a sneak peak:

GREG UPSHAW

www.songwritersunite.com/view.php?pid=419

CHARLENA RUSSELL

www.charlenarussell.com

MARY5E

www.mary5e.com

WOMBBOOM!

www.wombboom.ca

Don't forget to check out the Miss Drew and the new Miss *tri-Pride* as well. She, too, will be performing June 4. If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please e-mail info@tri-pride.ca - the *tri-Pride* Committee hopes to see everyone out!

WAVEPARTIES

Saturday, June 3

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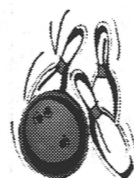
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Pride Week Events

PRIDE WEEK KICK-OFF Cosmic No-Tap Bowling

Saturday, May 27

at Brunswick Frederick Lanes
385 Frederick Street (Behind Steve's TV)
Kitchener ON
576-████



Registration from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.
2 games of bowling commencing at 1 p.m.
Registration - \$20 per person
(includes bowling, shoe rental, and a pizza per lane)
Pre-registration accepted at the lanes only.

Those who pre-register will be entered in a draw for a five-pound Hershey chocolate bar (must be registered by May 21st to qualify)

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Cash Prize for top bowler, door prizes, 50/50
Pre-registration draw winner to be announced after bowling
For further information, prize donations or volunteer information please contact info@tri-pride.ca

Miss *tri-Pride*: 2006/2007

Thursday evening, June 1
at Club Renaissance

Hosted by Miss Drew. Miss Lila Hart will step down as this year's reigning Miss *tri-Pride* and hand her title and tiara over to the winner of this year's pageant.

This **No-COVER** event will feature performances by Miss Drew, Miss Lila Hart and other special guests.

The winner will receive a **GLITTER BASKET** donated by **INSPIRATIONS DANCEWEAR AND COSTUMES INC.** as well as a cash prize.

Applications are available at www.tri-pride.ca, Club Renaissance or by contacting Miss Drew at bhamacher@rogers.com.

LESBO Bingo

Thursday, June 1
7:00 - 9:00
Walper Pub

A fun evening of gaming where instead of yelling BINGO the winner yells LESBO. Hosted by Shelley Secrett, this yearly event provides an entertaining evening for all ages and genders, and at \$2 a card it's an affordable way to have some fun and support *tri-Pride*. Grab bag prizes for winning cards.

GLOW Bonfire Columbia Lake 9:00 - Midnight



Hosted by GLOW (Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo): Join us for a fun-packed evening with friends around a campfire. Featuring fire artists, drumming circles and dancers! Bring your drum, ten gallon plastic pickle tub, or other instrument and join in the fun or just bring your blanket and enjoy a night by the campfire. We provide the firewood and marshmallows, bring your own beverages, blankets, lawn chairs and anything else you need to make the evening special.

CLUB EVENTS

CLUB RENAISSANCE
MAY 11 TO 14 - CORONA PROMO: SOUNTH IN YOUR MOUTH!
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JUNE 3 - TRI-PRIDE LAUNCH PARTY. COME EARLY. D.J. KITCHO
JUNE 4 - TRI-PRIDE AFTER PARTY DOORS 7 P.M. D.J GEORGE ANTHONY. NO COVER
JUNE 24 - 28 CLOSED FOR TORONTO PRIDE, RESUME REGULAR HOURS **JUNE 28**

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to **LA CAGE** this year. A very special thanks to Brad Hamacher for putting together and hosting a great show, as well as all the fabulous entertainers and super volunteers.

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 (55 Wyndham St. N, Guelph)
\$10
 (DJ, entertainment, refreshments)

Everyone is welcome!
Let's show the City of Guelph what Pride is all about!

WOODS EVENTS

MAY 7 - ART WORKS SALE - GLOBE STUDIOS, 141 WHITNEY PL., KITCHENER, STUDIO 8 (OLD BONNIE STEWARD BUILDING OFF COURTLAND AVENUE), 10 A.M. - 4P.M. VISA, CASH AND CHEQUE ACCEPTED. E-MAIL SHEILA AT [redacted]@hotmail.com FOR MORE INFO.

MAY 13 - CANOE TRIP ON THE GRAND - 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. RSVP BY MAY 10 TO mycampsite@golden.net OR CALL 519-725-[redacted]

MAY 26 - TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT - BYO SNACKS - PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE AND YOUR CHOICE OF LIQUID REFRESHMENTS. COFFEE AND TEA WILL BE SUPPLIED. ARRIVE AT 7 P.M. RSVP BY MAY 18 TO SHEILA AT 584-[redacted] OR E-MAIL [redacted]@hotmail.com

JUNE 4 - PRE-PRIDE BRUNCH AT MARG'S BACKYARD - 11 A.M., BRING YOUR FAVOURITE BRUNCH ITEM TO SHARE. PLEASE RSVP TO MARG AT 578-[redacted]. BRUNCH AT [redacted] ADELAIDE ST., KITCHENER.

JUNE 17 - PELEE ISLAND TRIP - WE CAN CAMP OR TAKE A MOTEL ROOM, BRING YOUR BIKE IF YOU LIKE TO RIDE OR WALKING SHOES FOR SOME TOURING ON FOOT. SATURDAY MORNING CAR POOL TO LEAMINGTON, TAKE FERRY TO THE ISLAND. WINERY TOUR, BIKE AND WALK AND SWIMMING. RSVP TO DORA BY JUNE 11 AT 519-725-[redacted] OR E-MAIL mycampsite@golden.net

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 For tickets/info call:
 Alicia 519-822-[redacted] Guelph
 Jane 519-893-[redacted] Kitchener/Waterloo

RAINBOW CHORUS EVENTS

PERFORMANCES:

MAY 7 - 10:30 A.M., DUBLIN STREET UNITED, 68 SUFFOLK ST. W., GUELPH
MAY 28 - 4 P.M., ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HAMILTON CONFERENCE - UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
JUNE 11 - 10:30 A.M., UNITARIAN CONGREGATION OF GUELPH, 122 HARRIS ST., GUELPH

Pride Day Festival Events

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TO VOICE YOUR OPINIONS?

THE TRI-PRIDE COMMITTEE MEETS EVERY MONDAY EVENING. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A MEETING, E-MAIL INFO@TRI-PRIDE.CA THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR IDEAS REALITY BY BECOMING INVOLVED IN THIS YEAR'S PRIDE! MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE CATHOLIC FAMILY COUNSELLING CENTRE, 400 QUEEN ST. S. KITCHENER, MONDAYS AT 7 P.M.

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Guelph Transgender Mentoring Support & Resource Group

On **Monday May 15/2006** from **7:00pm - 9:00 pm** you are cordially invited to come and join us in an open conversation on the needs of our transgender community. We invite your input as to what kind of support you as a transgender person need to live a healthy and full life.

(Light refreshments will be served)

Location
 143 Kingsmill Ave.
 Guelph, ON N1E 5W1
 (Victoria Road S. at York Road)

Here are some suggested topics for discussion:

- Developing medical and physiological resources in our area.
- Educating your own doctors so that they can better support you.
- Educating employers and schools to help transition.
- A mentoring program. (One on one support helping to build confidence)
- Make up and dressing for success lessons.
- How to act in your new role. (body department)
- Social get-togethers in a safe environment.
- Making healthy and informed decisions about hormones and SRS.
- Coming out support.
- Setting up your own personal transition plan.
- Support for significant others.
- Voice lessons.
- Human rights
- The spiritual side of transitioning
- Shopping trips

If you have any further questions, please contact either Barbara [redacted] at (519) 767-[redacted] (barbara@[redacted].com) or Michaela [redacted] at 519-856-[redacted] [redacted]@yahoo.com

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