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# Calendar of Events

Many scheduled meetings and businesses are beginning to open back up. For information on attending an online or in person group, please call GayDayton at 937.623.1590 or the Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center at 937.274.1776 be prepared to give your email address and phone number to join a group. All Center Groups will require masks.

Date	Time	Event/Group	Location
June 1	6:00 PM	SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape)	Online
June 1	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online
June 3	6:30 PM	LGBT Center Monthly Meeting	Center
June 8	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online
June 9	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
June 10	6:30 PM	Project Identify	Center
June 10	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes (HIV+ Group)	Online & Center
June 15	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online
June 16	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
June 22	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online
June 24	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes (HIV+ Group)	Online & Center
June 29	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Online

Sometimes people around you will not understand your journey. They don't need to, it is not for them. *Joubert Botha*

Never give up, because great things take time. Your body hears everything your mind says. Stay positive!

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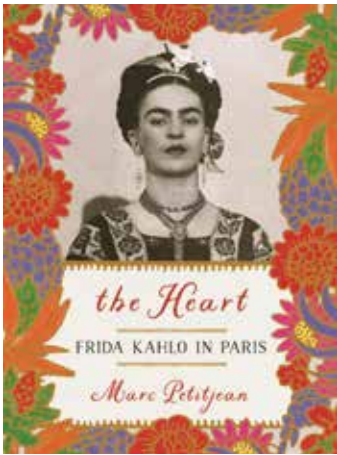
# Book Reviews

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"The Heart: Frida Kahlo in Paris" by Marc Petitjean, translated by Adriana Hunter c.2020, Other Press \$25.00 / \$34.00 Canada 208 pages



Every brush stroke must have had meaning.

Every color, every shading, every wipe and fingerprint and trowelmark left by the artist became a portrait of metaphor and mystery: what was the artist trying to say? Was it just a painting or, as in **"The Heart"** by **Marc Petitjean**, was there a story behind it for observers to unravel?

Because his father had led a colorful life, Marc Petitjean was surrounded by artwork and objets d'art for most of his childhood. One of those works was a painting that Petitjean understood was important to his father. Later, long after the elder man died, Petitjean learned how important the painting was when a stranger inquired about his father, and the affair he had with Frida Kahlo.

Michel Petitjean was just twenty-nine when he met Kahlo; she was thirty-three, and was staying in France at the time, having gone there because André Breton, who'd founded the surrealist movement, had decided on his own that Kahlo was a surrealist painter. Breton told her that he wanted to do an exhibit of her work but when Kahlo arrived in France, she was angered that Breton was unprepared for both her arrival and her show. She'd met Breton when he and his wife, Jacqueline, came to Mexico to talk with Leon Trotsky, who was living temporarily with Kahlo and her husband, Diego Rivera. The Bretons stayed the Rivera's for several months – long enough for Kahlo to have a brief but playful sexual affair with Jacqueline before the Bretons returned to France. Petitjean says that there is no way to know exactly how his father met Kahlo, but the first time they slept together "was the day Barcelona fell."

They didn't speak the same language but he comforted her as best he could, and she grew to mean a lot to him. Later, he helped her pack up her paintings to return them to Mexico, and she gave him option of choosing any painting he wanted.

He chose *The Heart*.

In a surprisingly charming mixture of fact and fiction, author Marc Petitjean spins a dreamy tale of an artist and a painting that is in itself a mystery. That, the multiple hypotheses, and a lingering unknown make "The Heart" a captivating tale.

Petitjean depicts Paris in the pre-War years in a way that lets readers feel the devil-may-care extravagance of the city's residents living in the shadow of Nazism and looming trouble, giving this book a dark sense of forboding. He then imagines Kahlo's political leanings and adds to her mystique, giving her a certain cheeky flamboyance and, with passages that seem as if they're viewed through sheer white curtains, he shows us a Kahlo that falls easily in lust and love, but with a blithe sense of detachment.

Petitjean hints that his father was more upset about that than was Kahlo, but again – we'll never know for sure. Still, readers that love art, biographies, historical mysteries, and Kahlo in particular will find "The Heart" to be a stroke of enjoyment.

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## Dayton PRIDE 2020 ~ Rise Up

After a lot of deliberation and discussions with our fellow LGBTQ+ organizations, we have collectively decided to postpone Dayton PRIDE until August 21-23, 2020

The Theme of Dayton PRIDE for 2020 is “Rise Up” as you see here with the logo for Pride created by Willow Bragg.

In August we will move forward with all our usual activities. We will begin on Friday August 21st with an “Affair on the Square” with food trucks, beer and live entertainment featuring the Ohio Brass and Electric Group and the “Rubi Girls.” Following the evening entertainment you may enjoy the .5k Bar Crawl.



On Saturday August 22nd we begin the day with a healthy breakfast at the Annual Pride Breakfast served up at MJ's on Jefferson Street. With a \$5.00 suggested donation you may start your day off right.



At 11 am we will line up for the PRIDE Parade in Cooper Park at the Corner of 2nd and St. Clair Streets. At 12 noon the parade will step off turning left from St. Clair Street straight down 2nd street to Main Street where the parade will turn left to Courthouse Square. (Yes, this is a new parade route for 2020 only due to the construction that will be taking place on Jefferson Street.)

As the Parade arrives at Courthouse Square the awaiting crowd will welcome them to kick off the Pride Festival with live entertainment until 4 pm. At 8 pm the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will present their PRIDE concert with more details on this to come.

On Sunday August 23rd PFLAG Dayton presents the 5th Annual Running with Pride 5K Run/Walk. at 9 am. Registrantion is available now at [pflagdayton.org](http://pflagdayton.org). At Noon we also begin our 5th Annual Spikes & Heels kickball tournament at Burns Jackson Park in Dayton.

## **The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Re-Opens**

In consideration of you and your loved ones safety, the Center has remained closed during the Month of May and will make preparations for a soft re-opening around the first of June. This of course, is to lessen the spread of the COVID-19 virus. When we do open there will be some healthy protocols in place to help protect everyone such as a mask requirement when visiting or attending a group. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided and even gloves are recommended. We take your health and well being very seriously.

All of us have been impacted by this stay at home time, and some have been impacted more than others. While many were able to transition to working from home, a large number of our folks have been laid off. As we have all heard, unemployment benefits have been sketchy and difficult to obtain due to an antiquated system that simply was not ready for this type of impact. This has left many people in a position need. Some unable to pay their rent, or mortgage. Some simply do not have food for the table.

The Center has begun a program in which calls and in some cases, email to each of our members just to check on them. How are you surviving this pandemic? What can we do to help? Do you need anything? With these questions, we have also developed a list of resources that may help those in need.

Perhaps you know of someone who may be in need who may not be a member of the Center but a member of our Queer community, if so, please contact us that we may reach out to them to see if we may offer assistance. In this time of pandemic we all need to stand together and support one another. For information on how you can help or if you are aware of someone in need, please contact us at 937.274.1776 or email [info@daytonLGBTcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonLGBTcenter.org).

## COVID Health Survey



Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the collection of demographic data on LGBTQ people diagnosed with or deceased due to COVID-19 is very important. Most official death certificates and some healthcare records do not capture sexual orientation or full gender identity data, which makes it almost impossible to know how

the pandemic is affecting the health and lives of LGBTQ people. Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County would like your help to gather data about LGBTQ people in the Miami Valley who have been diagnosed with and/or died due to COVID-19. This could be information about yourself if you identify as LGBTQ and were officially diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider, or if you had a positive COVID antibody test. You also can complete the survey for/about an LGBTQ person whose death you can confidently and accurately identify as related to or caused by COVID-19.

Please complete this quick survey to help document COVID-19 LGBTQ cases and deaths. Any information you submit will be sent securely and directly to Public Health and will be secure in compliance with healthcare confidentiality regulations. We recognize that this survey process is not the perfect solution to identifying LGBTQ people affected by COVID-19, but it is the best stop-gap method currently available for us to gather data. Appreciate your help in this effort. Click the link below to take the survey. Please share this post with other people and groups who may need to know. If you have questions, please contact Jerry Mallicoat, LGBTQ Health Initiatives Manager at Public Health at [jmallicoat@phdmc.org](mailto:jmallicoat@phdmc.org) or 937-224-3727.

<https://surveys.phdmc.org/s3/Capturing-SOGI-Data-During-COVID-19-Pandemic>

Please follow the QR code to take survey.





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The Greater Dayton LGBT Center is very pleased to announce that we have received a \$5,000 sponsorship for our COVID-19 program for our LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of our program we are reaching out to individuals to not only check on their welfare, but inquire of the impact this pandemic has wrought on the community personally. As we uncover needs, we offer resource and help to try to make this time a little easier on everyone.

The LGBT Center are very concerned about you and yours. If you have been impacted by this pandemic and could use some help, please contact the center at (937) 274-1776 or email [info@daytonlgbtcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonlgbtcenter.org). We are here for you.

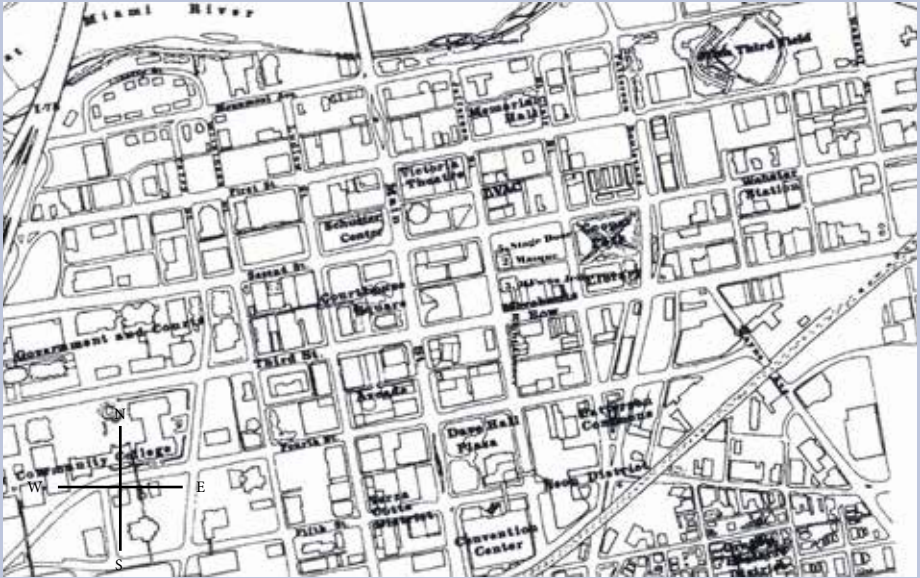
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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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