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Calendar of Events

Each Monday at 7 pm AA Group meets at The Center Each Thursday at 7 pm The LGBT Yoga Group meets at The Center

March 6	6:30 pm The Dayton LGBT Center monthly board meeting		
March 6	7 pm The Sexual Assault Support Group at The Center		
March 8-10	e Dayton Home & Outdoor Living Show at the Dayton onvention Center featuring the "Chef Showdown"		
March 9	e Rubi Girls at the Dayton Jewish Center for more info it www.therubigirls.com		
March 11	7 PM Dayton Metro Library LGBT Book Club meets at the Center		
March 12	7 pm PFLAG Monthly Meeting at Harmony Creek Church		
March 19	7 pm The Gatlyn Dame Group meets at the Center		
March 20	7 pm The Sexual Assault Support Group at The Center		
March 30	8 pm The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus presents - " <i>Under The Big Top</i> " at the Dayton Art Institute		

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SIDDHARTH DUBE

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PERSONAL HISTORY OF



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"An Indefinite Sentence: A Personal History of Outlawed Love and Sex" by Siddharth Dube c.2015, 2019, Atria Books \$28.00 / \$37.00 Canada 376 pages

> Coming out was difficult enough. Even if everyone supported you and very little changed, *you* changed; still, though you had doubts and fear, it was something you had to do. Now read the new book **"An Indefinite Sentence" by Siddharth Dube** and imagine what it might've been like coming out but knowing that it's dangerous.

When Siddharth Dube was ten years old, he saw a dancer who was lovely, curvy, and sultry, and who pulled off her skirt with a flourish at the end, revealing herself as a man. The memory, the

surprise, stuck with him – in part, perhaps, because he had known for two years then that he "was a girly-boy..."

No one much cared about that while he was young and growing up in relative affluence near Calcutta. He was "a carefree child," unashamed of his "undefined gender," but that disappeared: as a preteen, he was enrolled in a private academy and was bullied for being "sissy," despite a school culture that allowed boys to demand sex from other boys.

At that time, and for most of Dube's youth, there was nothing available in India "to help a young man... deal with his... homosexuality." He felt "hatred" from his peers and neighbors and from his own father, who strongly urged Dube to leave India to attend college in America. In the U.S., though, Dube found that "hatred for homosexuality was many magnitudes greater than in India."

And yet - seeing gay life in a more permissive country was liberating.

Dube patronized a gay bar for the first time, finally found the love he sought, and discovered his passion for careers in journalism and activism on the subject of AIDS, the people affected by the disease, and the world's attitude toward it. That began a journey that ultimately took him back to his home country, where he settled in with "one of the greatest loves of my adult life" although, because gay sex was illegal in India, doing so was dangerous.

Months after they moved, Dube discovered just how dangerous...

Take that as a warning: that little bombshell arrives all too early inside "An Indefinite Sentence." By the time it does, you'll be lulled into a veil of serenity.

That is due completely to the prose with which author Siddharth Dube tells his story: it's soft and formal but with elegant slang and a very surprising willingness to use profanity in a matter-of-fact way that still feels like a slap. Dube shares his life and his travels by mixing shades of his faith along with tales of men he loved platonically and otherwise, female sex workers who bore the most blame on the spread of disease, and the politics of and attitudes toward AIDS around the world. This, too, is told with outraged mindfulness that feels like a burning torch wrapped up in tranquility.

Readers searching for something different this week can end their search with this book. It's stirring and calming, funny and sad; start "An Indefinite Sentence," and you'll have no difficulty enjoying it.



PRIDE Planning Begins

That right, planning for PRIDE 2019 has begun as we celebrate "50 Years Since Stonewall" and the Stonewall riots which signaled the beginning of the gay rights movement and is the Theme of PRIDE 2019. This year we want to take a historical look at Stonewall and note the various historical markers that have brought us to today.

We begin with our logo for PRIDE 2019... the logo offers many historical elements. First off, you will notice the pink triangle which was considered the very first gay pride emblem. The pink triangle was sewn into all the uniforms and even tattooed on the those detained by Nazis in concentration camps to identify and shame homosexuals and was later embraced by the gay community as a symbol of pride. Second-



ly, Stonewall was a riot, so we see marchers and riot people carrying the now adopted rainbow flag. Thirdly, the vary font in Dayton PRIDE 2019 is called Gilbert named after Gilbert Baker an American artist, gay rights activist, and the creator/Designer of the rainbow flag. Finally, the design comes full circle to encompass us all as we celebrate our PRIDE in 2019.

The celebration will begin on Friday night May 31st at 5 pm in the new venue "The Levit Pavillon" as we kick off PRIDE with a wonderful PRIDE Community Concert followed by our annual "Bar Crawl" at 9:30 pm.

Saturday June 1st we will begin with a hearty breakfast hosted by MJ's on Jefferson at 9 am. At 11 am we begin lining up for the PRIDE parade with step off at noon. The parade will end at Courthouse Square where our community festival will be in full swing with live bands and entertainment until 4 pm. At 8 pm the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will perform at the Victoria Theatre for a night of "DIVAS".

Sunday June 2nd we begin the day with the 4th Annual Running with Pride 5K Run/Walk sponsored by PFLAG at Welcome Park. At Noon we will also host the 4th Annual "Spikes & Heels" Kickball Tournament at Burns Jackson Park in Dayton for a well rounded and exciting weekend of PRIDE.



You Heard It Right!

You have probably heard rumors about a group of KKK people from Indiana coming to Dayton to set up a Rally at Courthouse Square. I am sorry to report that the rumors are true. The Honorable Sacred Knights, a KKK-affiliated organization out of Madison, Ind., plan to rally from 1-3 p.m. on May 25 and did submit an application to the county while using fictitious names, so on that basis the county was able to dismiss their application. The group, then re-submitted the application using their real names and listing those that would be responsible for their gathering so the county had no choice but to accept their application and allow their event to take place.

Dayton is not a city of HATE nor should it be preached. Dayton is a city of Love and Acceptance no matter who you are, where you came from, the color of your skin, your sexuality, or your gender identity. So on May 25th We encourage everyone to avoid going to Courthouse Square! YES that is Right, AVOID Courthouse Square!

WE realize everyones 1st reaction is to go let these people know that we do not welcome such hate nor allow such speech. Yet we do acknowledge they do have a right to free speech, so the very best thing we can do is to ignore them. If we go to Courthouse Square and acknowledge them we empower them. They only have power if WE give it to them. If we ignore them, they have no power and become a non-entity. So lets send them back to annals of history by ignoring them and not empowering them. Such do not belong in today's world.

The very next weekend after this event is Dayton Pride, so as a part of our celebration, the 1st thing we will do is "cleansing of the square and re-dedicate Courthouse Square back to the Diverse Dayton Community that we are. If you wonder why an LGBTQIA group would want to re-dictate this space spiritually? We continue to use Courthouse Square as an almost sacred space. We hold Pride there, we have held vigils there for our fallen brothers and sister of Pulse, vigils for school shootings, and vigils for our transgender brothers and sisters in a day of remembrance. So this space should alway be dedicated to our whole diverse community and for a loving and brighter tomorrow.

Spring Fling Community Dinner

Building a Strong Community, One Fork at a Time!

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson Street, STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402



Doors open at 5:00 pm, Dinner Served at 6:00 pm Bring a cover dish to share, main dish and desserts provided.

Come for the company, conversation, and community!

PRIDE PREVIEW "50 Years Since Stonewall" & Art Auction

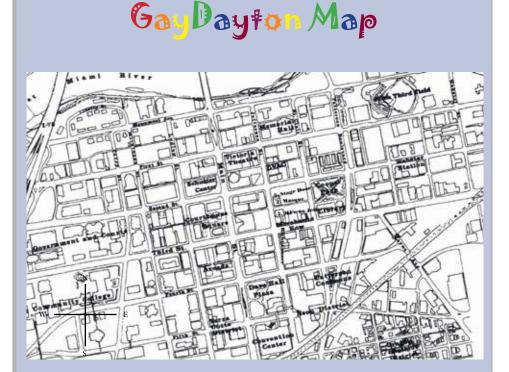


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D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

- 1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
- 2. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
- 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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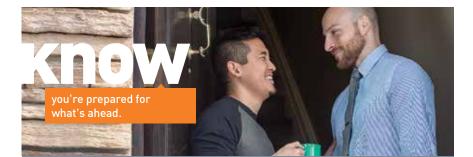
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