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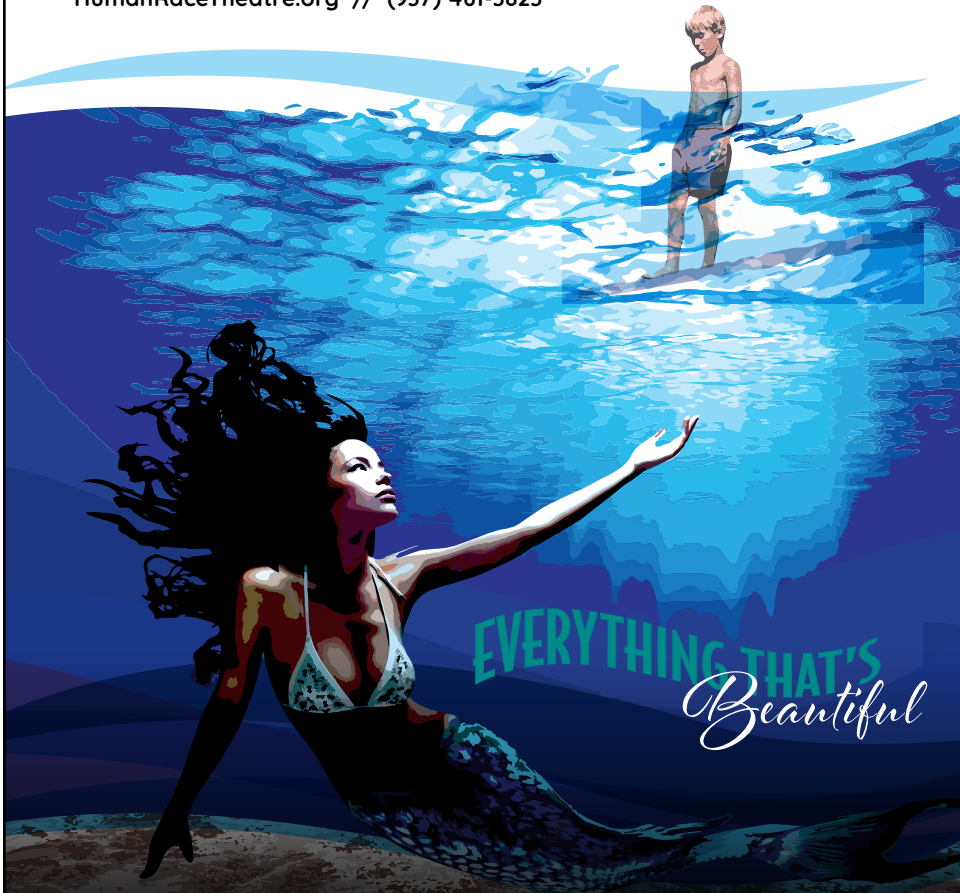
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Change, Identity, & the Path to Acceptance

Change is the only constant in this timely, powerful and thought-provoking drama, which tells the story of a family's journey to acceptance by supporting their 10-year-old child, Morgan, who was assigned male at birth but identifies as female. Don't miss *Everything That's Beautiful*, making its Dayton premiere LIVE at the Loft Theatre!

For tickets & more information

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Feb. 17 – Mar. 6, 2022

by Elizabeth Gregory Wilder // directed by Kevin Moore

Performed LIVE at the Loft Theatre in Downtown Dayton

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Calendar of Events

March 01,	Women's History Month - Mardi Gras - "Fat Tuesday"		
March 02,	07:30 PM	Positively Teen	Center/Online
March 03,	06:00 PM	Center Board Meeting	Center/Online
March 03,	07:00 PM	Yoga At the Center	Center
March 07,	07:00 PM	S.O.A.R.	Center/Online
March 07,	07:00 PM	LGBT AA Group	Center/Online
March 08,	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 08,	07:00 PM	PFLAG Meeting	Zoom
March 09,	11:30 AM	Lunch & Learn	Zoom
March 09,	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center/Online
March 10,	07:00 PM	Yoga At the Center	Center
March 14,	07:00 PM	LGBT AA Group	Center/Online
March 15,	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 15,	07:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center/Online
March 16,	07:30 PM	Positively Teen	Center/Online
March 17,	St. Patricks Day		
March 17,	07:00 PM	Yoga At the Center	Center
March 20,	06:00 PM	PRIDE Planning	Center/Online
March 21,	07:00 PM	LGBT AA Group	Center/ Online
March 22,	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 23,	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center/Online
March 24,	07:00 PM	Yoga At the Center	Center
March 27,	07:00 PM	TDOR Planning	Online
March 28,	07:00 PM	LGBT AA Group	Center/Online
March 29,	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 31,	07:00 PM	Yoga At the Center	Center
March 31,	International Transgender Day of Visibility		
April 01	STI Awareness Month		
April 02	07:00 PM	Transgender PROM	Center

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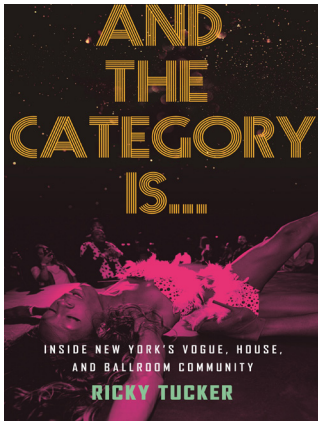
Book Reviews

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"And the Category Is... Inside New York's Vogue, House, and Ballroom Community" by Ricky Tucker c.2021, Beacon Press \$25.95 248 pages



You love Bette Davis.

Always have, always will. Ever since Madonna vowed that she did, too, you've voiced your passion while you Vographed, white-gloved hands splayed, slap the floor, frame, pose, pose, pose. It's not All About Eve this time; it's all about *you* when you dance like that. And in the new book "**And the Category Is...**" by **Ricky Tucker**, you know where you do it.

The culture known as Ballroom is a little hard to define.

It's not a single song, although you can't have Ballroom without music. It's not one specific place; you can attend Ballroom classes in many places and dance wherever there's a Ball. Ballroom is "a freedom, a fearlessness... in deconstructing and reinventing oneself in front of a crowd..." And it's "a thriving arts-based culture founded over a century ago by LGBTQ African American and Latinx people of Harlem."

"In so many ways, house-Ballroom culture is... the invisible creating visibility for themselves," says Tucker.

In his eyes, Ballroom is "smart, innovative, loving, and *funny*..." At its very basic, it's pageantry, masquerade, and glitz, and awards are given in various categories that exhibit "realness." Hand-movements are graded, as are spins, dips, and the way one walks; what you wear is as important as how you dance. And yes, taking a Ballroom class is better than making a fool of yourself and bringing shame to your House. That, by the way, could be a literal home led by a house mother or father and a multi-membered, created family for anyone who might need one. Ballroom gives trans and gay people a safe place to be them-

selves and maybe win a trophy for it. It also offers Black dancers a chance to unite “under one cause: freedom” and to display “a powerful performative act of defiance” toward rich, straight, white cis people – even though there are many cis people who are Ballroom fans...

There are two ways of approaching “And the Category Is...”: one, if you’re a Ballroom follower or participant. Another, if you’re not.

Aficionados of Ballroom will devour every page of this personal memoir-mixed-with-cultural-history. They’ll love author Ricky Tucker’s breathlessly-told tale of finding Ballroom, and himself in it; his experiences in learning how to dance properly; and the sense of insider that he lends overall. Readers will also enjoy Tucker’s extensive interviews with LGBTQ BIPOC: Ballroom members, legends, organizers, activists, house parents, his own “fathers,” and other performers. There, and in his analysis of the interviews, we see how defying racism is a large part of the essence of Ballroom, how HIV activism fits in, and how Ballroom has been appropriated for wider audiences.

On the other side of the dance floor, if you’re not into Ballroom, this book will take some getting used-to. Tucker jumps in with both feet and very little preamble to prepare readers unfamiliar with Ballroom culture. Stick around; you’ll get it eventually, if you have patience.

If you don’t, then fasten those seatbelts. Reading “And the Category Is...” will make for a bumpy night..

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Is This History Repeating Itself?

Are we seeing history repeat itself? Or is this just a political tactic that seemed to work previously, so from time to time, it gets trotted out to try again?

In the 1980's as Ronald Reagan ran for president his slogan was: "Let's Make America Great Again", does that sound familiar? He then went on to use the LGBT community as a scape goat to bolster the right wing. As HIV ravaged the gay community, Reagan and government officials did basically nothing labeling it a "gay disease" and allowing it to kill off so many.

In 2000 and especially in 2004 when George W. Bush was elected, once again the right wing used the LGBT community to push their anti agenda, this time against same sex couples and used this topic to polarize and incense folks to elect conservatives to office.

We are seeing this political tactic once again as the right wing seemed to have lost some ground in this last election cycle, so they have trotted out this old tactic once again attacking the community in an attempt to push their agenda. This time they are attacking our most venerable, our transgender community and transgender children.

Please note, I have not said Democrat or Republican, because this is not what these parties are about, this is a movement of right wing extremist who are bastardizing the Grand Ole Party to further their own political grip on power. They care not that they are sacrificing kids in the process. They just need to stir up the political rhetoric to get people to vote right wing. They have pushed this agenda to the Ohio State House and now HB454 is on the table which would ban affirming care for minors. This bill is modeled after a similar bill in Arkansas which was later struck down by a federal judge for civil rights violations. Yet, it is being pushed forward in Ohio despite Gender-affirming medical care being recommended for transgender youth by the American Academy of Pediatricians and the Endocrine Society and is viewed by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) and the American Psychiatric Association (APA) as evidence-based patient care. So the experts recommend care, but the politicians wish to go against medical experts once again to promote their own political agenda and attempt to claim power.

HB 454 would interfere with healthcare and youth safety in a variety of ways:

Prohibits:

- Counselors and educators from concealing or encouraging adolescents to conceal their feelings of gender dysphoria from their parents.
- Referrals for medicalized treatments for minors with Gender Dysphoria

- Medicaid from covering the cost of SRS for minors.
- Any requirement for private insurers to cover medicalized treatments for gender dysphoria in adolescents.
- Hormone blockers for Gender Dysphoria prior to the age of 18.
- Cross-sex hormones for youth experiencing gender dysphoria prior to the age of 18.
- Surgical interventions or Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS) for minors.

Threatens to:

- Remove the licensure of physicians who provide this care and threatens them with civil lawsuits.
- Withdraw public funds from any hospital at which gender affirming care occurs

I encourage you to “STOP The Madness”, contact your state representative and let them know we must put an end to HB 454, it is not good for Ohio and not good for our children.

It is not just this bill. The right wing has been reaching out locally to local school districts to stir up bathroom issues, sports issues, and even bringing letters to school board and school meetings attempting to get folks to sign up to support their right wing agenda. Again using our children as political fodder to advance their agenda and get their right wing folks elected. They are even bringing their own letter to attempt to get parents to sign on to in an attempt to enrage the crowd. It is time to let the politicians know that the LGBTQ community is not their pawns to be sacrificed for their political gain. After all, trans kids are kids.

Additionally we need to support the Ohio Fairness Act SB 119. If passed the Ohio Fairness Act would grant LGBTQ+ protections in the areas of housing, employment, and public accommodation.

Please contact your public official today. If you live in Montgomery County contact: dist. 43, Rodney Creech, Dist. 40, Phil Plummer, Dist. 39, Willis Blackshear. In the Ohio Senate contact Dist. 5, Stephan Huffman, and Dist. 6, Niraj Antani. Don't let history repeat itself. Don't let our kids be pawns in someone political agenda and contact these officials today!

Join Us For Our LUNCH AND LEARN

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center has launched a monthly Lunch & Learn. With so many people working from home these days the Center is offering a Lunch & Learn on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am to 12:30 pm so as you enjoy your lunch, you may pop on your computer via zoom and learn more about our community with us. We have many partners in the Greater Dayton area to support and uplift our LGBTQ community so we would like to pick one to highlight each month that we may learn more.

On March 9th we are highlighting “Visible and Resilient” one of our local groups who work with our young people in middle schools through high schools and GSA to offer the invisible, visibility that they may become strong and resilient.



All are welcome, just follow the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83302339941?pwd=ZThjU1ZIN0Joc3ZGbxNFYtJGU29kUT09>

Wednesday's is the day for HIV+ support groups at the Center. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays is the Teen Group Pozitively Teen for those who are HIV+ and teens - age 24. We offer this as a hybrid group with both inperson and via zoom. (see next page) For 1st time attendees we are now offering a \$50 gift card. They meet at 7:30 pm at the Center and online. This group offers support, education and mentors to help our attendees stay on track for better health.



We also offer those who are HIV+ and over the age of 24 a great support group on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7 pm. They also meeting at the Center and online via zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85469323825?pwd=a1loM2xOcnFkME5icnFQZVU2cUtEUT09>

This group offers support and education and just good old fashioned friendship with one another. So plan to join us at 7 pm at the Center, 24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200, Dayton, OH 45402 (937) 274-1776.



Visit www.daytonLGBTcenter.org for link and more details.
Get a \$50.00 Gift Card for 1st time Attendance

Positively Teen (an HIV+ support group) Ages 14-24
1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM



You may join Online via Zoom



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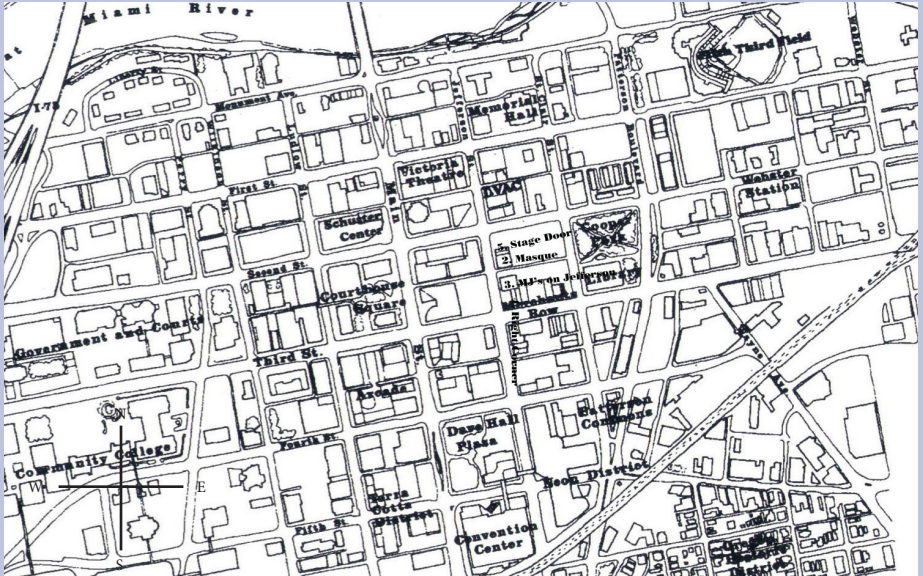
The Greater Dayton LGBT Center
Announces a monthly “Lunch & Learn”
2nd Wednesday of Each Month
11:30 am - 12:30 pm Via: Zoom

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Gay Dayton Map



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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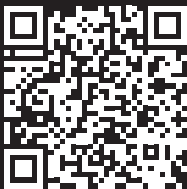
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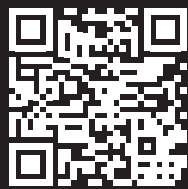
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MASKS SUGGESTED

Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu