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The Stage Door

61st

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 22-23RD

61 years ago we started our journey!

Now join us in celebration!

Friday 22nd - A Punchfuking Karaoke with special guest co-host Amanda Punchfuk!

Saturday 23rd - Celebration show 10 PM

Starring:

Jareje Rashad, Hope Sexton, Amanda Punchfuk, National Holiday, Sasha Chapel Soule, Zander, John Jason, Zion, Kyle, and Sammy Gunz

THE STAGE DOOR & DJ ALVAREZ

* PRESENTS *



SATELLITES
AND STARDUST
MASQUERADE 2021

AFTER PARTY

SATURDAY, 10.16.2021 SHOWTIME 12 AM

NO COVER



The Stage Door



HOSTESS: AMANDA PUNCHFUK NATIONAL HOLIDAY LAMONICA HOLIDAY

DOORS OPEN @ 11:00PM * \$3 DISCOUNT ON FIRST WELL DRINK WITH MASQUERADE VOUCHER

Calendar of Events

October 1	LGBTQ History Month	
October 4 7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
October 7 6:00 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Online/Center
October 8 7:30 PM	Dayton LGBT Film Festival Begins	Online/Neon
October 8	International Lesbian Day	
October 11	National Coming Out Day	
October 11 7:30 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
October 12 7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
October 13 7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
October 15	National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	
October 16 8:00 PM	Masquerage 2021	(804 E. Monumnt St)
October 18 7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
October 19	National LGBTQ Center Awareness Day	
October 19 7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online/Center
October 20	Asexuality Awareness Week	
October 20 7:00 PM	Annual Rubi Awards Show	Online
October 23 8:00 PM	Spooktacular HIV/STI Testing	Center
October 25 7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Online/Center
October 26	Intersexed Day of Solidarity	
October 27 7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
October 31	Happy Halloween	
Nov 1	American Indian Heritage Month	

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. Dolly Parton

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Book Reviews

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"The Charm Offensive: A Novel" by Alison Cochrun c.2021, Atria
\$17.00 / \$23.00 Canada 368 pages



The applause is all for you this time. It's deafening, really – perhaps because there's a standing ovation beneath it. All the work you did, the emoting, the emotions, you know how much your fans appreciate it. So take a bow. Drink in the love. As in the new novel, "**The Charm Offensive**" by **Alison Cochrun**, that's one thing that's sometimes missing in life. Dev Deshpande was good at his job. He knew it, his colleagues knew it, it was fact. He might personally be terrible at love – case in point: he was still smarting from a three-months-

ago break-up with his boyfriend, Ryan – but Dev was a pro at his job as producer for the reality TV show, *Ever After*. In fact, he'd been in charge of making dreams happen for six years' worth of beautiful *Ever After* contestants; it helped that he believed in fairy tales. Maybe one day, he'd find his own Prince Charming. Just not this season.

This season, his lead director made him handle the "prince" instead of the usual "princesses," and that was a challenge.

*Charles Winshaw was twenty-eight, devastatingly handsome, extremely wealthy, and a nervous, introverted nerd who rarely dated. Geeky, awkward, and prone to panic attacks, he sincerely had no clue how to be romantic. Truth was, he was only there because his best friend and agent put him on *Ever After* to counter a reputation for being weird.*

Still, Charlie was weird, and it was up to Dev to make him work for the show.

Shoring up Charlie's confidence didn't work, and neither did a pep talk. He couldn't seem to just perform a role without freaking out and it was

becoming obvious. By the time Dev's assistant suggested having a few practice dates, Dev was willing to try anything.

He took Charlie to dinner. He spent time doing jigsaw puzzles with him, and he got Charlie to relax a little. If sparks flew, well, it was one-sided: Charlie was completely straight.

Wasn't he?

You know what's going to happen in the end, don't you? Of course, you do. You'll know it by Page Thirty, step-by-step, with virtually no surprises, which leaves a long way to the final sentence of "The Charm Offensive." Now, it's true that this novel is cute. It has its lightly humorous moments and author Alison Cochrun gives it a good cast, from contestant to show creator. It doesn't lack details; in fact, reality dating show-watchers will feel right at home here. It even has the ubiquitous panoply of exotic locales for the "challenges" that the contestants must do.

At issue is the length of this book. There's too much of it, too many shirts that creep up, too many mentions of vomit, too much needless drama, too many will-he-won't-he, when we know full well he will. This extra doesn't ratchet up the tension, it makes things slow.

And so: cute story, familiar scenes, good characters in "The Charm Offensive." But if taut is what you want in a rom-com, leave this book and bow out.

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The Dayton LGBT Film Festival is now in its 16th year offering the some of the best and brightest films to hit the festival circuits.

This year, because of COVID concerns, many films will be offered Online in addition to the theater. Every film will screen two times over the course of an entire week, and scholarship opportunities are available due to limited seating. Though we won't have special guests in person this year, we hope to add virtual Q&As whenever possible.

During the festival, ***masks will continue to be required for everyone, and all guests will be required to present proof of vaccination with a photo ID or a negative COVID-19 test from the last 72 hours.*** THE NEON will continue to monitor the community's health data and amend policies based on guidance. We can't wait to share these great films with you in person!

First up on Friday night is: "No Straight Lines: The Rise of Queer Comics" by dir: Vivian Kleiman / 79 min. This feature follows five scrappy comic book artist from DIY work and isolation, to the cover of Time Magazine.

On Saturday there is a wonderful collection of "Top Drawer Shorts" beginning at 1 pm and continue to be the most popular spots of the film festival.

At 4 pm is the feature film "Invisible" by director T.J. Parsell / 107 min. This award-winning documentary explores the lives of a group of LGBTQ singer/songwriters who have successfully navigated the male dominated landscape of Southern music and written hits for many of the well known country artists.

At 7:30 pm director Wes Hurley / 95 min brings us "Potato Dreams Of America" which is closely based on the directors struggles to survive in the USSR where Lena and her gay son, Potato, escape into the fantasy world of pirated American movies, but soon the movies are not enough and Elena decides to become a mail-order bride. Potato Dreams of America is one of those stories that proves that real life is often much stranger than fiction.

Sunday at 4 pm will feature "Lola" by director Laurent Michelli /90 min. Lola, an 18-year-old transgender girl, learns that she will finally be able to have an operation, her mother dies. In order to respect her last wishes, Lola and her father are forced to go to the Belgian coast.

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FILM FESTIVAL



OCT 8-14, 2021



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SATELLITES AND STARDUST MASQUERAGE 2021

Masquerage returns to the 804 building in downtown Dayton (OH) on Saturday, October 16, 2021. This year's theme – Satellites and Stardust will feature outrageous décor along with out-of-this-world costumes that are sure to soar beyond expectations.

We are working hard to make Masquerage one to remember – adding new things while bringing back many of the exciting elements from past years! Masquerage will be hosted by one of our favorite Rubi Girls, Jackie O', the reigning Miss Gay Dayton America!

We are excited to announce that the fabulous Kylie Sonique Love, from RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars Season 6, will perform live at Masquerage. Kylie Sonique Love is known for her groundbreaking performance as the first openly trans contestant on the second season of RuPaul's Drag Race. Since her debut on Drag Race, Kylie has been in music videos with artists like Miley Cyrus and Lizzo, co-hosted the first talk show on a major network to be hosted by an all-trans cast, and we have been LOVE-ing her sickening looks and iconic performances on RuPaul's Drag Race: All Stars Season 6. Be sure to join us for Masquerage.



Halloween

SPOOKTACULAR

OCTOBER 23 | 8-11 PM

GET TESTED BEFORE YOU
BONE DOWN

Bring your ghouls
and goblin friends
to this spooktacular
HIV testing event.

FREE HIV TESTING

+ Blood pressure screenings, Blood glucose, and syphilis testing

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Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center

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Support Groups

Transgender Support = Gatlyn Dame Group
Soar = Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape
LGBTQ AA = Alcoholic's Anonymous
Positive Attitudes = HIV+ support
Men's Groups
Women's Groups
Youth Groups

Health Support

FREE: LGBT Yoga Classes
FREE: Health & Wellness Clinic

Blood Pressure & Glucose Testing
HRT Consulting
Adult Vaccines Screenings

Sexual Health

**FREE HIV & STI Testing
Offering**

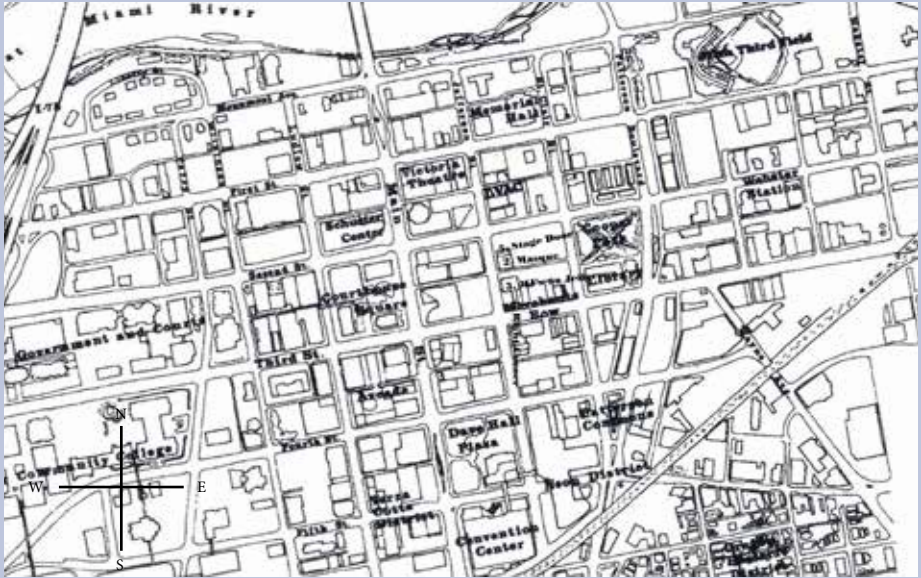
PrEP - A once-daily pill that prevents HIV
PAPI - A program that helps pay for the cost of PrEP

Education

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LGBT Historical Archive
LGBT History Classes
Special interest Classes

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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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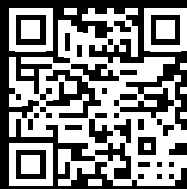
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MASKS SUGGESTED

Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu