

calendar: april 2003

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For more detailed, up-to-the-minute listings, check out our web calendar at : www.mountainpridemedia.org/calendar_index.htm

Tuesday 1

BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2? - Proud and Sober GLBTAA. 7PM At R.U.1.2?, 1 Steele Street, Suite 113. FMI call 860.7812

STOWE - Stowe Theatre Guild - Auditions for "Victor Victoria". 6:30-9:30PM. Stowe Theatre Guild is holding open auditions for "Victor Victoria". Show dates: August 20th - September 6th. For more information visit www.stowetheatre.com or call 253-3961.

WEST LEBANON, NH - Borders - Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans-gendered Book Discussion Group. 7PM. The featured book for April is *Maybe the Moon* by Armistead Maupin. Borders, 285 Plainfield Road (Exit 20 off I-89). FMI: 603.298.9963.

Wednesday 2

BURLINGTON - Outright Vermont - Drop In Center. 6:30-8PM. Xando, our youth space, is open all the time (Monday-Friday 10am-6pm) at the Outright Office in Burlington. Join Liz and go real "old school" with the Grind workout. Come sweat those winter blues away with a little MTV music. 187 St. Paul St. Contact Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak for more information: lluvia@outrightvt.org (802) 865-9677. All events at Outright are FREE & Confidential for youth ages 22 and under.

BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2? - Movies and Munchies Night. 7-9:30PM. First Wednesday of each month. Queer-themed films for all to enjoy! This month's movie is *Under One Roof* - a touching coming of age story centered around a Chinese-American teenager. Refreshments provided. FMI: 802 860 RU12 or e-mail thecenter@ru12.org

BURLINGTON - Flynn Theater - David Sedaris. 7:30PM. David Sedaris at the Flynn. Reading from his latest works, Sedaris shares his marvelously skewed impressions of our life and times. MPM has limited balcony tickets for this show. Tickets are \$25. Contact Roland at 802-383-7679 or rfpvt@together.net

BURLINGTON - UVM LGBTQA Gaypril 2003 - Healing Fire. 12PM. For survivor's of sexual violence. 24 hrs, starting @ Noon. Women's Center. Sponsored by Women's Center, WRCC 656-7892

ST JOHNSBURY - Vermont CARES - Needle Exchange. 3-6PM. Needle exchange walk in hours every Wednesday at Vermont CARES 1235 Hospital Drive Suite two. For more info call Penni at 802-748-9061.

ST JOHNSBURY - Vermont CARES - Oral HIV Testing. 3-6PM. Free Walk in Anonymous Oral HIV testing available every Wednesday at Vermont CARES 1235 Hospital Drive Suite two. Other times are available by appointment. For more info call Penni at 802-748-9061



Celebrate GAYpril with the all-female a cappella ensemble Cat's Meow, Friday, April 11th at UVM's Ira Allen Chapel.

Thursday 3

BURLINGTON - UVM LGBTQA Gaypril 2003 - Take Back the Night. 6PM. End Sexual Violence. At the Women's Center. Sponsored by WRCC, Women's Ctr., Safe Space, and UVM LGBTQA Services. Info: 656-7892

BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2? - Women's Coming Out Support Group. 6:30PM. At R.U.1.2?, 1 Steele Street, Suite 113. FMI call 860.7812

BURLINGTON - CRONES - Basketball. 6:30-8PM. Womyn over 40 get together for informal basketball fun. Join us! We're playing at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue on North Prospect Street in Burlington; Thursdays, April 3 and 10 and again starting in May. Small fee. FMI 660-0420.

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Friday 4

AMHERST, MA - Conference - From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom. April 4-April 6 at Hampshire College - Seventeenth annual conference for Student and Community Activists. Sponsored by the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program and the Population and Development Program. FMI: clpp@hampshire.edu.

BARRE - Outright Vermont - Young LGBTIQQA: Queer Social & Support Group. 7-8:30PM. At the Barre UU Church, 19 Church Street. Ages 22 and under. A confidential & facilitated group for youth to come and check in about their week & life in general. FMI: www.outrightvt.org

BETHLEHEM, NH - Highlands Inn - Women's Music Series: Karen Grenier. April 4-April 6. For more information or reservations, contact The Highlands Inn, Bethlehem, NH. 877-LES-B-INN (537-2466) or 603-869-3978. vacation@highlandsinn-nh.com. www.highlandsinn-nh.com

BURLINGTON - Outright VT - QYR: Queer Youth Radicals: Outright's activist group. 5:30-6:45PM. Ages 22 and under. Meetings the first and third Friday of each month. These youth came out & now they are making a difference in the community & world at large. Various event planning, activities & projects are ongoing with this group. This is a place for a young LGBTIQA person to who wants to make a difference. Meetings at the Outright Office Building, 187 St. Paul St. Contact Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak: lluvia@outrightvt.org (802) 865-9677 or call 1-800-GLB-CHAT.

BURLINGTON - Outright Vermont - Young LGBTIQA Social & Support Group. 7-8:30PM. Friday Night Group: Young LGBTIQA Social & Support Group. Every Friday night (including holidays). Ages 22 and under. A confidential & facilitated group for youth to come and check in about their week & life in general. Check out our NEW Social Hour from 6-7pm, a structure-free time for youth to just meet other youth. First Friday of each month is free Pizza & a safer sex barrier demonstration lead by youth & "Sex with Dan!"--you gotta check out this discussion! Meetings at the Outright Office in Burlington, 187 St. Paul St. Contact Lluvia Mulvaney-Stanak for more information: lluvia@outrightvt.org (802) 865-9677 or call 1-800-GLB-CHAT.

BURLINGTON - Vermont Gay Social Alternatives - Wine & Dine. 7PM. Join VGSA for this monthly first Friday event the Wine Works on St. Paul Street in downtown Burlington. After tasting several different wines, a nearby restaurant is selected for dining. Check out vgsa.com FMI.

Saturday 5

STOWE - Stowe Theatre Guild - Auditions for Sylvia. 10AM-4PM. Stowe Theatre Guild is holding open auditions. Show dates: September 24th - October 11th. For more information visit www.stowetheatre.com or call 253-3961.

Sunday 6

BURLINGTON - Christ Church Presbyterian - Sunday Service. 9:30AM. CCP is a "More Light" church. We welcome all persons, regardless of sexual orientation, into full participation in the life, membership, and leadership of this church, and strive, as part of the Body of Christ, to reach out in ministry to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people both within and outside of our congregation. Christ Church Presbyterian (CCP) is located on UVM Redstone Campus between the water tower and the Catholic Center.

BURLINGTON - UVM LGBTQA Gaypril 2003 - Creating Civil Unions: Opening Hearts and Minds. 2PM Allen House Gallery. Sponsored by LGBTQA Serv, Ctr for Cultural Pluralism Info: 656-8637 or www.uvm.edu/~lgbtqa

community compass

OUT-rageous at Mardi Gras Oompa Loompas. Plastic Beads. Willy Wonka. Queer Youth. These are just a few of the sights and sounds you would have heard on Saturday March 1st on Church Street in Burlington. Never passing up a chance to dress up in outrageous costumes and throw trinkets at revelers, Outright Vermont and UVM's Free 2 B teamed up to build and ride a float in the 2003 Magic Hat Mardi Gras parade.

It started as a mere dream by a few dedicated and some would say "crazy" youth at Outright and members of Free 2 B back in November. By the morning of the

parade the "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" float was packed with decorations, beads, chocolates and an eager crowd of queer youth ready to have a great time. More than 20 youth and volunteers became the "Wonka Crew" and turned a little pick up truck into a "Golden Ticket" bead machine. A variety of characters from the Wonka movie were created including Willy Wonka, Ted TV, Grampa Joe, Violet and a small army of oompa loompas.

Despite a few glitches in the float design, everyone who participated had a blast. Plans are already in the works for a float for

next year that will be bigger, louder and more fabulous!

Out Walking for COTS The 14th annual COTS Walk-COTS Walk 2003 is Sunday, May 4, in downtown Burlington.

The annual Walk raises funds for emergency shelter and services for homeless Vermonters. Last year, 1,600 people came to the Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) when they had no place else to go. On May 4th over 1,000 walkers will walk three miles in their shoes.

The COTS Walk is a 3-mile trek around downtown

Burlington. It mirrors the route a homeless person might take in a day for shelter, meals, and services. Walkers will see what homeless shelters look and feel like. They'll meet the staff and learn how the pledges they raise provide homeless families and individuals with a warm, safe place to spend the night.

COTS' new program - transitional housing for families - will be part of this year's Walk route at 278 Main Street. This site opened in November and provides temporary housing for up to 10 families.

The Walk begins and ends

at St. Paul's Cathedral, corner of Battery and Cherry Streets. Registration starts at 2:00. Sabatucada drummers will lead off the Walk. Dr. Jazz and the Dixie Hot Shots will welcome walkers back for refreshments at the end of the route-a COTS Walk tradition.

This year's goal is \$110,000. Walker packets are ready for distribution. For information and Walk materials, call COTS at 802-864-7402 or register on the website www.cotsonline.org.

Many businesses, organizations, and individuals help sponsor the Walk. All costs are covered by

