

calendar: august 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

Friday 1

BURLINGTON - Outright VT - Friday Night Group. 7-8:30PM. Burlington Friday Night Group, Ages 22 and under. A little bit social, a little bit support. Free Pizza & barrier demos the first Friday of the month. 7-8:30pm 187 St. Paul St. Burlington, VT 800-GLB-CHAT or info@outrightvt.org or www.outrightvt.org

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 for more information.

WAITSFIELD - Vermont Festival of the Arts. The Vermont Festival of the Arts, takes place August 1-17 in the Mad River Valley. The seventeen-day program includes music, dance, theater, cinema, visual arts, open studios, culinary events, kids activities and much more. Prices for events range from free to \$40. For specific times, dates, events and pricing, visit www.vermontartfest.com.

WESTON - Weston Playhouse - Ragtime. July 31 to Aug 17. The Tony winning musical, Ragtime, by Terrence McNally, Stephen Flaherty & Lynn Ahrens. Vermont Premiere. The largest production ever to appear on the Weston stage, Ragtime captures the tumultuous spirit at the dawn of the 20th century, intertwining in glorious song the stories of upper crust, immigrant, and African-American families. Box office 802-824-5288, e-mail info@westonplayhouse.org or download the ticket order form on the theatre's website at www.westonplayhouse.org

Saturday 2

GLENS FALLS, NY - Gay Day at The Great Escape. 10AM-10PM. Come join your friends and the Council for a Great Gay Day. \$40 admission includes b-b-q picnic, free soda all day and all

rides and Splash Water Kingdom. Benefit for Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community Council. FMI: www.cdgccc.org

MONTREAL, QC - Divers/ Cité - Community Day. 11AM-5PM. Community Day is an all-day, popular outdoor community fair that gives you the chance to meet those who actively promote queer culture in Quebec. Dozens of community and advocacy groups are on hand and a number of spectacular performances are presented throughout the day. 11AM - 5 PM St. Catherine Street, between St. Denis and St. Hubert, and Berri Street, between René-Lévesque and de Maisonneuve

MONTREAL, QC - Divers/ Cité - Mascara, la nuit des drags. 8PM. Replete with the highest of heels, the wildest of wigs, and chock full of attitude, Mascara features the most visually stunning and complex drag numbers the city has ever seen. Over 80 costumed artists performed for a crowd of 30,000 in 2002. Berri Street, at Ontario

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Sunday 3

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 - RU12 - Womynnetplay. 4-7PM. Womynnetplay seeks to build a community of queer womyn by connecting womyn with each other, to Vermont resources and the RU12? Community Center, 1 Steele Street, Burlington. We invite womyn to attend our events, bring their thoughts and ideas to planning Womynnetplay activities and enjoy the Vermont queer community.

Womynnetplay strives to create social network opportunities for queer womyn. We meet every other Sunday during the womyn's social group at RU12? to plan upcoming events, hang out and socialize. For more information, contact 860-7812 or e-mail thecenter@ru12.org

BURLINGTON - Vermont Gay Social Alternatives - Weekly Volleyball. 6-8PM. At Edmonds Middle School. A \$5 contribution is asked to help cover the cost of renting the gym. Check out vgsa.com

MONTREAL, QC - The Divers/Cité Parade. 12PM-11PM. The moment everyone has been waiting for. Montrealers of all orientations take to the streets to express their colorful belief in the importance of diversity. Remember the minute of silence at 1:30 PM, René-Lévesque Boulevard, from Guy to St. Denis. After the parade, dance in the street with your friends (both old and new) to celebrate the best day of the year. Local and international DJs. From after the parade until 11 PM

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Monday 4

BURLINGTON - Outright VT - BLARG. 6-8PM. B.L.A.R.G. (Big Loud Awesome Resource Group) 6-8pm: Collage making! Come paste, cut and create! All sexual orientated & identified folk ages 22 and under can attend. 187 St. Paul St. Burlington, VT 800-GLB-CHAT or info@outrightvt.org www.outrightvt.org

MONTPELIER - Survivors of Incest Anonymous - Meeting. 6-7PM. At the UCC Bethany Church in Montpelier on Main Street (on the right, just past Ben & Jerrys if you are coming from the interstate). Every Monday in the Blue Door Room, come in front door go to the Basement, stairs on left, then to the end of the hall to the room with the blue door. FMI: 229-2153 or 454-7822

Vermont Public TV - In the Life - War Stories. 12-1AM. Hosted by "NYPD Blue" star Bill Brochtrup, "War Stories," delves into the fantasy world of gay

comic book superheroes, visits the support network provided by COLAGE (Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere) and explores Antarctica with the very first women to make this trek. ITL also reports on gays in the military and the "don't ask, don't tell" policy as well as profiles two documentaries--award-winning filmmaker Yvonne Welbon's "Living With Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100" and HBO's "Ruthie & Connie" by filmmaker Deborah Dickson.

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Tuesday 5

BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2? - Proud and Sober GLBTAA. 7PM. Proud and Sober, the GLBT-friendly Alcoholics Anonymous group, meets regularly at the R.U.1.2? Community Center, 1 Steele Street, Burlington, every Tuesday evening. For more information, contact 860-7812 or e-mail thecenter@ru12.org.

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Wednesday 6

BURLINGTON - Outright VT - Drop-Ins. 6-8PM. Queer Life in South Africa: Have you ever wanted to travel the world, but worried about how to manage it being GLBTQ & out? Hannah has just returned from a year living in South Africa. Come hear her stories about queer culture in South Africa, discuss the similarities and differences from here, and find resources on international travel for GLBTQ folks. Ages 22 and under. 187 St. Paul St. Burlington, VT 800-GLB-CHAT or info@outrightvt.org or www.outrightvt.org

HINESBURG - VGSA - Weekly Volleyball. 6-8PM. Russell Farm in Hinesburg. Donation. Contact vgsa@hotmail.com or visit www.vgsa.com.

ST. JOHNSBURY - Vermont CARES - Needle Exchange. 3-6PM. Needle exchange walk in hours every Wednesday at Vermont CARES 1235

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TOAS Online Portfolio

Theatre on a Shoestring (TOAS) is offering local and regional actors the opportunity to have their portfolio on their website.

TOAS will create a special webpage with the actor's name, pictures, resume, and more to give them extra exposure to local and regional theatre companies. Add pictures, update your resume, and change info as needed throughout the contracted period. The cost is \$20.

Anyone who starts a webpage before September 1 will receive an additional year of service FREE!!

If you are interested in finding out more about this service or to

start a webpage, contact TOAS at info@theatreshoe.com with Portfolio Info in the subject line or mail to Portfolio Info, c/o TOAS, PO Box 1012, Burlington, VT 05402-1012.

Samara Grants & Thanks

Vermont high school seniors Alan Blakely of Colchester, Rachael Morgan of Rutland, and Anna Telensky of Jericho will be receiving \$1,000 Samara Scholarships for 2003.

Three more Vermont high school seniors were presented with the Samara Foundation Notable Student Award: Lauren Coppola of Essex Junction, Jacob Crumline of Norwich, and Ashley Hensel-Browning of

Cavendish.

Fourteen Vermont high school seniors have been recognized as Samara Scholars, students who oppose discrimination and prejudice and stand for the elimination of homophobia in our society, since the awards were established in 2000.

Samara has awarded grants this year totaling \$22,000 to thirteen organizations serving the Vermont lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Samara first awarded grants in 1998 and now has awarded over \$150,000 throughout the state.

These organizations provide services in the arts, HIV prevention, youth services, education, media devel-

opment, health and community service, social service and initiatives addressing same-sex domestic violence.

Estrogen Fest and Burlington's Fletcher Free Library are new grantees for this cycle. Estrogen Fest was awarded \$500 to help produce their annual weekend of women's films and performances. This year's festival brought in over 500 people, screened 14 films, and featured 13 performances and 12 speakers. The Fletcher Free Library will be using the \$600 grant received from Samara to help implement the "Free to Read" book group, funding a program never before offered: a book group for teens to discuss literature that includes

LGBTQ characters and themes.

Other grantees include: \$1,600 to the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont; Vermont CARES \$1,600; the Vermont People with AIDS Coalition \$1,250; Outright Vermont \$4,500; the New England Network for Child, Youth and Family Services in Charlotte \$1,000; \$750 to New Victoria Publishers to help produce an online catalogue of books and videos; \$4,000 to Mountain Pride Media; \$1,300 to SafeSpace for violence prevention; \$2,000 to the Gay Lesbian Education and Resource Network (G/LEARN) in Norwich; \$1,900 R.U.1.2? Community Center; and a \$1,000 grant to Pride Vermont.