calendar: january 2005

To announce an event in our monthly calendar, e-mail it to calendar@mountainpridemedia.org, or write us at: POB 1122, Burlington, VT 05402.

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

Sunday 2

BURLINGTON - First Unitarian Universalist Society of Burlington. 10:25am Family Service; 11:00am Adult Service. 152 Pearl St., Burlington 862-5630. www.uusociety.org.

BURLINGTON - Christ Church Presbyterian - Sunday Service. Every Sunday from 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. CCP is located on UVM Redstone Campus between the water tower and the Catholic Center.

BURLINGTON - The Queer Liberation Army holds its weekly meeting on Sundays at 4 PM at 135 Pearl. www.queerlibarmy.org.

BURLINGTON - VGSA - Gay Volleyball, 6-8pm @Christ the King School, Burlington, VT \$5 Sundays, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 Call Guy@272-2000 for more info.

WESTON - Vermont Youth Soloists in OTW Production. Vermont youth soloists: Everett Irving(son of John Irving), Corey Hayes, Spencer Murdoch, Willy Appelman will appear in Opera Theatre of Weston's Amahl and the Night Visitors and The Chichester Psalms. Co-producers and artistic directors Nan Nall & Lise Messier Guest conductor Karen Keltner (San Diego Opera) Jan 2-5 in Weston; Jan 7-9 in Rutland. For tix to Paramount Theatre, Rutland, VT productions call 802-775-0903. For further info on the event call OTW at 802-824-3821.

VERMONT - VPT - In the Life. 11 pm: Emmy and Tony award-winning actress Laura Linney (Kinsey,

P.S.) hosts In the Life. Explores LGBT representation on the small screen in "Image Conscience." Interviews include RuPaul, Sonja Sohn of HBO's "The Wire", Museum of Television and Radio curator Barry Monush, and Queer in America author and Sirius Q radio host Michelangelo Signorile. In "BENDING REALITY", ITL explores the evolution of reality television as it relates to LGBT representation. In "OUT TAKES", ITL's resident commentator Harvey Fierstein calls our community out in "Where is Your Anger?" For more information, go to our web site at http://itl.tv.

Monday 3

MONTPELIER - Survivors of Incest Anonymous – Meeting at 6:00 PM. At the UCC Bethany Church in Montpelier on Main Street (on the right, just past Ben & Jerry's if you are coming from the interstate). FMI: 229-2153 or 454-7822.

WESTON - Vermont Youth Soloists; See Sun. 1/2

Tuesday 4

BENNINGTON - The Turning Point Club — Overeaters. For more information, go to: www.oa.org ...Or come and check out the meeting for yourself Tuesday nights from 6:30–7:30 pm at the Turning Point Club, 465 Main Street, Bennington, VT. Or call 442-9700 for more info or to be connected with someone from OA.

BRATTLEBORO - AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - Syringe Exchange AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - Syringe Exchange 6:00-9:00 PM. At the Brattleboro Drop-In Center, 60 South Main Street. Anonymous. FMI call 802-254-8263. BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2.? - Proud and Sober. Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. GLBT-friendly and affirming Alcoholics Anonymous group meeting

ESSEX CENTER - Essex Community Players will hold open auditions for Lend Me A Tenor, a comedy by Ken Ludwig, on January 4 and 5, 2005 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall in Essex Center. Cast (four men, four women) and crew positions are available in this show-business farce about an operatic impersonation and countless cases of mistaken identity. Email bobcady1@adelphia.net, or visit www.essexplayers.com.

GT. BARRINGTON, MA - PFLAG Southern Berkshire - Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Hevreh of Southern /Berkshire, 270 State Rd., Gt. Barrington. Film: "Homophobia in the Workplace". Educator and writer Brian McNaught shares a skilled explanation of the losses to everyone when homophobia exists at the workplace, at school, or anywhere in our society- and offers keys to overcoming it. Free popcom! Discussion follows. FMI call Judy, 413.243.2382.

WEST DUMMERSTON VILLAGE - West Street Arts - Latin Tuesdays. West Street Arts' new Latin Dance Series starts at 7:00 running for eight weeks. Ray Warren continues as instructor . The fee for the series is \$40 dollars . Call Ray at 348-6671 for info. Drop ins OK; single or w/partner. We are in West Dummerston Village 5 minutes north of Bratt just off route 30 behind the Mobil Station in the former West Dummerston Grange.

WESTON - Vermont Youth Soloists. See Sun, 1/2

Wednesday 5

BURLINGTON - R.U.1.2.? - Trans Social and

Support Group. First Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Looking for peer support among other transgendered folks? Need a safe space to relax and be yourself? Check out this group meeting at R.U.1.2?

ESSEX CENTER - Essex Community Players - Auditions. See Tuesday 4th for more information.

PITTSFIELD, MA - BSCC - Potluck Dinner. 7:00 p.m. Unitarian-Universalist Church, 175 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Open to the GLBTQ community and friends. FMI 413.243.8484.

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

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

WESTON - Vermont Youth Soloists. See 1/2

Thursday 6

BURLINGTON - What the Folk? Music Series.
AARON FLINN & MARY PATTERSON! Plr. e:
135 Pearl, Burlington, VT. Time: 8pm. Cover: \$7
at the door. Info: 802-238-9754 / 802-863-2342.
www.aaronflinn.com, www.135pearl.com,
www.gregorydouglass.com. Vermont's own Aaron
Flinn & Mary Patterson will present a night of contemporary, original compositions as part of the
What The Folk? Music Series at 135 Pearl Street

community compass

T.H.E. Men's Art Show Success On Friday December 3

On Friday, December 3,
Brattleboro area Gallery Walk
denizens treated themselves to an
extra gallery showing in record
numbers – the one-night-only
Men@Art exhibit organized by
T.H.E. Men's Program. Five local
artists from the gay/bisexual men's
community exhibited work in a variety of mediums, and the community enthusastically came out to view

"We selected the first
Friday in December for our event
specifically to coincide with
Brattleboro's monthly Gallery Walk
event," stated Glenn Johnson,
T.H.E. Men's Program Coordinator.
"We wanted to provide as much
exposure as possible for our

artists, and raise the profile of our program. We were so pleased to see such a broad representation from the community coming up to view the local gay and bi men's artwork."

The five artists represented in the show included John McBee, Perry Kroeger, Robert Shannon, Ken Nikolai, and Austin Prentiss. The Community Room at the offices of the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont, the parent organization of T.H.E. Men's Program, was transformed for the night into an art gallery with the help of Dennis Vincent, Interior Designer. The artists responded to a call for submissions put out by the program starting in late summer. "This event took a lot of plan-

ning," said Johnson, "but it was so worth it."

The popular event was conceived by the Core Group, a group of volunteers from around Windham County who assist T.H.E. Men's Program in organizing monthly community-building events. Already conversations have begun to make the event a yearly occurrence.

For more information, contact Glenn Johnson at men@sover.net or 802-254-8263.

Discussion of the Month

HOTFlashes, the newsletter of T.H.E. Men's Program, has begun a Question and Answer Forum. We are raising questions from the men's community in each month's issue, then publishing answers and discussion in the following month. For January, the topic is aging in the gay/bi men's community. We hear a lot about ageism in the gay community, and the constant focus on and obsession with youth. We'd love to start a dialogue about this, and hear what men's experiences are with this issue. Please respond to the following:

"How are you experiencing growing older in the gay community? Do you feel the gay community is hopelessly stuck on trying to 'stay young', or is this an outdated stereotype?"

And for guys who fall in that 'young men' age range, however you define it, please send in your thoughts on this topic, too.

Send responses or questions for the Q&A Forum to eflash@sover.net or HFQ&A, POB 1486, Brattleboro VT 05302.

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