

Anti-gay Comedy Album Ignites Protest

Burlington lesbians and gay men should make themselves aware of Sam Kinison's presence in Burlington on November 2 at the Memorial Auditorium to perform material from his new anti-gay, anti-women, racist comedy album marketed by Warner Brothers Records.

Kinison's "Have You Seen Me Lately?" is the highest charting comedy album of the past decade according to Billboard magazine.

The segment which has drawn the most outrage is the following: "

Safe sex? God damn those fucking bastards," Kinison shouts to a cheering crowd. "Get off our backs! Because a few fags fucked a few monkeys...they got so bored...their own assholes weren't enough. They had to go into the fuckin' jungle and grab some fuckin' monkey and fuck him in the ass and bring us back the plague of the 80s. Thanks guys. And because of this shit they want us to wear rubbers? Do we like rubbers, guys?"

"No," the audience shouts back.

"No, we hate'em," he bellows, as he continues to talk about "these

fags...dropping like flies."

Warner Brothers apparently had reservations about this routine but decided to release it with stickers on the album stating that "some employees at Warner Brothers disassociate themselves with this work."

After outrage began building about the album, a meeting was called between Warner Bros. and a coalition of gay and AIDS groups. The coalition demanded that the record be pulled from circulation or at least re-edited.

The record company decided instead to insert an AIDS educational flyer in new copies of the record. Activists say this is not satisfactory.

Members of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACTUP) are brainstorming action plans against Warner Bros. Possibilities include a boycott, demands for a public apology with Kinison present and substantial donations to a gay anti-violence, anti-defamation or anti-homophobia group, and dogging Kinison on his promotional tour

around the country.

Actress Whoopi Goldberg and Mothers Against Drunk Driving have also been very active in confronting Warner Bros. (Kinison asserts on the album that drunk driving should be "left to the experts.")

Sales of the record are being boosted by a heavily played video of the one song on the album, a heavy metal remake of the Troggs' 1969 hit "Wild Thing," starring Jessica Hahn. Kinison is an ex-child preacher.

Protests to Warner Bros. can be made to the following address: Mo Ostin, Chairman, Warner Bros. Records, 3300 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91510.



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