

MARCH/APRIL 2010

MARCH EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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asks Metzgar. Playwright Ann Marie Healy knits a thrilling tale that reminds us how impossible it is to predict the course of future events. As we all know, even the best-intentioned change can turn into a runaway train. For tickets, visit about-face-theatre.com or call 866.811.4111.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 6**COH Family Playdates; 10am**

First Saturday of every month.

CenterFamily welcomes families to come together for a fun & informal monthly gathering to simply play & have a great time in a welcoming environment. This FREE event offers parents & children a chance to make new friends and talk about the challenges & joys of being a part of the LGBT Family Community.

Discover Dance ©, COH Families in partnership with Hubbard Street Dance; 11am

Come out with us to dance together at Hubbard Street's unique family workshops where parents and children experience dance as they participate in a variety of movement activities, culminating in the creation of a new family dance all your own. Registration ends Friday, March 5. Please call Hubbard Street Dance Chicago at 312.850.9744 to RSVP. \$5

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7

aChurch4Me? MCC Worship Celebration; 11am

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On the Red Carpet: Center on Halsted Oscar Party 2010; 6pm

Co-Chairs Judi Gorman, Wayne Harth and Gregory Hyder cordially invite you to a glamorous evening to benefit the programs of Center on Halsted.

Fairmont Chicago, Millennium Park Hotel
International Ballroom
200 N. Columbus Drive

6pm: Red Carpet Reception
7pm: Academy Awards Telecast
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
Attire: Absolutely Fabulous of Course!

Visit www.centeronhalsted.org to purchase tickets.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

"T" Talk; 5:30pm

This FREE event is a casual, peer-lead conversation group for those 18 years and older who either identify as transgendered or are dealing with a gender identity issue, moderated by Christina Kahrl (COH Transgender Program Volunteer Liaison).

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Microsoft Excel 2003, Level 1; 6:30pm

This class is designed for the beginning Excel user and includes:

- Understanding the Excel worksheet and basics of entering data
- Editing worksheets, opening, closing and saving files
- Formatting worksheets and copy & paste
- Creating and entering basic functions in cells
- Previewing and printing worksheet data

Pre-registration required. \$15. Sliding scale available.

Call 773.661.0730 to register. Meets once a week for three weeks: 3/9, 3/16, 3/23.

Legal Seminar - LGBT Immigration & Asylum; 7pm - 9pm

In partnership with National Immigrant Justice Center - A Heartland Alliance Partner

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FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Microsoft PowerPoint 2003, Level 1; 3pm

This class is designed for the beginning PowerPoint user and includes: creating a presentation, working with text in slides, working with slides, using design templates, different presentation views, and printing presentations. Pre-registration required.

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THE GALLERIES AT CENTER ON HALSTED PRESENT ARTISTS ZULEYKA BENITEZ AND TONY KOKES OPENING; 6:30pm

The Galleries at Center on Halsted will present artist Zuleyka Benitez in a show entitled "Narrative Interiors" in its second floor gallery and artist photographer Tony Kokes presents "Elemental: Photographs by Tony Kokes" in its third floor gallery space. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 12 from 6:30pm – 9:30pm at Center on Halsted, located at 3656 N. Halsted in Chicago. The exhibits will run through April 19, 2010. \$5.

SAGE Women's EarlyBird NightClub; 7pm - 9:30pm

This special event showcases a variety of women-focused entertainment. Come out and experience an exciting night of the local talent in Chicago and meet other LBTQ-identified mature women. Drinks, dancing, in bed by 10! A \$10 suggested donation includes a drink ticket and price of entry—alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available. RSVP required. Call Jay Very at 773.472.6469 #497 or email at jvery@centeronhalsted.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

H.E.R. Day: Health, Education and Recreation for Women; 9am - 4:30pm

Join us for a day promoting women's health. Engage your mind and body through a variety of workOUT fitness classes. Get heart-healthy with cooking demos by talented women

chefs or receive CPR certification! Workshops include HIV/STD awareness, nutrition, communication skills and specific issues facing women of color, transgendered women and mature women. Registration will be available beginning in February. Email women@centeronhalsted.org for more information.

Legal Considerations for Life Partners; 1pm

The workshop will cover legal issues unique to the gay and lesbian community, including legal separations for life partners, estate planning and the use of life insurance as a financial planning tool. The event will be a panel presented by Golan & Christie LLP, The Law Offices of Louis R. Fine and New York Life. FREE. RSVP requested.

Introduction to Computers; 4pm

This class will teach participants how to get started with computers, the internet and email, all of which are becoming more and more vital to everyday living. This class is intended for the beginning computer user and assumes no previous experience with computers.

Pre-registration required. \$35. Sliding scale available.

Call 773.661.0730 to register. Class meets once a week for seven weeks Dates: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24.

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

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MONDAY, MARCH 15

SAGE Women's Awareness Month Monday Movie: The Killing of Sister George – 2pm - 4pm

When the soap opera character she portrays is about to be killed off, June "George" Buckridge (Beryl Reid) knows her acting days are numbered. But the only other work she can get is doing voice-overs for a children's TV show. Meanwhile, her predatory boss (Coral Browne) has her sights set on George's sexy girlfriend (Susannah York). One of the first films to address lesbianism, this movie also was one of the first to get slapped with an X rating.— From Netflix

Bisexual Movie Night; 7pm

3rd Monday, Monthly Beginning in March

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SAGE Planning Meeting; 3pm – 4:15pm

Everyone is welcome at this monthly planning session. Get involved! Have your say!

actOUT with Silk Road Theater; 7pm

Center on Halsted presents actOUT with Silk Road Theatre Project; an intimate conversation with OUT playwright and Artistic Director Jamil Khoury and OUT stage director Steve Scott, discussing their World Premiere “The DNA Trail” A Genealogy of Short Plays about Ancestry, Identity, and Utter Confusion. Tickets for actOUT with Silk Road Theatre Project at the Center are \$5 available at the door.

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SAGE Game Night; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come and play a familiar game or learn a new one. If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it along and teach it to the group. We'll have a few classic games on hand as well as some newer ones. Light refreshments.

T- OUT MIC; 7:30pm

A Trans-focused casual open-mic night welcoming all members of the LGBT and ally community, co-hosted by Jami Bantry of the Center and Lars Von Keitz (OutMusic) open to musicians, poets, speakers, and artists. Donations are encouraged to support community programs at COH. This event occurs every third Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Women's Awareness Month Friday Movie- Finger-smith; 6:30pm

Dark deeds and intrigue abound when petty thief Sue Trinder (Sally Hawkins) helps con man Richard Rivers (Rupert Evans) defraud a wealthy heiress, Maud Lilly (Elaine Cassidy), of her inheritance. But Trinder's plans are thwarted when she falls in love with Lilly. The tale twists as the young women are separated but come to realize the strength of their passion for each other in this BBC adaptation of Sarah Waters Booker's novel.-From Netflix

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Windy City Performing Arts Spring Concert ; 5pm

Join us for “It Might As Well Be Spring!” \$20 General Admission.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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COH and Femmes Write Porn Present ; 3:30pm

Center on Halsted, in partnership with Femmes Write Porn, is proud to present “Body Heat: the 4th National Femme Porn Tour” a national touring collective of Queer Femmes who perform erotic spoken word, dance, and song. In honor of Women's History Month, the Center encourages all women to turn the temperature up a notch and feel the body heat! Tickets are \$12 and available online at www.centeronhalsted.org

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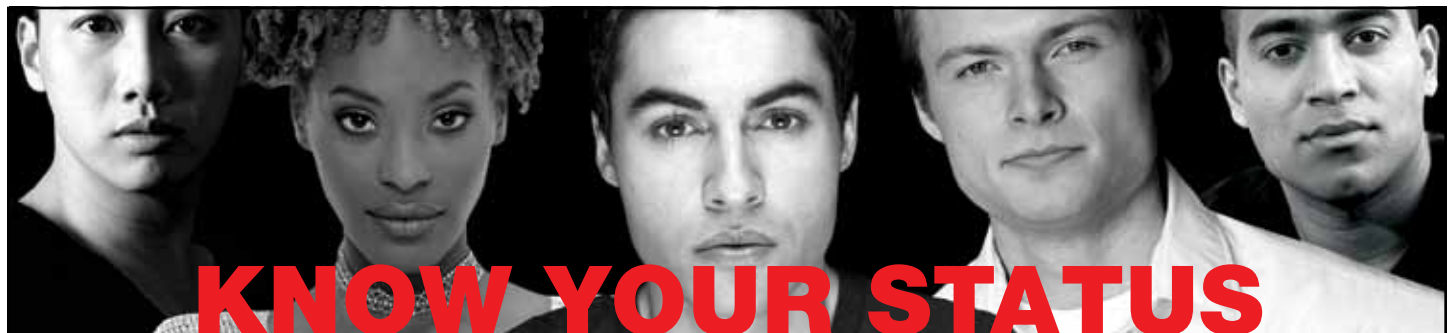
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WAC (Women's Action Committee); 7pm

4th Tuesday, Monthly

"WAC" is comprised of women dedicated to providing quality programming and community to LGBTQ women and their allies in the Chicago-land area. If you identify as a woman, then be the change you want to see in LGBTQ programming at Center on Halsted!

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Chicago Prime Timers/Center on Halsted Book Group; 7:30pm – 9pm

Book title is unavailable at present time. Please visit the Prime Timers' website for details at <http://www.primetimerswww.org/chicago/>

3656 Trans Ave., 6:30pm - 9pm

4th Wednesday, Monthly

Attend a FREE monthly seminar series on important issues for Trans folk 18+, such as transitioning in the workplace, and will address the concerns of both trans men and trans women alike.

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TRANcinema; 5:30pm - 9pm

4th Saturday, Monthly

A free casual, movie night for those 18+, who identify as transgender or have an interest in questions of gender identity. Stay afterwards for a discussion of the film.

Voces y Palabras: Journeys in Transition; 6pm

The Center, Amigas Latinas, La Dulce Palabra present a screening of "Palabras Dulces, Palabras Amargas" a 45 minute documentary featuring the work of La Dulce Palabra a multi-cultural, multi-generational Spoken Word Ensemble. Join us for a reception at 6pm followed by the film and a post film Q&A with the film maker and performers and then a "meet & greet" with book sales, signings and live performances. This program was developed through collaboration between Amigas Latinas and En Las Tablas Performing Arts Group. \$10 suggested donation.

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With a Job-Readiness Certificate you will have a competitive edge in the workplace. You will also create a resume and cover letter, develop interviewing skills and receive assistance in finding employment.

Many local employers are actively looking to hire graduates of this program! *Lunch will not be provided. Contact jmiller@centeronhalsted.org to register.

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If interested please contact Sixto Munoz, Client Services Coordinator at 773.472.6469 x 261 for more information.

SAFER SELF--VIOLENCE RECOVERY GROUP

Skill-building group for survivors of interpersonal violence--hate violence, domestic abuse, sexual assault/abuse-- we will focus on increasing attendees' abilities to self-soothe and utilize relaxation techniques when feeling overwhelmed. This group is open to attendees of any gender.

WHEN YOU CARE

Watching alcohol and/or drug use take over a friend, lover or family member's life is a painful and frustrating situation.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Safe and confidential forums for individuals to explore coming out, relationships, sexuality, health, wellness, identity, coping with stress and other issues in a supportive environment.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 7
INTERNATIONAL BALLROOM, 6PM
FAIRMONT CHICAGO MILLENNIUM PARK HOTEL

APRIL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

SAGE -Open Computer Lab; 1pm - 3pm

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THURSDAY, APRIL 8

SAGE Conversational Spanish; 10am – 11am

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SAGE Box Lunch Day; 11am - 1pm

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SAGE Intuitive Process Art Making; 1pm - 3:30pm

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Join Center on Halsted for Women's Speed Dating; 7pm

April's Speed Dating Event for women will be for women 35+ and the women who love them. Like a fine wine, it gets better with age!

ARRIVE between 6:30pm and 6:45 pm. First speed dating round begins at 7 pm. Rounds continue until everyone has had a chance to meet, or until 8:45pm, whichever comes first.

Tickets are \$12 @ door; \$10.00 advance purchase online. A cash bar will open at 6:45pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Learn About the Center on Halsted Youth Program; 3pm

Interested in learning about the youth program? Whether you are a youth, high school staff, social service provider or a funder, this day is for you to learn all that is offered in the youth program at Center on Halsted.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2003, Level 2; 4pm

Pre-registration required. This class is designed for the inter-

mediate PowerPoint user.

\$15. Sliding scale available.

Call 773.661.0730 to register. Meets once a week for three weeks: 4/9, 4/16, 4/23.

Youth: In the Center of It; 5:30pm

This multi media exhibit features youth artists who explore themselves through materials, process and technique. Young artists give rise to issues of loss, grief, identity, empowerment, and transformation. This body of work is a powerful message of how ideas and creativity can turn manifest into a reality. Art making has become an action to get to the Center of issues that affect youth lives.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

aChurch4Me? MCC Worship Celebration; 11am

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13

SAGE Lunch; 12pm – 1pm

Join us for some coffee and conversation followed by lunch in the John Baran Senior Center.

SAGE Take Charge of Your Health; 1pm – 3:30pm

If you have an ongoing health condition such as a heart or lung disease, diabetes, chronic fatigue, or arthritis, and want to take control of your health to live a happier and healthier life, the Take Charge of Your Health workshop can help you. Contact Dana Bright at Rush University Medical Center at 312-942-7900 or email Dana_M_Bright@rush.edu.

SAGE Conversational French; 1pm – 2pm

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SAGE Discussion Group; 2pm – 3pm

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SAGE Open Art Studio; 1:15pm – 2:45pm

This is open studio time for artists or those wanting to experiment with art materials. Come and play!

Microsoft Word 2003, Level 2; 3pm

Pre-registration required. This class is designed for the intermediate Word user. Topics include: working with columns and tables; spelling and grammar; and find and replace.

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SAGE Game Night; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come and play a familiar game or learn a new one. If you have a favorite game, you are encouraged to bring it along and teach it to the group. We'll have a few classic games on hand as well as some newer ones. Light refreshments.

Microsoft Excel 2003, Level 1; 2pm

This class is designed for the beginning Excel user and includes:

- Understanding the Excel worksheet and basics of entering data
- Editing worksheets, opening, closing and saving files
- Formatting worksheets and copy & paste
- Creating and entering basic functions in cells
- Previewing and printing worksheet data

Pre-registration required. \$15. Sliding scale available.

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T- OUT MIC; 7:30pm

A Trans-focused casual open-mic night welcoming all members of the LGBT and ally community, co-hosted by Jami Bantry of the Center and Lars Von Keitz (OutMusic) open to musicians, poets, speakers, and artists. Donations are encouraged to support community programs at COH.

This event occurs every third Thursday of the month.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

SAGE Youth Awareness Month Event, Friday Movie – But I'm a Cheerleader; 6:30pm - 8:30pm

In this hilarious satire, Megan Bloomfield (Natasha Lyonne) lives a "normal" teen life as a cheerleader dating the captain of the football team. But her parents and friends suspect

Megan is gay because of “clues,” such as her distaste for kissing her boyfriend. Shipped off to True Directions -- a camp designed to shove her back in the closet -- Bloomfield meets tomboy Graham Eaton (Clea DuVall), who helps her recognize her sexual orientation. -From Netflix

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MONDAY, APRIL 19

SAGE Youth Awareness Month Event, Monday Movie – Whole New Thing; 2pm

Emerson Thorsen (Aaron Webber) has been homeschooled by hippie parents in a household with few boundaries. So when the teenager begins to attend a public school, he isn't familiar with acceptable social rules, which causes a problem when Emerson develops a crush on Don Grant (Daniel MacIvor), his English teacher. Rebecca Jenkins and Robert Joy also star in this offbeat coming-of-age story. -From Netflix

Bisexual Movie Night; 7pm

3rd Monday, Monthly Beginning in March

A casual FREE movie night. This is an event for bisexuals, bi-curious, and bi-allies to form community, share ideas and connect with peers. Come out and help build the bi community!

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

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SAGE Planning Meeting; 3pm – 4:15pm

Everyone is welcome at this monthly planning session. Get involved! Have your say!

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OUTwrite (an LGBT literary series) presents “Boyhoods: Rethinking Masculinities” with author Ken Corbett; 5pm

Center on Halsted (in partnership with UNABRIDGED BOOKS) presents a reading & book-signing of “Boyhoods: Rethinking Masculinities”, with author Ken Corbett. An insightful book about gender and what it means to be a man (and a boy) through the lens of feminist and queer theory. Sound heavy? It is quite the opposite. Although Corbett journeys through some heavy duty psychoanalytical thought, this is an amusing, accessible and ultimately groundbreaking assessment of gender that even a layman like me can grasp.

Tickets are \$8 at the door; \$6 advance online (\$5 - RUSH DISCOUNT - door only for Student/Senior discount with valid I.D.) Tickets and a percentage of book sales support community & cultural programs at an affordable price for the LGBT community.

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April Showers: Youth Awareness Awards; 6pm

Center on Halsted Youth Program recognizes the supporters, leaders and activities of the LGBTQ youth community. The event will also feature performances by the many talented youth in the community.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

TRANcinema; 5:30pm-9pm

4th Saturday, Monthly

A free casual, movie night for those 18+, who identify as transgender or have an interest in questions of gender identity. Stay afterwards for a discussion of the film.

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SAGE Bingo; 2:00pm – 3:00pm

A friendly game with fun prizes!

WAC (Women's Action Committee); 7pm

4th Tuesday, Monthly

“WAC” is comprised of women dedicated to providing quality programming and community to LGBTQ women and their allies in the Chicago-land area. If you identify as a woman, then be the change you want to see in LGBTQ programming!

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Chicago Prime Timers/Center on Halsted Book Group; 7:30pm – 9pm

Book title is unavailable at present time. Please visit the Prime Timers' website for details at <http://www.primetimersww.org/chicago/>

3656 Trans Ave., 6:30pm - 9pm

4th Wednesday, Monthly

Attend a FREE monthly seminar series on important issues for Trans folk 18+, such as transitioning in the workplace, and will address the concerns of both trans men and trans women alike.

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Men's Speed Dating at Center on Halsted; 7pm

No special spark across the Internet? Long, wasted evenings with those just-not-happening blind dates? Time for some real-time, fun-time SPEED DATING at Center on Halsted (located at 3656 N Halsted. Street - Chicago, IL); co-sponsored by Out Alumni Chicago, the Chicagoland Gay and Lesbian Singles Meetup and the Chicago Professionals Meetup.

Speed Dating event price: \$12 (at door) Online form coming soon. (Cash bar opens at 6:45).