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Transgender Day of Remembrance—Share Your Story

It's difficult to share life's experiences with people you don't know very well, let alone in some situations, people you don't know at all. Let's be honest, it can be difficult to even share thoughts and feelings with even the people you've known for a longtime! It's definitely a common thread which many transgender people would quickly shake their head in agreement with. The fear of sharing is only one tie that binds us together. On Thursday, November 19, 2008 our community will be immersed in the 10th annual Transgender Day of Remembrance. We will be honoring our brothers and sisters whom we have lost by way of violence, either, inflicted upon them by someone or self-inflicted violence (i.e. suicide).

TransOhio is asking members of the transgender and ally community to share a story of how violence has touched your life or someone close to you. Share part of a story. Share the whole story. Or, only share a name. The most important thing to remember is that this Day of Remembrance is an opportunity to give a lasting tribute to those individuals who are no longer able to share with us the joys of life.

From the responses we get, we'll be asking people to share their story with those in attendance at our Transgender Day of Remembrance event. If you're not comfortable standing in front of a crowd and talking about your experience, please do not let that keep you from sharing. Board members from TransOhio are willing to share your story, your experience, on your behalf. For those who wish to keep their anonymity, we definitely respect and understand that some people need that. When we share your experience, personal details won't be mentioned.

This year we'll also have a "memory book" available so that all attendees can write in— a name, a drawing, a message to those that they wish to honor and pay tribute to.

If you're interested in sharing your story, please email us at TransOhio@gmail.com.

TransOhio Welcomes IDKE X Presenters & Attendees



The week will include a film festival, workshops, performances, workshops and receptions! Presenters include Joelle Ruby Ryan, Shane Morgan, Lyle Blake and Logan Grimes, Julie Applegate, Donna Troka, Heidi Madsen, Debra Kate, Lazlo Pearlman, Molly Landreth, Kristin Kurzawa, Kristin Nelson and more!

On Friday, October 17, 2008, TransOhio will be hosting a hospitality hour from 4:30pm-6pm at James' Club 88 Piano Bar & Café, located at 55 W Long Street, in Downtown Columbus.

Registration is open for this spectacular weeklong celebration. For more information about events, presenters, workshops, and to register, visit the IDKE X website at www.idkex.com!

Time flies doesn't it? Now in its 10th year, the International Drag King Extravaganza returns to its roots: Columbus, Ohio! During the week of October 16-19, 2008, our city will be host to gender-queer and transgender identified people from all over the world.



Local & National Calendar of Events

October 2008

- TransOhio TG Support Group, Wednesday, October 1, 2008. 7pm. The Center on High. Columbus, Ohio.
- Warhol First Sundays Drag Day, Sun., Oct, 5, 2008. 1pm-5pm. Wexner Center. Columbus.
- TransOhio - Hospitality @ IDKE X. Friday, October 17, 2008. 4:30pm-6pm. James' Club 88 Piano Bar & Café. Page 1.
- Coyote Grace and Melissa Ferrick performance. Visit www.idkex.com for performance information.
- IDKE X. October 16-19, 2008. Columbus, Ohio. Visit www.idkex.com for more information.
- TransOhio Monthly Meeting. Sunday, October 19, 2008. 3pm. The Center on High.
- CD Support Group Halloween Party. Saturday, October 25, 2008. Delaware, Ohio. Email Cd-talk@crossohio.org for more info.
- Paper Dolls, Monday, October 20, 2008. 7:30pm ~ Gish Theatre, 105 Hanna Hall at Bowling Green State University

November 2008

- Daylight Savings—Fall Back! Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Don't forget to VOTE!
- TransOhio TG Support Group, Wednesday, November 5, 2008. 7pm. The Center on High. Columbus, Ohio.
- Transgender Day of Remembrance Hosted by La Garou. Saturday, November 15, 2008. 9pm. Warehouse Bar. Toledo, Ohio.
- TransOhio Monthly Meeting. Sunday, November 16, 2008. 3pm. The Center on High.
- WOUBI CHÉRI, Monday, November 17, 2008. 7:30pm ~ Gish Theatre, 105 Hanna Hall at Bowling Green State University
- 10th Transgender Day of Remembrance. Columbus, Ohio. Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 7pm. King Avenue Church.
- Transgender Awareness Days 2008, November 17-21, 2008. Bowling Green State University.
- TransOhio Thanksgiving Dinner. Thursday, November 27, 2008. Details TBA.

December 2008

- TransOhio TG Support Group, Wednesday, December 3, 2008. 7pm. The Center on High. Columbus, Ohio.
- The Crystal Club Holiday Dinner. Saturday, December 13, 2008. Columbus, Ohio.
- TransOhio Monthly Meeting. Sunday, December 21, 2008. 3pm. The Center on High.
- TransOhio Holiday Gathering. Details TBA.

Find your polling location for the Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Visit <https://www.voteforchange.com/>

TransOhio TG Support Group

This is a peer led support group that meets at The Center on High (1160 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201) on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Open to all - FtM, MtF, Cross Dressers, Gender Queer, Intersexed, etc. Drop-ins welcome! Facilitated by TransOhio.

Questions? Email TransOhio@gmail.com or call (614) 441-8167.

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www.transohio.org

Political Candidate Forums for the GLBT Community

Thursday, October 2, 2008 ~ U.S. House of Representatives and Ohio Statehouse races.

Every Franklin County candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, Ohio Senate, Ohio House of Representatives, County Commissioner, Prosecutor, Court of Appeals, Common Pleas and Probate Court, Clerk of Court, Treasurer and Coroner has been invited to attend.

Each candidate will be given one minute to introduce themselves, followed by written questions from the audience read by a moderator. Each candidate will answer each question. Finally, each candidate will be given one minute at the end of the forum to offer a final remark.

The forums will be held at Stonewall Columbus, 1160 N. High Street in the Short North.

Each forum begins with a reception for the community to meet the candidates one-on-one from 6:30 to 7p.m. The formal candidate forums will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

These forums are sponsored for the benefit of the GLBT community by HRC, Stonewall Columbus, Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio, Log Cabin Republicans, Equality Ohio, SpeakOUT, OSU GLBT Alumni Society, Outlook Weekly and TransOhio.

The HRC has an Online Voter Registration Tool which makes filling out the voter registration form really easy to do! *So, there's NO EXCUSE!*

Visit http://www.hrc.org/laws_and_elections/register_to_vote.asp to use this tool!



**Last day to register to vote for the
general election is
Monday, October 6, 2008.**

NCTE voting information:

Overcoming Voting Obstacles: Resources for Transgender People

<http://nctequality.org/Resources/VotingObstacles.pdf>

NCTE Voting Info Website

http://nctequality.org/take_action/voting.html

Are you registered to vote?

TransOhio - Hospitality Hour @ IDKE X

Friday, October 17, 2008

Hospitality Hour hosted by TransOhio

4:30pm-6:00pm

James' Club 88 Piano Bar & Café

55 W Long St Columbus, OH (614) 223-1213

Free to attend. Cash bar in addition to complimentary hors d'oeuvres and 1 beverage.

Coyote Grace Comes Back To Columbus



Ingrid and Joe of Coyote Grace. Photo by By Trevor McKee

Girl meets Girl. Girl becomes Boy. Girl and Boy become a band. Meet COYOTE GRACE.

If you want a lesson in organic chemistry, take notes and watch the sparks fly between the acoustic downhome duo known as COYOTE GRACE. This old-timey salt & pepper shaker pair is comprised of Joe Stevens, a transman singer/songwriter from Northern California, backed up by Ingrid Elizabeth on vocals and upright bass, a sassy femme originally hailing from the hills of Southeastern Ohio. The two met while living in Seattle, and have been performing as a duo since December 2004, sharing the stage with bluegrass, old-time, folk rock, jazz, and cabarets alike.

Joe Stevens, who has been writing songs since the age of fifteen, comes from a lineage of studio singers and choral conductors, as well as old time rock & rollers. He received a Bachelor of Music from Cornish College of the Arts in 2004 with a focus on composition, while also composing music for modern dance & avant-garde theater.

Also heavily influenced by choral performance, Ingrid was

steeped in the world of musical theater, which armed her with a signature sound of brassy soul. Since relocating to the west coast, Ingrid has been involved with various musical ensembles, from bluegrass to psychedelic rock to choral groups, including eclectic acoustic stringband, Captain Gravel, and prairie bluegrass group, The Mike & Amy Finders Band.

Coyote Grace spent the entire year of 2007 touring the country in their 1978 Chevy RV, promoting their debut studio album. Aptly titled "Boxes & Bags", the album pays homage to the trademarks of their nomadic troubadour lifestyle, while subtly hinting at the weightless yet wearying baggage the soul bears everyday. "Boxes & Bags" features 12 original tracks of acoustic alt-folk sounds, weaving fabrics of upbeat folkgrass, front-porch blues, lovesick serenades, broody funk, and freight train folk rock into a curious tapestry conveying themes of transformation, introspection, and the impermanence of identity.

Coyote Grace is currently touring with singer-songwriter, Melissa Ferrick. Coyote Grace will open for Melissa Ferrick on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at Hughes Hall on the campus of The Ohio State University in Columbus!

For more information about Coyote Grace, visit them on the web at www.coyotegrace.com!

Coyote Grace & Melissa Ferrick
Thursday, October 16, 2008
Doors at 9pm, Show at 10pm
Hughes Hall - OSU Campus
1899 N. College Road
Columbus, OH

Warhol First Sundays Drag Day

Warhol First Sundays Drag Day

Sunday, October 5, 2008
1pm - 5pm
Wexner Center Galleries
1871 North High Street
Wexner Center for the Arts
Columbus Ohio 43210-1393

We're rolling out the red carpet on the first Sunday of every month, with free admission to Andy Warhol: Other Voices, Other Rooms for everyone plus hands-on workshops and other special events and activities to help you explore the wide world of Warhol. Activities are free and designed for visitors in their teens and up.

Our first Warhol Free Sunday focuses on ideas about identity and the art of drag—both of which have strong connections to Warhol's work. You can investigate those connections on interactive tours, catch a poetry reading by Peter Oresick from his Warhol-o-rama (a poem-by-poem serial portrait of the serial portrait pioneer) at 1 PM, and a drag show featuring a special performance by Nina West, 2008 National Entertainer of the Year, Virginia West, Alexis Stevens, Maria Garrison and the Rev from the Royal Renegades. You can also try drag yourself: we'll have make-up, wigs, and outfits to try on, or you can bring your own.

Gallery admission is free all day, 11am-6pm, and Cam's on Campus will be open from 11am to 4pm featuring a special brunch menu.

For more event information, visit <http://www.wexarts.org/ex/index.php?eventid=3259>

GenderBloc Launches *The Queer Canon*, a queer zine

The Queer Canon

by the badass whimsy^{IE} and other
fasciful freaks

The Queer Canon, is the very first queer publication to be created for the University of Cincinnati campus.

This first issue is part of a Queer Education initiative which was started by GenderBloc in 2006.

The Queer Canon will be published three times a year: September, January, and April.

Submissions are open, just check submission guidelines on the website! You can find it around campus and Cincinnati, or you can download it as a PDF file on GenderBloc's website at <http://queercanon.genderbloc.org>.

TransOhio would like to congratulate GenderBloc on launching their first issue of The Queer Canon!

TransNational TransGender: Films About Sexual Diversity from Across the Globe

A Film Series Sponsored by Transcendence at Bowling Green State University

Monday, October 20, 2008 @ 7:30 PM ~ Gish Theatre, 105 Hanna Hall

PAPER DOLLS (2006, 80 minutes. Directed by Tomer Heymann.)



After closing the border to Palestinian workers, Israeli authorities sought to fill gaps in the job market by enticing workers from other parts of the world. Among those who answered the call were Filipinos in various stages of gender transition. These individuals who see themselves in a female persona, shunned by their families and communities at home, build new lives in Israel as caregivers for elderly, orthodox Jewish men, many of whom come to look upon them as substitute children. On their nights off, the workers perform as a drag queen ensemble, "Paper Dolls," in Tel Aviv nightclubs.


Monday, November 17, 2008 @ 7:30 PM ~ Gish Theatre, 105 Hanna Hall

WOUBI CHÉRI (1998, 62 minutes. Directed by Laurent Bocahut & Philip Brooks.)



In this documentary, filmmaker Nguyen Trinh Thi follows Master Luu Ngoc Duc, one of the most prominent spirit mediums in Hanoi, and his vibrant community through their rituals and everyday life. The film explores how effeminate and gay men in homophobic Vietnam have traditionally found community and expression in the country's popular Mother Goddess Religion, Dao Mau.

For more information about Transcendence activities and events at Bowling Green State University, visit them at www.transbg.org



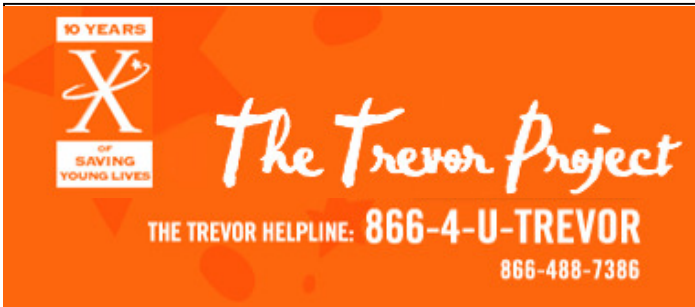
The Gay Ohio History Initiative invites you to:
**The History of Drag:
Remembering Berwick Ball**
a fundraiser for GOHI and OHS

The Gay Ohio History Initiative invites you to
"The History of DRAG"
Remembering the BERWICK Halloween Ball
Saturday, October 4, 2008
The Ohio Historical Society
I-71 at 17th Avenue, Columbus
7pm-11pm
Event goers are encouraged to dress in Costume, as your favorite gay person in history! or as they did in the Berwick Days - in Drag or Tux!
Tickets are \$50 or \$25 for Students!

GOHI's fundraiser is a costume/drag interactive event with multiple history displays, drag king and queen performances, dancing, heavy appetizers and a cash bar.
After party at LIQUID Night Club.

Tickets are available at <http://gohi.osuglbt.org>

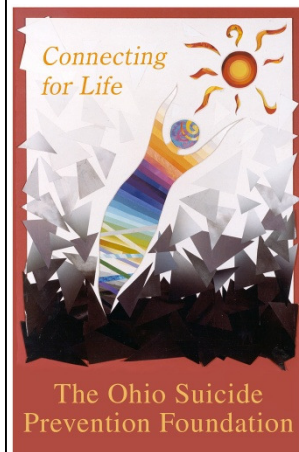
Suicide Prevention Resources



The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. If you or a friend are feeling lost or alone call The Trevor Helpline.

For more information about The Trevor Project, visit www.thetrevorproject.org.

If you are a youth who is feeling alone, confused or in crisis, please call 1-866-4-U-TREVOR. You'll be able to speak confidentially with a trained counselor 24/7.



The Foundation is a catalyst to eliminating the stigma attached to suicide, mental illness, substance abuse and addiction. Suicide is a major public health problem that kills 1,200 Ohioans each year with an average of three deaths per day. Suicide is preventable. Please join the Foundation in preventing suicide, restoring hope and connecting for life. For more information, visit www.ohiospf.org.

1900 Kenny Road,
Columbus, Ohio 43210
1-614-292-8585
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Feeling Suicidal? CALL 1-800-273-TALK(8255)

Helping in a Crisis

Do

- Reach out
- Ask questions
- Show that you care
- Encourage your friend to talk
- Listen without making judgments
- Talk openly about suicide
- Be positive
- Remain calm
- Ask direct questions: Are you planning on killing yourself? How? When? Where?
- Suggest people you can both turn to
- Know your limits
- Get help
- Act quickly if you think your friend is in danger

Don't

- Make your friend's problem sound unimportant\
- Act shocked
- Keep your friend's suicide plans a secret
- Try to take any weapon away from your friend
- Leave your friend alone when he or she is in crisis
- Assume that your friend is simply having a bad day
- Take on the responsibility of your friend's safety by yourself
- Stop being a good friend, no matter what
- Lose patience if your friend tries to reject your help
- Give up hope

Full document at <http://www.helppreventsuicide.org>.

The Stephanie Chaffin Fund

Please consider a donation to The **Stephanie Chaffin Fund** through TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus. This is another symbolic way of keeping Stephanie's name alive. This goal is deemed more meaningful in light of the way Stephanie's estranged and rejecting family chose to have a funeral where she was shown as a man. Your contribution no matter how small will be very welcome. At the end of each Stonewall TG support group meeting, we typically pass around an envelope to collect donations to help Stonewall. Stephanie, whose funds were clearly limited as a result of which she neglected and could not afford to take her heart medication, used to always empty her pockets of the change she had on her, which was at times as little as a few cents. Thus please contribute what you can as Stephanie did. Our goal is to have The Stephanie Chaffin Fund be used for a medical emergency for a transgender person, such as the kind of medical help Stephanie could have benefited from.

Donations for The Stephanie Chaffin Fund can now be made online through the TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus website. To donate to The Stephanie Chaffin Fund, visit <http://www.transohio.org/donate.html>. Donations made to this fund are tax-deductible through Stonewall Columbus.

For additional questions about making donations to The Stephanie Fund, please email us at TransOhio@gmail.com.

Upcoming Center on High Events

Stonewall Health Check

Free nurse-run wellness clinic on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Blood Pressure Screening, Nutrition Help, Glucose Screening, Referrals: Find health care providers that understand the GLBT community. ...and More! Help with organizing and understanding medications, assistance with compiling a family medical history, STD testing info, foot inspections, and advice to help you make the most of your health care.



TransOhio would like to thank our sponsors of the first TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium:

- The Center on High
- Union Bar + Food
- East Village
- The Apothecary Shops
- PFLAG-Columbus
- TransFamily of Cleveland
- Gender Diversity Program of Central Ohio
- The LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland
- Delaware Gay Straight Christian Alliance
- PRIDE The JP Morgan Chase Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Allies Employee Networking Group
- TruVoice
- Equality Ohio
- HRC
- OSU GLBT Student Services
- dkspecialties
- The Legacy Fund of The Columbus Foundation

Ohio Local Resources

- BRAVO (Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization): www.bravo-ohio.org
- Columbus AIDS Task Force: www.catf.net
- Central Ohio CD Support: www.crossohio.org
- Chi Lambda Epsilon, a Chapter of Tri Ess (Ohio & Western PA.): www.triess-cle.org
- COLAGE: www.colage.org
- CrossPort Cincinnati: www.transgender.org/crossprt
- Equality Ohio: www.equalityohio.org
- Gay People's Chronicle: www.gaypeopleschronicle.com
- Gender Dysphoria Program of Central Ohio: www.genderprogram.com
- GenderBloc: www.GenderBloc.org
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center: www.kaleidoscope.org
- Outlook News: www.outlooknews.com
- PFLAG Columbus: www.pflagcolumbus.org
- PFLAG Dayton: www.pflagdayton.org
- SpeakOUT: www.speakoutcols.org
- Stonewall Columbus: www.stonewallcolumbus.org
- The Apothecary Shop: www.theapothecaryshop.com
- The Alpha Omega Society: www.aosoc.org
- The Crystal Club: www.thecrystalclub.org
- Transcendence: www.transbg.org
- TransFamily of Cleveland: www.transfamily.org



Donate to TransOhio!

TransOhio operates under the umbrella of the Stonewall Columbus 501(c)3 status, which makes your monetary donation to TransOhio tax-deductible!

To make an online donation to TransOhio, visit our website at www.transohio.org/donate.html

Thank you for your support!

National Resources

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): www.aclu.org/lgbt
- FTM International: www.ftmi.org
- Hudson's FTM Resource Guide: www.ftmguide.org
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC): www.hrc.org
- InterPride: www.interpride.org/12/2008_Events.htm
- Out & Equal Workplace Advocates: www.outandequal.org
- National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE): www.nctequality.org
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF): www.theTaskForce.org
- PFLAG: www.pflag.org
- PFLAG's Transgender Network (TNET): www.pflag.org/tnet.html
- Queertransmen.org: www.queertransmen.org
- Tgcrossroads: www.tgcrossroads.org
- Transster.com: www.transster.com
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH): www.wpath.org



Do you have a local or national resource that you'd like listed in the TransOhio newsletter?
Please email your listing to TransOhio@gmail.com!

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