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Here's the official word on the Sky Gilbert Fundraiser....

For Immediate Release

Sky Gilbert Appears at Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery
Writer, filmmaker, director and drag queen extraordinaire... Sky Gilbert will be reading selections from his various works at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery on Sunday, May 24th 1998 at 2:00 p.m. This reading will be the third in a successful series of Canadian Playwrights sponsored by the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery this spring.

Following the reading the Clay & Glass Gallery and Out & About-Queer Radio will jointly sponsor an Ice Cream Social where audience members will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Gilbert and discuss his work. Tickets to the Ice Cream Social are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to the Region Pride Committee of Waterloo-Wellington to be used towards Tri-Pride 98...Waterloo Region's 1998 Pride festivities. One of Canada's most controversial artistic forces, Sky Gilbert's early years were dedicated mainly to his theatrical works. His hit plays Drag Queens on Trial and Drag Queens in Outer Space were produced in New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Houston, Phoenix, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Washington D.C. In all, Mr. Gilbert has had 14 plays published including The Dressing Gown and Playmurder and the anthology This Unknown Flesh. For the Shaw Festival, Mr. Gilbert directed Anything Goes, and Wilde's Salome in 1987. Mr. Gilbert received the Pauline McGibbon Award for directing in 1985 and Dora Mavor Moore Awards in both 1990 and 1992 for his plays The Whores Rev-nge and Suzie Goo: Private Secretary respectively.

Most recently, Mr. Gilbert has seen his non-theatrical writing burst into print. His poetry has been published in many anthologies including Eight Technologies of Otherness (Routledge 1997) and Plush (Coach House 1996). His first novel Guilty has just been published by Insomniac Press and ECW Press will publish his complete poems this fall. Mr. Gilbert's third film My Summer Vacation was recently presented at the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. He has recently completed his fourth film, I Am the Camera, Dying, and his newest play Independence will open at Summerworks Theatre Festival in August.

The regional broadcast team of OUT & ABOUT-Queer Radio is pleased to co-sponsor this unique community event. Every Monday evening, at 9pm on CKWR 98.5 fm...OUT & ABOUT profiles queer culture with news, views and reviews. Each hour-long broadcast highlights the topical issues that are affecting our community'. With feature reports, interviews, and live "call in" shows, OUT & ABOUT take an in depth look at the issues of society, culture, health, community and entertainment... keeping our listeners in touch with what's happening around the world and here at home.

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