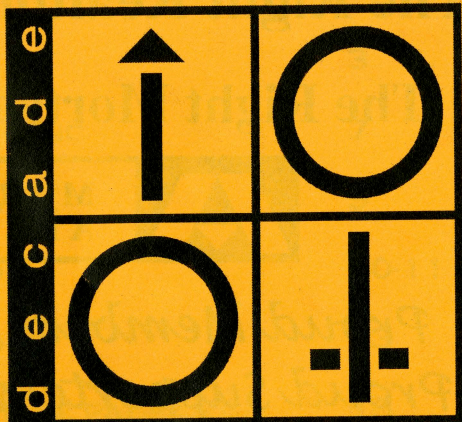


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May 28—June 5, 2005



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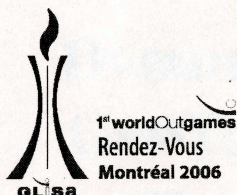
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The growth of Pride celebrations in this community over the past ten years has been phenomenal. Due to the dedication and support of: Pride committee members past and present, LGBT community groups, and local business sponsors, Pride in Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge has surmounted all the obstacles and challenges encountered in the past decade to become a successful and important annual event in our area.

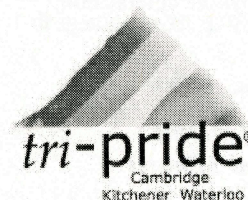
With a decade of Pride celebrations under our collective belt we have proven both our sustainability and legitimacy. Over the past ten years we have nurtured strong mutual working relationships within the local LGBT community, we have obtained the support of our municipal governments and the respect of many in the community at large. We as a group have all worked together to create the necessary foundation for the continued growth and success of tri- Pride. Ten years of Pride; that's an accomplishment we can all be proud of. Borrowing from a popular advertisement: We've come a long way, baby!

tri-Pride Community Association invites you to celebrate this milestone year by joining us in Victoria Park on Sunday, June 5th and by participating in the Pride events held throughout the week.

**HAPPY 10th ANNIVERSARY EVERYONE!**

Your 2005 tri-Pride Committee

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I am pleased to extend my heartfelt greetings to all participating in Pride Week, organized by the tri-Pride Community Association Inc., from May 28 to June 5, 2005.

Canadians take pride in the diversity of our country and regard it as a source of enrichment and strength. At the very founding of our nation was the idea that people of different backgrounds could work together to build a common home, in peace and security, while retaining their special and unique characteristics. As this idea gained strength in Canada, it summoned us to embrace the principles of tolerance, fairness and compassion while abandoning the element of bigotry and prejudice. By remaining steadfast to this fundamental principle, we have built a country where citizens can take great pride in the fact that we can be both different and equal at the same time.

As with anything precious, principles must be nurtured and protected. That is why we must remain vigilant and work to ensure that Canada remains an inclusive country, where people are able to forget common bonds in a spirit of good-will and mutual respect. This particular celebration is an excellent opportunity — not only for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community — but for all Canadians to reflect on these important principles that form the basis of our unity as a country.

Please accept my warmest regards and best wishes for a most enjoyable celebration.

**Paul Martin**  
Prime Minister

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to everyone participating in 2005 Pride Week festivities, especially on this 10th Anniversary year! We invite each of you to enjoy the many attractions this community has to offer and particularly Kitchener's outstanding hospitality.

Kitchener, and the entire region, has seen tremendous growth and development in the past decade. It is our ability to embrace change which allows us to expand, both in demographics and in diversity. While diversity has its challenges, the rewards are truly significant.

Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers, friends and family members for your hard work and support of the picnic and week long festival. Your commitment and contributions are appreciated by all in attendance.

On behalf of members of Kitchener City Council, best wishes for a successful week!

**Carl Zehr**  
Mayor  
City of Kitchener



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



On behalf of Council and the citizens of the City of Waterloo, I extend greetings to all those participating in Pride Week 2005.

Congratulations on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This year's theme "Decades" is a celebration of your past successes and present freedoms.

We live in a community whose citizens welcome the Canadian values of fairness, tolerance, respect, and equality. By working together, we can make Waterloo an even better place to live. We can celebrate our lives and diversities in an atmosphere favourable to all.

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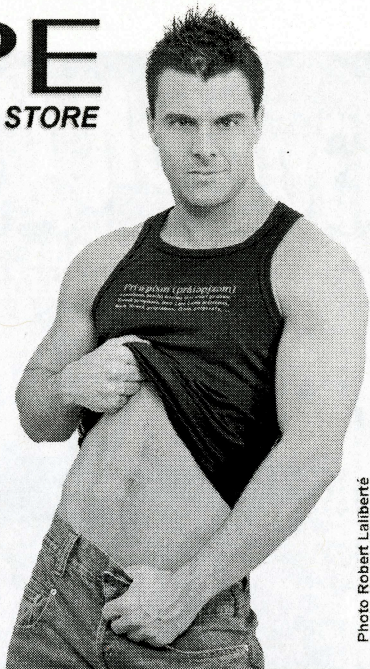
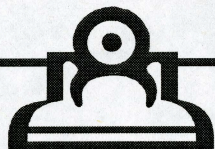


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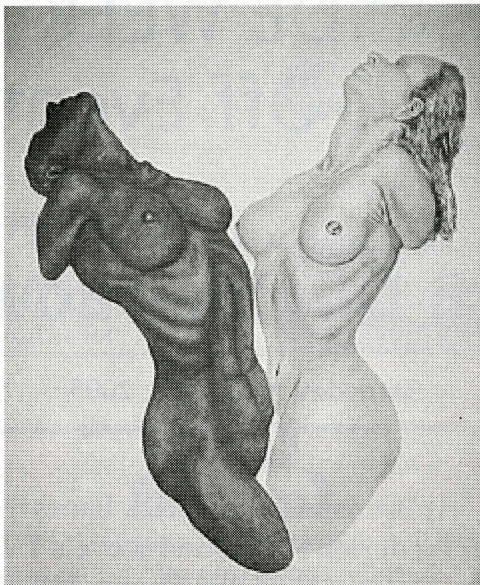


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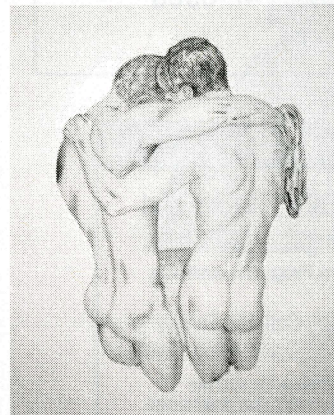
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Clay Pride runs from May 27 th to September 4th at  
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### Artist's Statement

Clay's nature relates best to small forms and to a great sensitivity in the handling of the surfaces. These qualities attracted me as I'm most interested in the expression of intimate themes such as serenity, acceptance and the gentle communication that can exist between two people. It is important, too, at this time to show the gentle and romantic side of men. For a number of years, militants have castigated and categorized men in general as violent and abusive. There has been little in the way of a moderating voice in the visual arts to balance this view. This I've tried to do in my sculptures. These are nurturing expressions.



*Brothers*

These subjects lend themselves to small, intimate spaces – bedrooms and hallways and other quiet nooks. My sculptures would be lost physically or held up for ridicule in larger and more public spaces. Enjoyment is for the one or two that come to contemplate, to dream and perhaps, remember.

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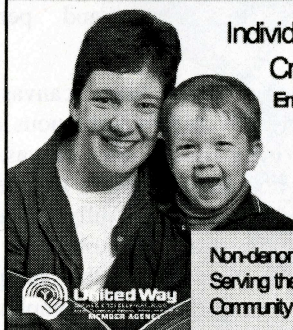
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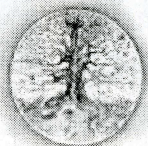


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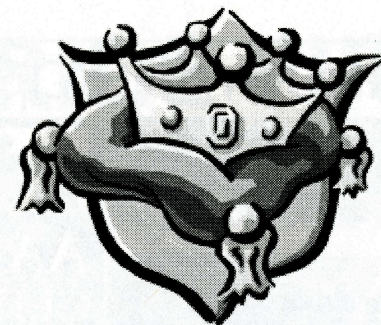
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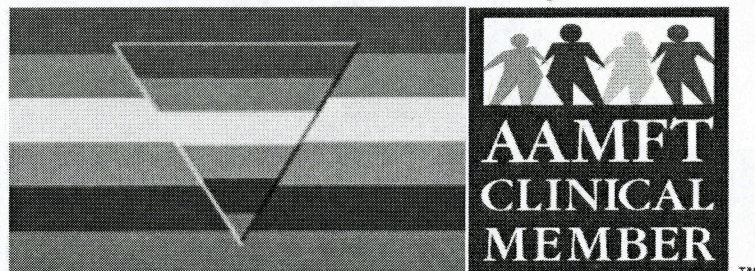
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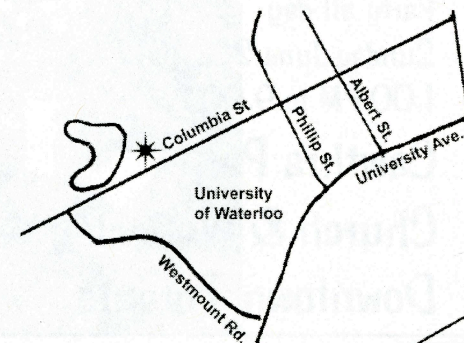
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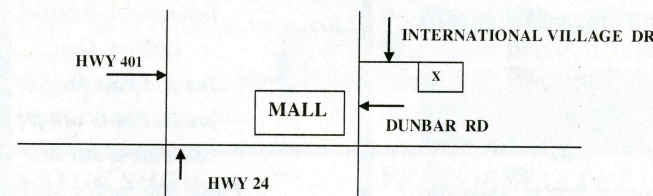
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### STAGE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005

START TIME*	PERFORMER
12:30 PM	Ms Drew
12:45 PM	Tri-Pride Community Awards Presentation
1:00 PM	Swamperella
2:00 PM	Charlena Russell
3:15 PM	Ms. Drew & Miss Tri-Pride
3:30 PM	The Backstabbers Country String Band
4:30 PM	Mr. and Miss Renaissance
4:45 PM	WombBoom
5:30 PM	Ms. Drew
5:45 PM	The Strap-Ons
6:45 PM	Ashley MacIsaac
8:00 PM	Closing Remarks

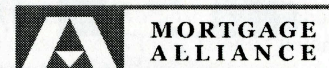
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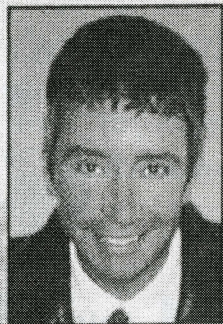
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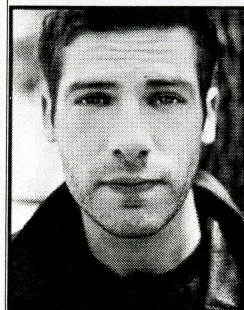
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# PERFORMERS BIOS

Victoria Park — Sunday, June 5th



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www.ashley-macisaac.com

Growing up on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Ashley never listened to pop music (with the exception of AC/DC and Ozzy Osbourne). Instead, he listened to the recordings of the local master fiddlers like Angus Chisholm, Winston "Scotty" Fitzgerald, and Buddy MacMaster who would become Ashley's dominant influence.

Performing as a duo (traditional shows) or four piece (traditional/rock/fusion), Ashley MacIsaac plays the hottest traditional jigs and reels you'll ever hear with excitement, conviction, and a musical passion. Recalls Ashley, "My father once told me, 'If you want to play the fiddle, get mad at it or don't play it at all!'"

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Charlena promotes many shows, the first of which was Rocking Out Against Cancer. Famed for her do-it-yourself ethic, she was nominated for a 2005 Kitchener-Waterloo Arts Award.

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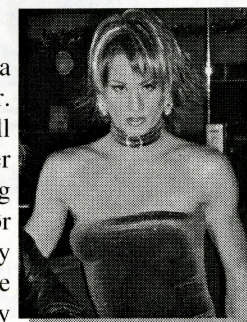
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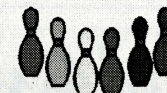
### **Individual**

#### **Jim Parrott**

Jim Parrott was one of the founders of Pride in our community. He has been a never tiring activist in the crusade for LGBT rights and visibility. Jim has been a volunteer, advisor and participant to a large number of community and social groups most notably his long association with GLOW - Gays and Lesbians of Waterloo. He is currently working on establishing an online gay and lesbian archives for Kitchener-Waterloo and area.

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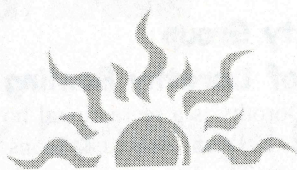


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## tri-Pride History

### 1995

In the Spring of 1995, a group of people active in the Kitchener-Waterloo LGBT communities met a couple of times to prepare for the first local pride celebration ever to be held in the area. Just a week before the originally set date, one of the people, Darryl Bender, took it upon himself to pull things back together, and the event did in fact take place in the Rotunda of Kitchener City Hall. With such a limited time for publicizing the event, it was astonishing that 86 people showed up!

### 1996

The 2nd Regional Pride Celebration, entitled Triangle Unity '96, was attended by 221 people, nearly tripling the attendance over the previous year's event. Many people from Cambridge and Guelph were there. The RPC was very pleased.

### 1997

Preparations for Regional Pride '97 saw a significant step forward over the previous year's celebration. In 1996, there were only two business sponsors for the event. For the 1997 event, there were several dozen.

### 1998

In 1998, Pride Celebrations moved outdoors for the first time ever. It was a very successful day. Out and About radio taped a show during the day in the park. There were speakers and music along with many information tables. Tri-Pride "Out-98" was held in Kitchener's Victoria Park by the clock tower. While spirits were high, shade was nowhere to be found on this very hot and sunny day.

### 1999

In 1999 our annual Pride Celebration moved from the Clock Tower area of Kitchener's Victoria Park to the centre of the park, Roos Island. Pride '99, dubbed, "Rock the Island! Celebrate Diversity" was attended by over 500 people. There were information tables. There was a BBQ, and a beer garden, a variety of entertainment and lots of music. A good time was had by all.

### 2000

In 2000 our Pride Celebration was again held on Roos Island in Kitchener's Victoria Park. Attendance was estimated to be about the same as 1999. Again there were information tables, a beer garden, BBQ, entertainment and lots of music.

### 2001

The 2001 Pride Celebration followed in the footsteps of earlier years back at Roos Island. Pride 2001 was titled: Imagine: Be A Dreamer and once again featured a beer garden, BBQ, music, various entertainers and lots of information tables.

### 2002

Pride 2002, "There's No Place Like Home!" was the biggest event yet. In 2002, an Art Show, a Community Dance, a number of Workshops and the traditional Sunday afternoon event on Roos Island were held, with about 2,000 people in attendance!

### 2003

August 2002, the Waterloo-Wellington Regional Pride Committee increases it's number to 10 Directors and changes it's name to tri-Pride. At long last, the Committee finally incorporated in March to become "tri-Pride Community Association, Inc. The stage show at the 2003 Pride was headlined by Canadian music icon and legend Carole Pope. Pride Day 2003 also hosted a display and closing ceremonies of The Canadian AIDS Memorial Quilt. Our theme "Tribes" celebrated the differences within our community.

### 2004

Pride's theme for the year was "Evolution: a brand new universe" recognizing new found gay and lesbian rights with the legalization of gay marriage in Ontario and most of Canada. New events of note added to the list for Pride week were a Bowling Tournament and Lesbo Bingo as well as a further developed children's activity area as part of our annual Pride Day. The stage show once again featured some of the best Canadian gay and lesbian musical performers. Annual attendance continued to grow reaching almost 3,000 people on the island to celebrate Pride Day.



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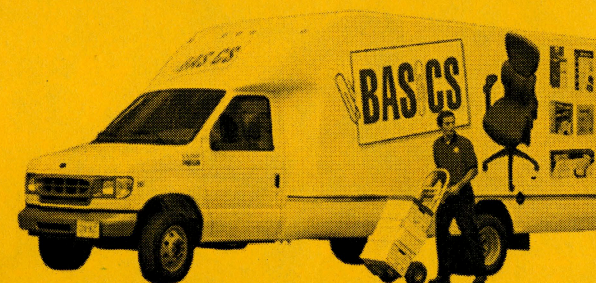
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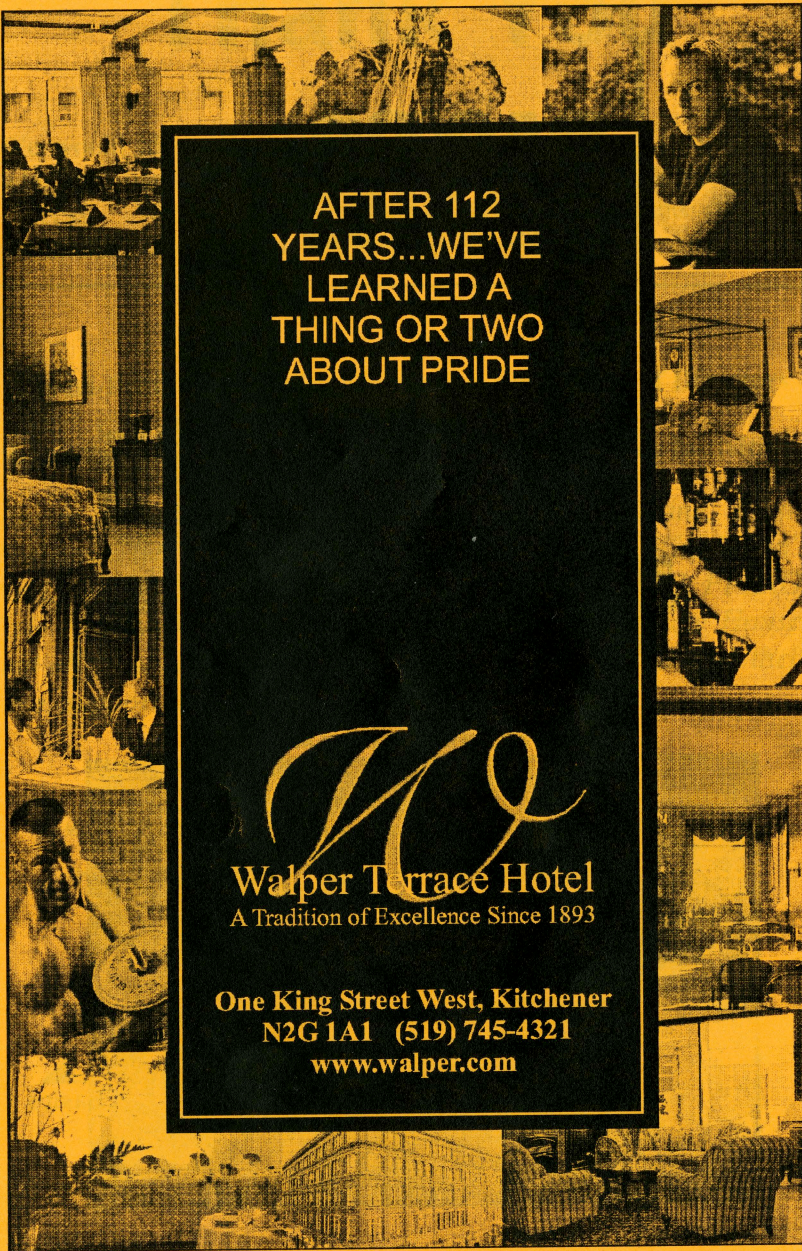
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