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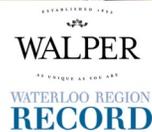


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We were recently asked "Is Pride still relevant?"

We think so. We hope you do, too. Our culture has changed, and we've changed too, but some things remain the same (and some get even better with age). It's still good to get together, celebrate family, and see ourselves reflected in our community. We remember our shared history, and we consider how **UNLIMITED** our freedoms are where we live (it isn't like that everywhere in the world). Does it need to be any more complicated than that?

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FESTIVAL WEEK AT A GLANCE

Thursday May 26th

Annual Mr./Ms. tri-Pride Pageant

Club Renaissance, 24 Charles Street West,
Kitchener
Pageant starts 10:30pm (approx)

Friday May 27th

Annual GLOW Bonfire

Laurel Creek Fire Pit, University of
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Saturday May 28th

MegaPride Dance Party by DJ Dallas

German Club, 1005 Main Street East,
Cambridge
Doors open 9:00pm
\$7 at door

Sunday May 29th

tri-Pride Family Pride Fun Day

Waterloo Park, 100 Westmount Road
North, Waterloo
2:00-6:00pm

Tuesday May 31st

Rainbow Community Youth Day tri-Pride Celebration

Sizzle on George, 135 George Street
North, Cambridge
2:00pm-5:00pm

Wednesday June 1st

7th Annual LESBO BINGO!

Rumrunner's Pub, 1 King Street West,
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7:00-9:30pm
\$12 adult, \$5 child

Thursday June 2nd

Mr./Ms. tri-Pride Award Ceremony

Club Renaissance, 24 Charles Street West,
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11:00pm show start (approx)

Friday June 3rd

tri-Pride Night at the Races: 2011 Drag Queen Race Championship

Grand River Raceway 7445 Wellington
County Rd. 21, Elora
Doors open at 5:30pm
Tickets are \$25

Club Ren Kickoff Party

Club Renaissance, 24 Charles Street West,
Kitchener
Doors open at 9:00pm

Saturday June 4th

tri-Pride Live Music Festival!

1:00-7:00pm

Afterglow parties at Club Ren and Sizzle on
George at 7:00pm!!



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Friday July 29
Ferron Returns
Princess Cinema



Ferron, a Vancouver-born singer songwriter and poet is known as a cultural hero, a folk legend and a women's music pioneer. Among other things her poetic lyrics and soft spoken vocals speak of wisdom, hope, strength, passage of time and memories. For ticket information visit, www.princesscinemas.com



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1:00pm-7:00pm
It's totally FREE to attend!

Live Entertainment Stage... Check out the complete listing of live performers headlining on stage at the Roos Island outdoor gazebo throughout the day.

Festival Market Village... Don't forget to stop by and get all your Pride paraphernalia for the upcoming Pride season—from flags to necklaces, to buttons to bumper stickers, and a whole lot of other great vendor goods! Peruse local LGBTQ community groups and information tables all day. Find new friends and new ways to get involved in your community.

TD Kids' Zone... Kids play all day. A volunteer-supervised “kids-only” activity centre with plenty of fun things to do for the tots, brought to you by our presenting partner, TD.

Massive Silent Auction... eBay without the Internet. Bid on an array of fantastic items, merchandise, gifts, packaged goods, deals, crafts and more. All proceeds to tri-Pride.

BBQ... Enjoy lunch, dinner, and great BBQd food throughout the day. Burgs and dogs from BBQ Sensations, pizza at Papa John's, or vegetarian sandwiches from Little Bean Coffee Bar! Something for everyone!

Licensed Area... A time-honoured tradition at tri-Pride, serving up ice cold beverages and libations to brighten up any day. Hosted by your favorite local bartender personalities from Club Renaissance, and featuring Brick Beer's Red Baron lager in tall cans! What a deal!

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LIVE MUSIC STAGE SCHEDULE

- 1:00pm Welcome, Tynan & Kevin Murphy
- 2:00pm Charlena Russell
- 3:00pm Eric Himan
- 4:00pm The Joys
Down Hips Bellydonnas
- 5:00pm Sophie B. Hawkins
- 6:00pm The Elana Harte Band
- 7:00pm *So sad when the music ends, isn't it?*

Stage schedule is subject to change and should be used only as a guideline

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SOPHIE B. HAWKINS

www.sophiehawkins.com

Genre: Pop

Label: Trumpet Swan Records

Sophie B. Hawkins emerged in 1992 with a fierce bidding war for her debut album, *Tongues & Tails*. The Columbia Records release quickly went gold, earned her a Grammy nomination for Best New Artist, and fired a single, "Damn I Wish I Was Your Lover", into the Top Five. Another gold album, *Whaler*, followed two years later along with the single, "As I Lay Me Down" that would chart in Billboard for a record-breaking sixty-seven weeks.

By the time she got to Timbre in 1999, she had won universal respect for her rare blend of gutsy honesty. Hawkins subsequently worked out an agreement that allowed her to leave her label while retaining ownership of the masters to Timbre. She re-released *Timbre* on her Trumpet Swan imprint and hit the road—on her own, with her band in a station wagon. 2004's *Wilderness* followed. Working out of her home studio near Los Angeles Hawkins wrote and laid down *Wilderness*' tracks on a variety of instruments: guitar, cello, drums, keys, plus the exotic percussion that has fascinated her since her studies while growing up in New York with African drum legend Babatunde Olatuni and at the Manhattan School of Music. On *Wilderness*, these elements flow through nuanced arrangements, in which echoes of Nina Simone, Laura Nyro, and other influences only enhance Hawkins' unique sound. August 2006 saw the release of her debut live album, the *Bad Kitty Board Mix*. Recorded in Seattle, the two-disc set captured the true energy and essence of Sophie as a performer. In her words, "This live album is primarily a gift to my fans. Beyond that, it's a gift to myself—in that I am finally comfortable with who I am REALLY as a musician, as a storyteller/ improviser and as a living the moment creative human."

The last few years have been busy for Sophie, personally and professionally. In November 2008, she became the proud mother of a son Dashiell. At the present time she is hard at work writing a Broadway musical for Kristin Chenoweth and working on her new album. Sophie B. Hawkins is proud to have made her Rock Band Network debut in August 2010 with the release of the song "Beautiful Girl" on Rock Band. "Beautiful Girl" is the first track off of Ms. Hawkins' 2004 album *Wilderness*.



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ERIC HIMAN

www.erichiman.com

Genre: Acoustic / Pop / Rock

Label: ThumbCrown Records

Eric is an award-winning nationally touring soulful/folk/rock artist based in the Tulsa area. Eric's music has recently been featured on Sirius/XM's Coffeehouse radio station with his song, "Save The Afternoon" and version of the Simply Red classic, "Holding Back the Years". Since

moving to the area, Eric has appeared on Tulsa radio (104.5 The Edge, KMOD), television (KJRH's New Year's Eve, KTUL's Good Day Tulsa, CW's Explore Tulsa), and in print media (Tulsa World, Urban Tulsa Weekly, Oklahoma Magazine). He has won top honors Artist of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year at Urban Tulsa Weekly's Absolute Best of Tulsa Music Awards, Best of the Best in Oklahoma Magazine for 3 years, while nationally winning the Singer/Songwriter Awards and licensing his original songs to MTV, Vh1, Oxygen, and E! He has appeared in The Advocate, newspapers nationwide, and gained a working endorsement with Fender Guitars.



THE JOYS

www.thejoys.ca

Genre: Rock

Label: Lyrium

The Joys perform with unparalleled energy, amazing stage presence and raw emotion. Fans are left with an unforgettable musical experience, during which listeners become aware that they are witnessing some of the best talent in Canada and that they are in the presence of future stars. Their record material is full of musical skill, strength and lyrical honesty and consistently exceeds the listener's expectations. This four-piece rock band, hailing from London, ON, consists of Sarah Smith's emotion-filled vocals, Brad Derby's electrifying guitar riffs, Ken Ross's steady grooves on bass and Kevin Komatsu's rhythmic skill on drums. With their latest and 4th release "Adventure's In..." The Joys have currently sold more than 15000 cd's from the stage, online and at retail outlets, a testament to their toe tapping, head bobbing, soul-searching compositions.



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THE ELANA HARTE BAND

www.elanaharte.com

Genre: Acoustic / Country / Rock

Elana Harte enjoys a successful career both in writing and performing. A gifted guitarist and vocalist, the Montreal-born songstress maintains a "New Country / Rock" flavour and mass appeal. As a solo performer, Elana has released 4 CDs (Heart, Soul and Song; Father's Daughter; Split; Like Water). Has had her music featured on compilations and soundtracks as well as garnering many songwriting awards (International Songwriting Competition, Songwriter Universe Magazine, Unisong International Songwriting Contest, Great American Song). Elana is a founding member of Vinnick, Sheppard, Harte. She is busy as a freelance writer, producer and session musician, and brings her award-winning song writing ability to the V-Girls, a trio that includes Kim Sheppard and Heather Bambrick. Elana is also the producer and creator of ONSTAGE: Thursday Nights @ Slack's, a weekly showcase of Canadian and International performing songwriters, a mainstay for featuring new and established artists.



CHARLENA RUSSELL

www.myspace.com/charlenarussell

Genre: Blues / Experimental / Rock

Label: Fox Rock Productions

A powerhouse vocalist and adept multi-instrumentalist, Charlena Russell uses her musical/vocal training to create fiery, eclectic, soulful blues-rock and haunting, personal electronica. In August 2006, Charlena released her first solo album Ebb and Flow and toured the Southern Ontario club circuit promoting her new album. Summer 2007

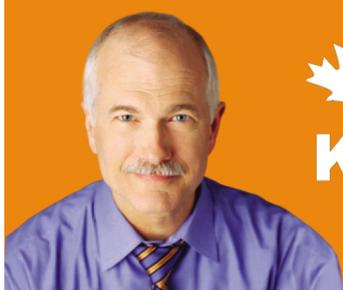
Charlena traveled to South East Asia for nine weeks and wrote half of her upcoming album on a small bodied cheap guitar she purchased for \$15.00 US in Laos after a two day slow boat trip from Thailand to Laos down the Mekong River. She later donated it to a child who couldn't afford a guitar while teaching English and Guitar to orphans as a volunteer for the last three weeks of her trip. Summer of 2009 proved to be beautiful and vast. Charlena performed 30 shows in 43 days for her first Western Canada Tour. She used the time to reflect, write songs, visit old friends and family and share her music with her audiences and fellow bands. Currently, Charlena teaches voice, violin and guitar privately and is studying classical voice and violin and piano. Never one to rest, Charlena has just released her second full-length album Sticks and Stones.



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KEVIN MURPHY

Genre: Rock / Folk / Blues

Kevin Murphy has been entertaining audiences from here to Texas and back for over 12 years. This talented singer songwriter performs his thoughtful and catchy tunes with great passion and emotion. Any music lover will agree that Kevin's authenticity and genuine spirit paired with his kickass voice makes for a great show with just the right personality for this solo artist

to draw you in and leave you wanting more.

Last year at Manjam, Kevin's impromptu performance was both powerful and inspiring, and so back by popular demand, Kevin promises to dust off the guitar and make a go of it. Don't be fooled by his profile pic, he's equally at home in blue jeans and t, he

TYNAN

Genre: Pop / Cabaret

Tynan brings with her a measure of unassuming, self-effacing good humour that easily complements a warm singing voice and her widespread presence. The songs themselves keel towards traditional pop just long enough to surprise you with stops along pointedly ambiguous, deconstructive lines. She also has an interest in cabaret sure to make an appearance. Tynan has burned CDs of her latest collected works.



DOWNHIPS BELLYDONNAS

www.downhips.com/shows-2

The Down Hips "Bellydonna" are group of 10 women, all dancers and/or instructors at Down Hips Dance Studio who have been bellydancing between 2 and 8 years. Brought together by their love of bellydance, friendship and their excitement for performance, the Bellydonna work to share their joy with both the bellydance community and beyond. The Bellydonna consists of: Mandy Habermehl, Krystina Bednarowski, Rebecca Balaz, Tamara MacDonald, Jenn Comacchio, Michelle Hur, Faith Saraiva, Karin Wendorf, Amanda Elgie-Boettger, Diana Blackmore and Kay Von Dort.



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Miss Drew leads an effervescent, scintillating and delectable cadre of Drag Queen artists and performers from the wicked to the sublime. The rough and tumble antics of our Drag King performers will leave you laughing and speechless.



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PRIDEspeaks

PRIDEspeaks is an anti-homophobia workshop. It provides accurate and non-judgemental information about sexual orientation and gender identity through peer education in high schools and community settings.

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The competition may be fierce but so are the competitors when it comes to winning the coveted annual titles of Mr. and Ms. *tri*-Pride.

Through a careful and meticulous selection process, governed by experts from near and abroad and a few *tri*-Pride board members, candidate hopefuls must successfully compete through a series of skill-testing drag-aphranalia including Evening wear, Gym Wear, Swimsuit, Talent and master the rigorous Question and Answer Period in order to best the rest and be crowned King or Queen for a year.



Join us for the Official Coronation of the 2011 Mr. and Ms. *tri*-Pride, as the previous year's winner begrudgingly gives up the crown to a fresh new face...

With thanks to

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www.grandriver-rainbowhistory.ca

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TRI-PRIDE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2011 **Honouring LGBTQ Individuals and Groups in Waterloo Region!**

Each year, the *tri*-Pride Community Awards recognize the accomplishments of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered/Queer (LGBTQ) individuals and supportive groups and organizations within Waterloo Region. Making visible the work of these individuals and groups is truly important; it fosters community engagement and rewards the services that people contribute to make our community a better place in which to live for everyone.

OUTstanding Individual: Shelley Secrett

Shelley's face is a familiar one in our community! Since 2006, she has owned and operated her own events business, raising funds for numerous social causes. She is the force behind countless LGBTQ events including, but not limited to, Cliterature and Lesbo Bingo. Shelley has emceed the Transgender Day of Remembrance and the Day of Silence to support LGBTQ youth. Former Co-Chair and Events Director of *tri*-Pride, Shelley is also an Early Childhood Educator and teaches a class at Conestoga College.

OUTstanding Youth: Kate Klein

Kate has been an active, contributing youth in our community for years. Kate was formally the Coordinator for Laurier's Centre for Women and Trans People, a board member at the Laurier Student Public Interest Research Group, and a Program Coordinator at the university's Office for Student Diversity. A key contributor to this year's Rainbow Reels Queer Film Festival, Kate also worked at Planned Parenthood Waterloo Region to revise educational materials to include the experiences of queer youth.

OUTstanding Business: Little Bean Coffee Bar

Owner Charmaine Ramkalawan and the employees at Little Bean have created a welcoming, inclusive, and celebratory space in downtown Kitchener. Little Bean has become the perfect place to relax, enjoy fair-trade coffee, food, and desserts while enjoying entertainment and socializing with friends in a LGBTQ-positive space. Socially conscious, this business has supported countless charitable causes in Waterloo Region and abroad over the last two years.

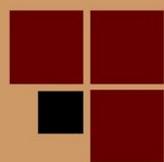
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