
LGBT News

The LGBT Resource Center of the
7 Rivers Region, Inc.

August 2006

We Have New Space!

After two years at the Scenic Concepts building on Fifth Street, the LGBT Resource Center of the 7 Rivers Region has moved. We are now located in the heart of the city at 303 Pearl Street.

We are working to get regular hours set up and will be announcing those soon. In the meantime, you can follow the progress as we refurbished the space on our blog at: <http://7riverslgbt.blogspot.com/> There are before and after pictures of the space and some pictures of the workers.

If you are on Pearl Street, stop by. Even if no one is there, you can peek in the window! We will announce an open house to properly celebrate the new space in the fall.

La Crosse Pride August 25-27, 2006

Volunteers are hard at work wrapping up the details to produce a great Pride weekend, so reserve the dates: August 25-27. The weekend's activities include a Pizza Cruise on the Julia Belle Swain, a full line-up of events at the Omni Center on Saturday, including a softball tournament. In addition, the Red Ribbon Family Fund will have their annual picnic on Sunday, the 27th. More information on all of these activities is available at:

<http://lacrossepride.7riverslgbt.org/pridecalendar.html>

The coordinators of Pride need more volunteers to help with the Pride activities on Saturday. Contact them at pride@7riverslgbt.org

The LGBT Resource Center of the 7 Rivers Region August Activities

In addition to Pride, August is a busy month for the Center and there are lots of opportunities to support your Center! Check out our garage sale, art display, and raffle.

Second Annual Garage Sale: The Center garage sale is August 4-5 from 8:00 to 4:00 at 1827 Adams Street. Come to the sale and support your Center! If you have items to donate, send email to info@7riverslgbt.org We'll even pick up your donations for you.

Love Makes a Family: The Center is sponsoring the display, Love Makes a Family at several locations throughout the regions during August and September.

Love Makes a Family is a museum-quality traveling exhibit including photographs and interviews with families that have lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) members. Through first-person accounts and positive images, this exhibit seeks to challenge and change damaging myths and stereotypes about LGBT people and their families. At the most basic level, *Love Makes A Family* combats homophobia by breaking silence and making the invisible visible.

You can view it at the La Crosse Public Library, main branch from August 3 to 22. The display will be at the Omni Center during Pride and then will move to the Winona State University Library from August 28 to September 9th. From September 11-22 you may see it at UW-La Crosse Port 'O Call. See the Center website calendar for more details: <http://www.7riverslgbt.org/calendar.htm>

Raffle: There is still time to buy raffle tickets for a gorgeous, one of a kind, leather and wood trunk. Tickets are available at the Center, by contacting us through email at info@7riverslgbt.org, by phone at 608.784.0452, or during Pride. The drawing for the trunk will take place at the People's Food Coop at 1:00 pm on September 10, 2006. To see the trunk visit the Center website at: <http://www.7riverslgbt.org/raffle.htm>

Fair Wisconsin Shares Space at the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center

Fair Wisconsin has opened a field office in La Crosse, located in the 7 Rivers LGBT Resource Center, 303 Pearl Street. Rob Nipko will head the field office. The phone is not yet installed, but you can reach Rob by email at: rob.nipko@fairwisconsin.com

The La Crosse Field Office has already been sponsoring events and there are more coming up. You can keep track of Fair Wisconsin events in the state and in our area by checking the statewide calendar at: <http://www.fairwisconsingroups.com/>

The vote on November 7 is fast approaching and Rob says he needs volunteers to help in a variety of jobs including going door to door, working booths at events, making phone calls, helping out around the office. In fact, the next canvas is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am on August 5. People who canvas are trained before hand, provided with a script and materials, and often work in pairs.

Rob expects to be in the field office at 303 Pearl, Monday - Friday, from around 9:00 am until at least 6:00 or 7:00 pm. Drop by to see him and to volunteer.

Breathe In Breathe Out Sing Out Productions and the Women's Drum Center Present Ubaka Hill and Amikaeyla

Saturday, September 9TH, 8:00 P.M.
All God's Children Church
3100 PARK AVE. South
Minneapolis

Tickets: \$20 in advance (\$16 for MPR members), \$25 at the door (\$20 for MPR members)

Available at:

Walk-Up: Amazon Bookstore Coop, 48th St. and Chicago Ave., Mpls.

Online: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3093

Phone: 800.838.3006

FFI: www.breatheinsingout.org and www.womensdrumcenter.org

Drumming Workshop: Ubaka Hill will be leading an all-day drumming workshop from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Come explore the art and spirit of drumming as a means of finding your own inner rhythm and authentic self-expression. Learn drum techniques and songs that can be played in community drumming circles, and participate as the drumsong orchestra in the evening concert. FFI or to register, go to www.womensdrumcenter.org.

More about Amikaeyla:

Amikaeyla has been acclaimed as one of the "purest contemporary voices in "jazz, world and folk" by National Public Radio, and has taken her native east coast by storm. She captivates audiences with vivacious rhythms and sultry ballads, and has opened for Ferron (Mpls., 2005), Cris Williamson, Pete Seeger, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and many others. Her 2004 release, *Mosaic*, won a staggering five Washington Area Music Association awards for Best World Music Recording, Best Jazz Recording, Best Debut Recording, Best Jazz Vocalist, and best Urban Contemporary Vocalist, the last of which she earned again in 2006 along with a Best World Music Vocalist award. This concert will be a CD-release of her latest jazz recording.

More about Ubaka:

Ubaka Hill is a long-time drummer, teacher, performer and visual artist. Influenced by the creative tradition of jazz, she uses her music as a tool for social change. While the djembe is now her primary instrument, her "other voice", she plays drums and other percussion instruments from various cultures. The root of Ubaka's drumsong is primarily intuitive, inspired by the rhythmic drumming traditions of North and West Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, American Jazz, and Shamanism interwoven with poetry and song. She is deeply committed to the emerging tradition of women drummers, and assisted many who wish to learn to make and play drums and to share the power of drumsongs as a tool of liberation, community building, healing, and personal joy.