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## The GLSO NEWS

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### Remember When SisterSound Concert February 9

Come join us for an evening of ballads, salsa, swing, disco, and more. "This concert will take you on a nostalgic ride from romance to dance and back again. Join us at the UK Singletary Center's Recital Hall on February 9 at 8 pm. Tickets are available at Singletary Center for the Arts. Call 859 257-4329 or visit <http://www.uky.edu/SCFA/> to purchase seats on line.

### Boston Marriage

*Boston Marriage* opens at Actors Guild of Lexington February 1. This play focuses on a scandalous couple living on the fringes of fashionable society circa 1900. The show is directed by accomplished actor and director Jack Parrish and stars Julieanne Pogue as Anna and Gina Scott-Lynaugh as Claire.

The writing by David Mamet sparkles with tart, crisp dialogue as the characters  
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### The Imperial Court February Heats Up

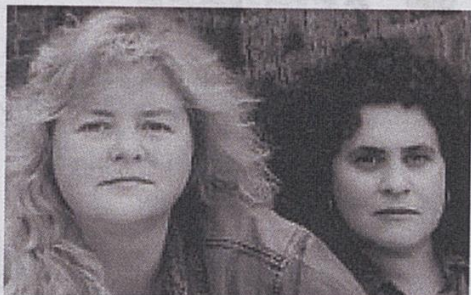
The Imperial Court of Kentucky heats up the cold winter nights with its annual Miss Gay Valentine Pageant on Wednesday, February 13th. This year the pageant will be held at Main Street Live, with doors opening at 8:30 pm and the pageant starting at 9:30 pm. Cover is a \$5 suggested donation to the court.

Contestants will compete in Valentine Presentation, Talent and Evening Wear. The entry fee is \$10 and interested applicants can contact Empress 26 Lawren LaMoore at [lawrenlamoore@insightbb.com](mailto:lawrenlamoore@insightbb.com) for an application.

Other events are being planned for February, so look for flyers announcing upcoming events or visit the court's Myspace page at [www.myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentucky](http://www.myspace.com/imperialcourtofkentucky). You don't have to be a Myspace member to view the webpage.

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**Wishing Chair**  
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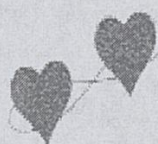
seem to enjoy torturing each other. Anna has recently taken a wealthy lover to support their luxurious lifestyle. Claire has become infatuated with a young woman (perhaps in retaliation for Anna taking a lover) and wants Anna to help her in her assignation.

This is a show that is not to be missed. If you enjoy laughter, language, and - most importantly - love, come out and see *Boston Marriage* at Actors Guild of Lexington February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>. Call 859-225-0370 for tickets. [www.actorsguildoflexington.org](http://www.actorsguildoflexington.org)

## **Claw Fundraiser Party**

A-Titleholder Strip Nite will be held on 10 pm. Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10 pm at the BANG Nightclub, 117 N. Limestone St. There will be a \$5 cover. Leather and Bear titleholders will be stripping for Charity and selling raffle tickets throughout the night.

Participants include: Slade Andrews--Mr Ky Leather 2008, Bill Howard--Mr Ky Leather 2007 and Mr Ky Bear 2003, Crisco Schiefer- Mr. Dixie Belle Leather 2007 and Roy Smith, Mr Midwest Bear 2003. Money raised will be donated 50% to CLAW (Cleveland Leather Alliance Weekend) and the other 50% to be given to GLSO and Moveable Feast.



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## **Court News** *continued from page 1*

Begin looking for upcoming notices regarding the annual Falsie Awards, which will be held this year in March at the Kentucky Theater.

January was also a busy month for the Court. On January 9th, Kali Dupree was crowned the 2008 Debutante of the Year at the 2nd Annual Debutante Ball. There were five Debutantes this year, and they raised over \$1200 for the charities of the Imperial Court.

Other events held in January were Empress 26 Lawren's Birthday Bash and Marquise Naomi Wilde's Entertainer of the Year show. And by the time you are reading this article, the Court will have crowned the new Miss Big Bone Lick. The camp pageant was held on February 2nd at Bang Nightclub as a joint event with the Imperial Court of Cincinnati.

If you would like to become more involved with the Imperial Court of Kentucky, contact the Board of Directors at [ImpCtKY@aol.com](mailto:ImpCtKY@aol.com).

## **Bluegrass Fairness**

### **Kentucky Equality Foundation**

February 12

Lobby and Rally Day  
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# Community News

## TransKentucky

TransKentucky is a support, social, and resource group serving Lexington and Kentucky. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals and others who do not fit the standard gender norms. At meetings we will support each other, offering advice, resources and insights from our own unique experiences. This is not a therapy group.

Family, friends and supportive community members are invited to attend to gain understanding of issues concerning gender presentation, identity, and variance. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 pm in Lexington. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and meeting place email [TransKentucky@gmail.com](mailto:TransKentucky@gmail.com)

## THE BANG NIGHTCLUB

Amateur Strip Night continues at the BANG Nightclub on Feb. 7 at 10:30. The final round will be held on Valentine's Day, February 14. A cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winning contestant. There will be drink specials offered: \$1.50 draft and \$4 for Sky mixed drinks. Bring your friends and join us for this fun event.

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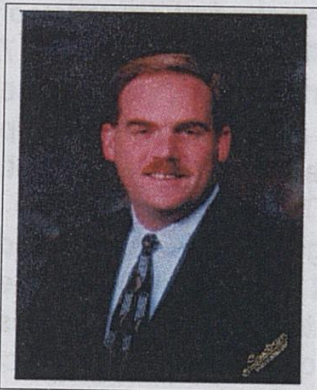
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## I WANT MY GAY TV

By Anthony W. Smallwood

With all of the channels targeted for different groups and ethnicities that are available through Insight cable, I wondered why there isn't a channel for the GLBT community. I enjoy BET as much as the next person although, being a white male, I am probably not their target audience. And, I would probably enjoy Telemundo much more if my Spanish speaking ability was more fluent.

There is a channel, however, that I have previously enjoyed that is not offered in Lexington. The LOGO channel is available through many satellite cable providers, but currently not through Insight. If you are not familiar with what they offer, check out [www.logoonline.com](http://www.logoonline.com). On this website you can see a complete schedule of their programming.

The shows that I have watched are not only entertaining but also informative and deal with daily issues of the GLBT community. Some examples:

*Noah's Ark*, a wonderful series about gay men of color.

A comedy series featuring gay and lesbian comedians.

News programs that focus on gay issues around the world.

"New, Now, Next" a music video show featuring gay artists and music for and from our culture.

Sordid Lives is currently being made into a series to be shown this fall. Many of the same actors will be in the series including Leslie Jordan who played "Brother Boy".

If you go to [www.logoonline.com](http://www.logoonline.com) you can vote for your favorite gay themed films. They keep a running list of the 50 top films as rated by the viewers and then show the favorites on their channel.

I have called Insight to request that this channel be added to their list of channels available but they tell me that not

enough people have expressed an interest in LOGO.

You can change that by making your own call. Call Insight at 859 514-1400 or email at [www.insight-com.com](mailto:www.insight-com.com). From the home page go to the HELP tab at the top right and then click on CONTACT US. I believe that if they receive enough calls, Insight will consider adding LOGO to what they offer.

## Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons meet the second Monday of each month. Join us on February 11 at the Pride Center, at 7 pm. The Lyons are a group of friends who celebrate strength, unity, and diversity for those who enjoy the Leather /Levi Lifestyle. For information visit <http://www.lexlyons.org>.

## Art House Movies

Davina and Kathy have started an Art House Movie and Discussion Group through the Unitarian Universalist Church. You do not have to be a church member to join us for an evening of independent film and discussion.

The group meets the first Thursday of the month to view a film at approximately 7 p.m. at the Lexington Green Movies 8 or the Kentucky Theater. Afterwards the group discusses the film at a nearby restaurant. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 7.

An e-mail listing the movie, theater and meeting time is sent the Monday before the group's meeting date. To be added to this notification list or for information, contact Davina at [artemis427@yahoo.com](mailto:artemis427@yahoo.com).

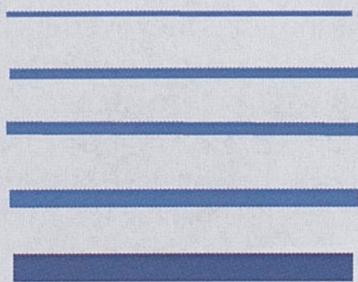
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## Valentine's Day Dinner

The Sheraton Four Points will be the site for a GLBT Valentine's Day gay-la starting at 6:30 pm February 14. Meal prices will range from \$19.50 for Chicken Marsala to \$27.95 for Prime Rib. Drinks will be extra. A percentage of the meal cost will be donated to the Gay & Lesbian Services Organization (GLSO).

Tables will be set for couples as well as groups, so you don't need to have that "special someone" to come and celebrate the day. Call Marsha at (859) 219-8045 for more information, or to reserve a seat. Money will need to be paid in advance.

## *Mid-way to Michigan Party Sat., Feb. 23 7 pm Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.*

Attending the Michigan Women's Music Festival is an experience that every lesbian should have at least once in their lives. I have been 21 times and plan on attending for as long as I am able. It is a week full of music, spirituality, laughter intense discussions and joy.

If you love Mich Fest come share your experiences. If you have never been, come hear what you have been missing.

The festival is sending me a video to introduce the festival to women who have never attended. I plan to have pictures, festi-food, a raffle, a few games to play, and more. If you have attended, bring you pictures, festi-wear or other memorabilia to share. If anyone has an item to raffle, give me a call or bring it that night, (\$\$ from raffle will go to Pride Center.)

Info: Mary 266-5904

marycrone@insightbb.com

## Lesbian Artists

### Slide Presentation Feb 21

On Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7:00pm at the Pride Center, Pat Choate will be showing slides of work by lesbian visual artists (with brief mention of a few writers and composers). She will talk about their lives and the times they lived in.

Artists Rosa Bonheur, Romain Brooks and Natalie Barney were part of a lesbian enclave in Paris in the early 1900s. In the United States, Charlotte Cushman sponsored a number of lesbian sculptors.

Come hear about a part of herstory/history that is rarely available. Open to all (18 and over). If there is interest we can follow this up in March with a documentary about Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Tolkes and others in the same time period. Co-sponsored by Interweave. Donations to the Pride Center will be accepted.

## Discussion Group

Every Wednesday Night

Pride Center 7 to 9

All Are Welcome

## Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight will meet for our regular potluck on the first Friday, February 1 at 7 pm at the Pride Center. We do not have an InsightOUT activity planned at this time. If you have an idea, call Dana at 859-230-2428 or bring your ideas to the Feb 1 meeting.

Visit [www.glso.org](http://www.glso.org)

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# Boston Marriage

by David Mamet

January 31st - February 24th

Anna and Claire are two bantering, scheming "women of fashion" who have long lived together on the fringes of upper-class society. Anna has just become the mistress of a wealthy man, from whom she has received an enormous emerald and an income to match. Claire, meanwhile, is infatuated with a respectable young lady and wants to enlist the jealous Anna's help for an assignation. As the two women exchange barbs and take turns taunting Anna's hapless Scottish parlor maid, Claire's young inamorata suddenly appears, setting off a crisis that puts both the valuable emerald and the women's futures at risk. To this wickedly funny comedy, acclaimed playwright David Mamet brings his trademark tart dialogue and impeccable timing, spiced with Oscar Wilde-type wit.

# ONE WORLD FILMS



The One World Film Festival is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary Year. The movies are free with screening at either the downtown Central Library Theater or at the Kentucky Theater. There is free parking at the Library and at the police parking lot in the evenings.

**Please Vote For Me 55 min.**  
**Sunday, February 10, 2 and 4:30**  
**Central Library Theater**

A third grade class in a small province in China is having a democratic election. Three students campaign for class monitor. The film's director, Weijun Chen, says the film is "a microcosm of contemporary Chinese culture."

**Radiant City**  
**Thursday, February 14, 5 and 7:30**  
**Ky Theatre**

This intriguing tongue-in-cheek documentary explores the development of suburban life over the last 50 years and the effect that urban sprawl has had on our society. Funny and strange.

**The Golden Door**  
**Sunday, February 17, 2 pm**  
**Central Library Theatre,**

The story of the turn-of-the-century voyage of a poor family from rural Sicily through the "golden door" of Ellis Island. An English woman attaches herself to the family and together they face the confusion and

hardships of this immigration experience. English subtitles.

**Junebug**  
**Tuesday, February 19 7:30**  
**Central Library Theater**

This critically-acclaimed comedy explores class tensions that emerge when a newly married couple visit the groom's family in North Carolina where traditional values hold sway.

**The Real Dirt on Farmer John**  
**Thursday, February 21 5 and 7:30 p.m.**  
**Kentucky Theater**

A fascinating portrait of farmer John Peterson who transforms his farm into an experimental haven for artists, hippies and other political radicals in the 1960s. When this adventure dissolves, he changes it again into an organic community-supported agriculture farm

**Banished**  
**Sunday, February 24, 2 pm**  
**Central Library Theater**

This documentary examines a shameful and hidden part of our History by revisiting three of the communities that forcibly expelled their entire African American populations in early 20th Century.

**My Country, My Country**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 7:30 pm**  
**Lexington Public Library Theatre**

This documentary chronicles events leading to the January 2005 Iraqi elections and identifies the human cost of bringing democracy to Iraq. English subtitles.

**Companeras**  
**Thursday, February 28, 5 and 7:30 pm**  
**Kentucky Theatre**

This film profiles America's first all-female mariachi band: Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles. The film alternates between heart-stirring performances and behind the scenes band drama. The film's writer/director, Elizabeth Massie, will be our special guest for the film showings.



# Miss Gay Valentine

Wednesday, February 13th

Main Street Live (A1A)

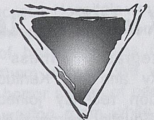
9:30 P.M. \* \$5 Cover



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# GLSO Newsletter Calendar FEBRUARY 2008

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233  
Visit us on the web at: [www.GLSO.org](http://www.GLSO.org)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Our Thanks to This Month's Newsletter Sponsor</b>  Richardson Vision Center 1757 Alexandria Drive Gardenside (859) 278-4201				 presents Boston Marriage by David Mamet Feb 1st-24th For Showtimes & Tickets Call: 859 225-0370	7p Lexington Insight Pot-Luck- PC  9p Wishing Chair Concert @ Center	Center Open 12n-2p 7p TransKentucky contact for place: TransKentucky@gmail.com
10:30 a St. Mychal's 11a UU Church 6:00p SisterSound Rehearsal <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)  <b>5</b>	7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC  8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 948-3434 <b>6</b>	10:30p Amateur Strip Night @ The Bang <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Center Open 12n-2p 8p SisterSound Concert Remember When at The Singletary Center for the Arts <b>9</b>
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## Weekly Activities:

- Mondays:**  
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA  
Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Tuesdays:**  
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)  
9pm - Karaoke Tuesday @  
The Bar Complex
- Wednesdays:**  
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103
- Fridays:**  
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA  
(Call for Location) 278-7103
- Saturdays:**
- Sundays:**  
10:00 am - UU Church Worship  
Services.  
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Mai  
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @  
Landsdowne Presby. Church.
- Bi-weekly:**  
6pm - The Imperial Court  
SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625

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## Monthly Activities:

- Mondays:** 7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)  
**Friday:** 7pm - Lexington Insight (1st Fri.)  
**Thursday:** 7:00pm - GLSO Board Mtg (2nd Thurs.)  
**Saturday:** 7:00p - TransKentucky (1st Sat.)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, please see the directory for phone listings.  
Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC  
Call for Place may be abbreviated- CFP

## BFCK and KEF say, "Let's Rally"

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky and the Kentucky Equality Federation recently joined forces to create "Equality. Fairness. Nothing More; Nothing Less.", a lobby/rally day in Frankfort on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The day will begin in room 466 of the Capitol Building Annex at 8:30 a.m. with some opening comments and lobby training. People will be given packets of appropriate information so that they can lobby their respective legislators on the issues of domestic partner benefits at public universities, the anti-bullying bill, and the hospital designee bill.

The event will culminate in a rally in the Rotunda from 1 to 2. The rally will focus on the fight to maintain domestic partner benefits at universities and will feature various speakers, including Senator Scorsone.

Organizers are preparing by doing phone banks, researching issues and talking points, sending blast emails, and identifying people who will be willing to lobby their legislators in person.

Of course, this day cannot take place without the help of volunteers. We need people to make phone calls, to lobby, to provide transportation, and to pass out flyers and brochures. For more info call Bluegrass Fairness at 859-951-4450.

To keep in touch with our plans as they develop, go to [www.bgfair.org](http://www.bgfair.org). To sign up to participate in the lobby day, go to the Kentucky Equality Federation's website at: [www.kefaction](http://www.kefaction).

While KEF and BFCK are hoping to get as many people to Frankfort as possible, if you cannot attend it does not mean you have no voice. You can send letters to your legislators or leave phone messages. To find out who your representatives are or to get their various addresses, go to <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/>.

You can leave voice messages at 1-800-372-7181. KEF and BFCK wish to make this the best legislative season to date, so come out, and let's rally!

### Legislative Update:

**House Bill 55** would revoke public universities' ability to provide domestic partner benefits. Richard Henderson of Jeffersonville and Ancel Smith of Leburn, both Democratic representatives, proposed the bill and were joined by 16 co-sponsors.

While the bill has yet to be sent to a committee, we hope to see it assigned to the Health and Welfare committee. This committee allowed a similar bill to "die" last year (it was never sent to the floor for discussion or voted on). If assigned to this committee, there is a good chance that it will be allowed to die again. If not, Gov. Beshear has promised to veto it. We expect this bill to be our biggest fight.

The House Education Committee unanimously approved a anti-bullying bill. Senate president David Williams, R-  
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Burkesville, is leading the charge against the bill by claiming that it could lead to gay curriculum taught in schools. We do not see any correlation between legislation that makes schools create policies against bullying and the teaching of homosexual curriculum. The bill does not even include language concerning sexual orientation protections. While we find Williams' assertions absurd and homophobic, many senators will agree with him and we do not expect the bill to get out of the Senate.

Mary Lou Marzian, D-Louisville, pre-filed the Hospital Designee Bill. This bill would allow anyone 18 and older to designate a non-blood relative as having

hospital room access. Hospitals would no longer be allowed to keep domestic partners out of hospital rooms if the patient gives them access. We would hear no more horror stories of partners sitting in the waiting room while their loved ones die alone or with unwanted blood relations.

Senator Scorsone, D-Lexington, in conjunction with Rep. Stein, D-Lexington, and Rep. Marzian filed the statewide Fairness Bill. We hope this bill will pass, but we expect it to suffer a similar fate this year as it has in all previous attempts. We will focus our energies on House Bill 55 because we believe we can defeat it.

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## Religious and Spiritual Resources



### Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington

The Unitarian Universalist Church community is a diverse group of individuals with beliefs that cover the spectrum of liberal religious theology. We welcome you to visit by attending a worship service or one of our many adult activities. We are located at 3564 Clays Mill Rd.

Our Sunday Worship service begins at 11 am. There is a Sunday morning Buddhist sitting practice at 9 am and a Buddhist discussion group (Sanga) at 9:45 am, both in the Allen House next to the church. There are also adult religious exploration classes on Wednesday nights.

Our U.U. Church is a Welcoming Congregation. Unitarian Universalists have long called for the full inclusion of bisexual, gay, lesbian, and transgender people in church and society. UUs believe that the life experiences of GLBT people include sacred stories that need to be heard and celebrated. Please pay us a visit and share your stories with us.

### *Jubilee Fellowship* [www.jubileefellowship.us](http://www.jubileefellowship.us)

Jubilee Fellowship welcomes members of the GLBT community and their friends to join us in growing as a community of believers in Christ. We are fanatical about loving people with God's unconditional love.

We meet at St Mychal the Martyr, located at 1350 Eastland Dr, Suite #5 in Lexington. Eastland Dr. is off New Circle Rd one block North of Winchester Rd.

If you have questions about our fellowship, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood a 859 514-5518 or [jfellowship@windstream.net](mailto:jfellowship@windstream.net). If you left the church of your childhood church because of its rejection of GLBT people,, you may find hope and joy in celebrating with us. We have a big vision and a big God. There is room for you.

More Religious News  
on page 18

## African American History Month

### Audre Lorde

Audre Lorde was born on February 18, 1934 in New York City. She was the daughter of Grenadian immigrants of West Indian descent who settled in Harlem. She did not learn to speak until the age of 5 -- and learned to read at the same time. From that beginning, she went on to become a writer who's works have been translated into seven foreign languages.

Lorde graduated Hunter College in 1959, where she later held the prestigious post of Thomas Hunter Chair of Literature. During graduate school she supported herself by working odd jobs: factory worker, ghost writer, social worker, X-ray technician, and medical clerk. She earned her master's degree in library science from Columbia University in 1961. She worked as a librarian and married Edward Ashley Rollins with whom she had two children, Elizabeth and Johnathon, before they divorced.

Lorde considered 1968 to be the turning point of her life. She left her job as head librarian at the University of New York to become a lecturer and creative writer. She received a National Endowment for the Arts grant, and accepted a poet-in-residence position at Tougaloo College in Jackson, Mississippi. While there, she met Frances Clayton, a white professor of psychology. They were partners until 1989.

The civil rights movement was at its height in 1968, creating an atmosphere that reinforced Lorde's commitment to being a writer dedicated to using her skills in the many struggles against injustice. It was at Tougaloo that Lorde published her first volume of poetry, The First Cities.

In 1976 a major book company published Coal which enabled Lorde to reach a larger audience. This was followed in 1978 by The Black Unicorn. This volume, in which Lorde explored her African

heritage, is considered to be one of her greatest works. Poet and critic Adrienne Rich said of *The Black Unicorn*: "refusing to be circumscribed by any simple identity, Audre Lorde writes as a Black woman, a mother, a daughter, a lesbian, a feminist, a visionary; poems of elemental wildness and healing, **nightmare and lucidity.**"



In addition to poetry, Lorde was a powerful essayist, and is particularly remembered for The Cancer Journals (1980), in which she documents her fourteen year struggle with breast cancer. She wrote many essays about being a black woman in the feminist movement, including the compilations Sister Outsider and Uses of the Erotic. One of her most widely used quotations comes from the title of an essay in Sister Outsider "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House".

Lorde confronted oppression in its many forms. She wrote of racism in the feminist movement, homophobia and sexism among African Americans, and of seeking common ground with all people willing to fight for justice. She wrote for women who had no voice of their own. She believed that many people are terrified to speak their own truths because they were taught to respect fear more than themselves. (See quotation next page)

Lorde wrote particularly for women of color throughout the world because she saw that they did not have a public voice. She worked to provide avenues of expression for future generations of writers by co-founding (with Barbara Smith) Kitchen Table: Women of Color Press. She was at the center of the movement to preserve and celebrate African American culture. She frequently spoke up for GLBT rights.

In 1979 she was one of the featured speakers at the first national march for gay and lesbian liberation in DC.

Lorde was partners with Gloria Joseph, until her death from breast cancer on November 17, 1992 in St. Croix after a 14 year struggle with the disease.

Lorde received many awards and honors, including an American Book Award for *A Burst of Light* in 1989. She received the Walt Whitman Citation of Merit and was designated as the New York State poet for 1991-93. In his speech naming her as Poet Laureate, the Governor, Mario Cuomo, said: " She cries out ... as the voice of indignant humanity.

Audre Lorde is the voice of the eloquent outsider who speaks in a language that can reach and touch people everywhere."

Late in life, Audre Lorde was given the African name Gamba Adisa, meaning "Warrior: She Who Makes Her Meaning Clear". Her struggle against oppression on many fronts was expressed with a force and clarity that made her a respected voice for women, African Americans, and the Gay and Lesbian community. She is remembered for being a great warrior poet who valiantly fought many personal and political battles with her words.

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### **The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action by Audre Lorde**

*This is a selection from her essay.*

I have come to believe over and over again that what is most important to me must be spoken, made verbal and shared, even at the expense of having it bruised or misunderstood. ...that the speaking profits me beyond any other effect. In becoming forcibly and essentially aware of my mortality, and of what I wished and wanted for my life, what I most regretted were my silences. I began to recognize a source of power within myself that comes from the knowledge that while it is most desirable not to be afraid, learning to put fear into perspective gave me great strength...

I was going to die, if not sooner then later, whether or not I had ever spoken myself. My silences had not protected me. Your silence will not protect you...

And, of course, I am afraid because the transformation of silence into language and action is an act of self revelation, and that always seems fraught with danger. In the cause of silence, each of us draws the face of her own fear... fear of contempt, of

censure, of some judgment or recognition, of challenge, of annihilation. But most of all, I think we fear the visibility without which we cannot truly live.

Primarily for all of us, it is necessary to teach by living and speaking those truths which we believe and know beyond understanding. Because in this way alone we can survive, by taking part in a process of life that is creative and continuing, that is growth.

What do you need to say? What are the words you do not yet have?...

We can learn to work and speak when we are afraid in the same way we have learned to work and speak when we are tired. For we have been socialized to respect fear more that our own needs for language and definition, and while we wait in silence for that final luxury of fearlessness, the weight of the silence will choke us...

The fact that we are here and that I speak these words is an attempt to break that silence and bridge some of those differences between us, for it is not difference which immobilizes us, but silence. And there are so many silences to be broken.

## NEED ADVICE? GO TO HELENA HANDBASKET

*Q: My boyfriend talks on his cell phone constantly. He even answered it last night during sex. What do you suggest I do?*

*A: Relax. It could be that he is just a busy guy and has a lot to take care of. Don't make a big deal of it. If you are beginning to feel threatened or neglected express your feelings to him and ask him to limit his time on the cell phone while the two of you are together and absolutely forbid him to bring it into the bedroom while you are having sex (assuming the bedroom where you are doing it). If that doesn't work, just ask him to switch it to vibrate and both of you enjoy the ride.*

*Q: My girlfriend and I have been together three weeks. I think she may be the one. However, her chronic halitosis is driving me crazy. How should I handle this?*

*A: If she really is the one, this will be a good opportunity to test the lines of communication between the two of you. Get the facts on what some of the causes of halitosis are. These could be anything from eating habits to a sinus infection or problems with the teeth and/or gums. Then, reassure her that you really are into her and you want to address an issue that you are bothered by. A mint on the pillow might not be a bad idea, either.*

*Q: My boyfriend has 2 small children that live with him. The problem is that I can't stand the little rugrats...but I love him and will make the sacrifice. We*



*have been seeing each other for 6 months. Should we move in together?*

*A: Are you sure you want to make this "sacrifice"? If you truly can't stand them then it will only get worse when you are with them all the time. Keep dating until you have found an affection for the children. I fear that, if you move in, you will become resentful of his children and he could become resentful toward you for not loving them as much as he does. Remember, Mommy Dearest didn't work for Joan and probably won't work for you, either.*

Take Helena's advice at your own risk.  
She does spend time in that Handbasket...

### GAMES NIGHT AT THE PRIDE CENTER



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