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Canvas and Cocktails returns to Gipsy this weekend, and Orizin Apparel launches their new Pride Collection online store.



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JULY 2024

Darlings, let me spill the celestial tea for all my fabulous Pisces fishes out there! The stars are aligning just for you, honey, in July 2024! You're swimming into a month full of glittering possibilities. The universe is throwing you a cosmic party, and guess what? You're the glittering guest of honor! So, pucker up, strap on those stilettos, and sashay into your destiny. Opportunities are knocking, so fluff that wig, bat those lashes, and work it, because this month is all about showcasing your fabulous self. Let's turn this fish tank into a runway



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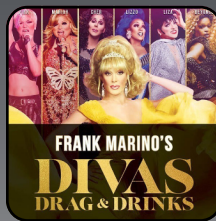
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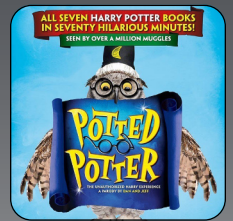
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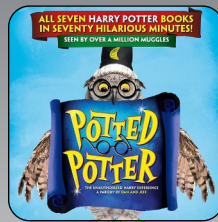
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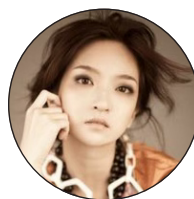


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Canvas and Cocktails Fine Art Showcase: Dean Ryker of Fuchsia Art Studio at Gipsy Nightclub



This Saturday, Gipsy Nightclub, in partnership with Robin Slonina of Slonina ARTSpace, is thrilled to present Dean Ryker of Fuchsia Art Studio, our July Artist of the Month, as part of our Showcase Saturdays Fine Art event. Dean, a self-taught mixed media artist, captures the essence of global adventures and diverse experiences in their work.

Dean's art is a continuous journey of innovation, reflecting the dynamic pulse of Las Vegas and the varied landscapes they've encountered worldwide. Each three-dimensional piece is a sensory experience, blending tangible and ethereal elements to tell a cohesive story. From early experiments to their current creations, Dean's work evolves through different realms of creativity, encapsulating the magic threaded through our universe.

Gipsy Nightclub is proud to embrace and support the creative arts community, serving as an incubator for networking, building, creating, and showcasing Las Vegas's incredible talent. By incorporating elements from the cosmos to the intricate cultural tapestry of humanity, Dean's art transcends boundaries. It seeks to inspire wonder and ignite a profound dialogue through the interplay of materials and concepts.

Each piece is an invitation, a visual symphony inviting observers to explore the beauty and mystique embedded in our



shared existence. Through this artistic exploration, Dean aims to engage and inspire, encouraging others to perceive the world's intricate poetry.

Showcase Saturdays at Gipsy Nightclub offer a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in art, fashion, performance, and visual arts. Each week highlights different communities and artistic expressions. Fine Art takes center stage on the third Saturday of every month, featuring a new artist who brings their unique perspective and creativity to our space.

Be sure to attend every Saturday to become more cultured and connected with the vibrant arts community. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the captivating work of Dean Ryker and celebrate the vibrant arts community at Gipsy Nightclub. We look forward to welcoming you to a night of artistic discovery and connection.



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A Grand Welcome: The National LGBTQ Task Force Community Reception in Las Vegas

As the vibrant and dynamic Las Vegas prepares to host the Creating Change Conference in January 2025, the National LGBTQ Task Force is set to kick off the festivities with an impactful Community Reception on July 25th. This event, held at the end of the Task Force's staff retreat in Las Vegas as they plan for the conference in January, promises to be more than just a networking event—it is an introduction, a welcome, and a celebration of the community's efforts and future contributions.

The Vision Behind the Community Reception

Cathy Renna, the communications director at the National LGBTQ Task Force, explains that the Community Reception is designed to be an immersive experience where local community members can interact with the Task Force staff. "It's really exciting because we get to have all of us interact with local community folks who are interested in the conference," Cathy states. This interaction is not merely superficial; it aims to foster genuine connections and lay the groundwork for local engagement.

"The community reception serves as a launching pad for local engagement," Cathy elaborates. "Whether that's through our ambassador program, finding out about how to submit a proposal, having a booth in the exhibit hall, or being engaged in some way in the conference." Each year, the Creating Change Conference moves to a different city, and the reception is an integral part of ensuring that local communities are not just participants but active contributors to the event's success.

Andy Garcia, another key member of the Task Force, adds that the reception is more than just a networking opportunity. "We are planning entertainment, and there will be surprises," Andy says, highlighting that the event will be a full program with food, drinks, and what they like to call "radical

welcome"—or as Andy puts it, "sexy, radical welcome" because it's Vegas, after all.

Building a Legacy of Community Engagement

The inaugural community reception was held last year, and it has already shown significant success. Kierra Johnson, the executive director of the National LGBTQ Task Force, reflects on this achievement. "The first reception was in New Orleans, and from the moment that event happened, relationships were formed, trust began to be built," she says. "We are in conversation with those folks even today, over a year later."

This sense of continuity and ongoing engagement is vital. The Task Force aims to create lasting relationships that transcend the conference itself. These relationships help identify local vendors, workshop leaders, consultants, and even those who assist with cultural competency training for hotel staff. As Kierra notes, "It takes a village, and this is where the village comes together."

The conference integrates with the local community and leaves a giant footprint behind, creating a lasting impact on the host community. This notion of leaving a legacy is not just about the immediate interactions but about the long-term legacy that events like these can foster.

Opportunities for Local Community Involvement

The Community Reception also serves as a call to action for local community members to get involved early. One of the primary ways to do this is through the Ambassador Program. Andy Garcia explains, "We need ambassadors to help with outreach. We hope to have as many people as possible show up and enjoy the conference, get the skills, connections, and support they need."

Volunteers play a crucial role in the success of the conference. From helping with hospitality to providing local insights on restaurants, shopping, nightlife, and natural attractions, volunteers are essential. "We'll be welcoming thousands of LGBTQ visitors to your city," Andy emphasizes, "and volunteers can come to the conference for free or at a reduced registration."

The Task Force is also looking to connect with local businesses, not just for sponsorship but to exhibit and showcase what they offer. This includes providing services such as meal assistance, ASL and language translation, and more. The goal is to make the conference as accessible as possible, ensuring that all participants, regardless of their financial situation, can attend and benefit from the experience.

The Creating Change Conference: More Than Just a Conference

For those unfamiliar with the Creating Change Conference, it is essential to understand its scope and significance. The conference will be held from Wednesday, January 22nd to Sunday, January 26th, 2025, at the Rio Hotel Casino and Convention Center, which is undergoing a multimillion-dollar transformation that will provide the perfect home for this event.

Creating Change is not just about hundreds of workshops and keynote speakers—though it boasts plenty of both. It is an ecosystem of programming designed to engage, educate, and inspire. Attendees can expect a house ball, an art studio space, a Wellness Center offering services like massages and acupuncture, a talent show, and a cabaret led by Kierra Johnson herself.

As Cathy Renna explains, "The conference is our premier annual event. It's our annual activist organizing movement building. It truly is one of a kind." Over half of the attendees are people of color, and over



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half are transgender or non-conforming, making it one of the most diverse and affirming spaces for queer people.

Creating Change is also a unique and singular opportunity to assess and address the movement moment we will be living in post-election. Being in a space with so many of the activists who are the front lines of our struggle for liberation give us a chance to have deep conversation, plan and share how we can move forward together. We gather in 2025 right after the inauguration, and no matter who is in the White House our communities will continue to be under attack.

Kierra Johnson adds, "It's an experience, not just a conference. It's an opportunity to be in community, to be inspired, and to be in a space where you can be yourself." This inclusive and intersectional approach is a hallmark of the Task Force's work, ensuring that the conference addresses a wide range of issues affecting the LGBTQ community.

Intersectionality and Inclusivity: Core Principles of the Task Force

The National LGBTQ Task Force has always prioritized intersectionality in its work. This means addressing issues that may not traditionally be seen as LGBTQ issues but deeply impact the community. From prison reform and anti-slavery initiatives to abortion access, the Task Force ensures that the voices of the most affected are heard and their issues addressed.

Kierra Johnson highlights this commitment, stating, "We are taking on issues that are often not seen as queer issues and breaking that open for the progressive community to see. When we engage LGBTQ people in strategy and organizing, new ideas come out that actually get us closer to winning."

This approach is evident in the diverse range of programming at Creating Change.

Attendees will find workshops and sessions that address a variety of topics, ensuring that everyone, from those focused on traditional LGBTQ issues to those working on broader social justice causes, can find valuable content and connections.

The Role of Allies in Creating Change

Allies play a crucial role in the success of the Creating Change Conference. As Cathy Renna explains, "Our communities are inclusive of all the people we build with—friends, families, colleagues who are not LGBTQ-identified." The conference provides space for allies to engage, learn, and show up better in their support for the LGBTQ community.

"Creating space where allies can engage with queer people, learn, and have fun is crucial," Cathy says. "We not only welcome allies, we encourage them to come and be part of this transformative experience."

For those of us who are not part of the trans community, for example, it was transformative to be at Creating Change in the earlier days and get to know and be in community with trans and non-binary folks.

The conference also fosters intergenerational interactions, allowing young people and elders to share, learn, and build relationships. This unique aspect of Creating Change helps bridge generational gaps and ensures that the history and experiences of older community members are passed down and appreciated.

Looking Ahead: The Legacy of Creating Change in Las Vegas

As the Creating Change Conference approaches, the anticipation and excitement build within the Las Vegas community. What will be the legacy of this event, and how will it impact the local community?

The days following the conference ends,

people will go through a range of emotions. "The first thing that we all do the day after Creating Change is just take a big sigh and reflect on all the amazing magical things that have happened," Garcia says. The conference is known for its emotional highs and lows, with attendees often experiencing life-changing moments.

The most important thing is what does it look like for thousands of queer people from all over the country to come to Las Vegas and spend five days here? The relationships built, the ideas shared, and the inspiration gained will leave a lasting impact on Las Vegas.

Johnson hopes that people in Las Vegas will feel more connected and seen. "I hope people leave feeling networked in a different way, both with national and other folks across the country," she says. The goal is to create a beautiful stitch in the quilt of the LGBTQ community, strengthening the fabric that holds it together.

For QVegas and other local community members, the Creating Change Conference and the Community Reception are opportunities to showcase the incredible work happening in Las Vegas and Southern Nevada. It is a chance to welcome thousands of LGBTQ visitors and to build lasting relationships that will continue to grow and flourish long after the conference ends.

As the National LGBTQ Task Force prepares to bring Creating Change to Las Vegas, the Community Reception on July 25th stands as a testament to the power of community, the importance of local engagement, and the transformative potential of coming together to create change. With a program filled with entertainment, food, drinks, and surprises, the reception promises to be an unforgettable evening and a perfect prelude to the main event in January.



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LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS
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LAS VEGAS TRANSPRIDE
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LEGACY COUNSELING
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THE PRIDE TREE
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SILVER STATE EQUALITY
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