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LGBTQ+ Visibility and Representation

In a time where media and public figures have the power to shape conversations and challenge societal norms, this week has been particularly illuminating for the LGBTQ+ community. From introspective dialogues in Hollywood concerning body image to the nuanced portrayals of queer identities on the small screen, and even onto the historical steps of the March on Washington, voices from various sectors are contributing to an ever-evolving narrative. This article delves into three significant moments this week that broke barriers and challenged norms, setting the stage for conversations that could help redefine LGBTQ+ issues in contemporary society.

Taylor Zakhar Perez's Candid Moment

The film adaptation of Casey McQuiston's award-winning novel, "Red, White & Royal Blue," has quickly become a favorite within the LGBTQ+ community. But behind the scenes, star Taylor Zakhar Perez and director Matthew López had a candid conversation that highlighted the intricate issues surrounding body image, particularly in the gay community. Perez, hesitant about whether he should shave for an intimate scene, led to a genuine moment between actor and director. It emphasized Hollywood's often unrealistic beauty standards and fueled the larger discussion about embracing natural bodies.

Heartstopper and the Struggle with Compulsory Heterosexuality

Netflix's "Heartstopper" is a series rich with queer narratives, yet one subplot concerning compulsory heterosexuality has particularly resonated with viewers. This term, coined by lesbian feminist Adrienne Rich, sheds light on the societal pressures on women to conform to heterosexuality. Throughout the series, the character of Imogen Heaney becomes



a focal point in this dialogue. Imogen's ambiguous relationships with male characters, combined with her interactions with her bisexual childhood friend, Sahar, hint at a personal journey of queer realization amidst the confines of societal expectations.

Beyond the show, real-life testimonials

underline the challenge many femme queer women face. Prevailing stereotypes often dictate how queer women should appear and behave, making self-recognition and acceptance an even more intricate journey for some.

Kierra Johnson Ignites Hope at 60th March on Washington Anniversary

Kierra Johnson, the first Black, Pansexual woman to lead the National LGBTQ Task Force, delivered a riveting speech at the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington. Reflecting on the significance of the moment and the location, she invoked the legacy of civil rights icons like Audre Lorde and Bayard Rustin, emphasizing that her opportunity to speak was a realization of her ancestors' "wildest dreams."

Johnson pulled no punches in outlining the challenges facing the LGBTQ+ community today, from the attacks on trans, genderqueer, and non-binary youth to the weaponization of religion against LGBTQ+ individuals. She also broadened her message to include interconnected struggles such as the erosion of voting rights, the mistreatment of immigrants, and the systemic policing of black and brown bodies.

Despite the grim realities, Johnson's message was one of hope and empowerment. She spoke of the solidarity that can fuel progress and liberation, urging the community

to demand better—from a society that values the lives of Black trans women to a government that uplifts the marginalized. She listed key legislations that Congress should pass to safeguard essential human rights, such as the Each Act, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, and the



Equality Act.

Johnson painted an inspiring picture of the audience as a "multigenerational, multi-racial, and cultural movement" united in the pursuit of equity, liberation, and justice. She affirmed that together, there's nothing they can't accomplish. Her words served not just



Kierra Johnson & Peppermint (Courtest National LGBTQ Task Force)

as a call to action but also as a poignant reminder of the collective power that exists when people unite for a common cause.

As we reflect on the week's events, the importance of authentic storytelling and representation in all forms becomes clear. Whether it's Taylor Zakhar Perez and Matthew López peeling back the layers of body image issues in the gay community, the "Heartstopper" series taking on the often-overlooked topic of compulsory heterosexuality, or Kierra Johnson igniting a fire of hope and solidarity at the 60th March on Washington Anniversary, these instances underscore the complexities and intersectionalities within the LGBTQ+ community. Each serves as a call to action and a poignant reminder of the collective power we hold when united for common causes. As conversations continue to evolve, one thing is clear: the work is far from over, but with such compelling voices leading the way, progress is not just possible, but inevitable.

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Las Vegas, get ready to sizzle! On Saturday, September 9, the Palms Casino Resort will host the most fabulous and impactful event of the year—the 37th annual Black & White Party by Aid for AIDS of Nevada (AFAN). In collaboration with the Las Vegas Transitional Grant Area's (LVTGA) Love Live Campaign, this star-studded evening promises glitz, glamour, and, most importantly, a lifeline for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in our community.

The Venue and Time

Step into a world of extravagance at the Palms SOAK Pool and KAOS Nightclub, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. With over-the-top black and white fashions, this isn't just a party; it's a movement dressed in its best.

The Entertainment

Celeb gossipier Perez Hilton and the glamorous Norma Llyaman will set the stage on fire as they host the night, featuring electrifying performances from the magical duo Penn & Teller, the scintillating Vanessa Vanjie Mateo of "RuPaul's Drag Race," and many more.

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Interactive activations are not just for Instagram but for engaging and educating. Look out for a disco ball wall, a condom bar, and even a silent auction featuring luxury goods. All this while raising awareness for homelessness, food

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VIP Treatments

For those seeking that extra layer of exclusivity, AFAN is hosting a welcome reception at Ghostbar from 7-8 p.m. for VIP+ ticket holders, VIP table groups, and invited guests. The "Club 37" experience promises even more entertainment and an open bar.

A Cause We Stand For

"By attending the Black & White Party, you're not just showing up; you're standing up for your fellow Nevadans," says Antioco Carrillo, AFAN's executive director. "We're not just raising funds; we're raising hope, awareness, and a stronger, more supportive community."

Afterparty and Sponsors

And because the LGBTQ+ community knows how to keep the party going, Piranha Nightclub will host the official Black & White afterparty. A special shoutout to our proud supporters and sponsors, including Love Live, Wynn Las Vegas, iHeart Media, and Penn and Teller.

For tickets and more information, visit AFAN's official website (<http://afanlv.org>).

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a legendary event that stands for something much bigger than us all. Mark your calendars, don your best black and white attire, and let's make this year's Black & White Party the most memorable yet.

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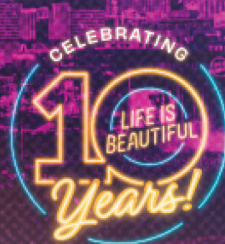
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The Glittering Queens of Disco:
Unveiling the Stories Behind the Gay
Community’s Cherished Anthems

The disco era, dripping in glitz, glamour, and the unabashed exuberance of love, acceptance, and freedom, holds a treasured spot within the LGBTQ+ tapestry. Especially for those from the gay community, disco was more than beats and dance moves—it was a heartbeat, a safe space. At the forefront of this golden era were Martha Wash, Norma Jean Wright, and Linda Clifford. Today, as they gear up to relive that splendor with their nationwide tour, First Ladies of Disco Show, they sit down to share the tales behind their iconic songs and what the gay community means to them.

With contemporary beats dominating the airwaves, these powerhouse divas are set to take us on a musical journey through the '70s and '80s. Their tour promises a magical blend of nostalgia, as they bring their classic hits like "It's Raining Men," "Dance, Dance," and "If My Friends Could See Me Now" back to the stage. These aren't mere songs, but anthems that defined an era of struggle, resilience, and celebration for many LGBTQ+ individuals.

Martha, Norma, and Linda's tour debut is on September 13 at Myron's at The Smith Center in Las Vegas. This monumental event, a production of James Washington in association with Do-KWA Productions and Purple Rose Records, guarantees a roller coaster ride of emotions and dance.

In a heartwarming chat, the divas opened up:

Martha Wash, whose career has been both glittering with hits and marked by her fierce advocacy for artist rights, mused, "When 'It's Raining Men' first released, the gay community embraced it wholeheartedly. They saw it as a celebration of self-expression. It wasn't just about the rain or the men; it was about freedom."

Her fight for credit for her vocals in the '90s led to legislation changes and solidified her

legacy as a champion for artist rights. "The same resilience the LGBTQ+ community showed in their fight for rights, I found within myself during my struggle. We're kindred spirits in many ways," Martha shared.

Norma Jean Wright, the radiant star of Chic, recollected, "Songs like 'Everybody Dance' were more than tracks on an album. In many gay clubs, they were anthems of liberation. I've had fans share stories of how these songs were their

safe space." On her transition to a solo act and the stellar "Saturday," she reflected, "Every song is a piece of me, a piece of the community. We're intertwined in this journey of love and music."

And then there's Linda Clifford, whose tracks like "Red Light" have ruled dance floors. Her voice laced with emotion, she said, "I've felt the love of the gay community throughout my career. When I sing, it's my way of giving back all the love and support."

Their combined effort, the First Ladies of Disco Show, promises a voyage back to those golden days. Linda added, "From the very first note of 'Don't Stop Me Now', expect to be transported. It's our tribute to the community and the music that defined an era."

This isn't mere nostalgia—it's an homage. It's a reaffirmation of the profound bond between the disco divas and the LGBTQ+ community. It's the story of anthems that lifted spirits during the toughest times.

As Martha beautifully summed up, "Music transcends boundaries. And our songs, many of which have become gay anthems, are a testament to the beauty of

acceptance."

This September, the First Ladies invite you to relive the disco era's charm. An evening in Las Vegas awaits, filled with stories, memories, and the shared heartbeat of an entire community. Don't miss this chance to witness the magic of disco, as the legends themselves bring it alive.

First Ladies of Disco Show takes place on Wednesday, September 13 at Myron's at The Smith Center in Las Vegas. Tickets are available at <https://lnkd.in/gTiGUMMg>.





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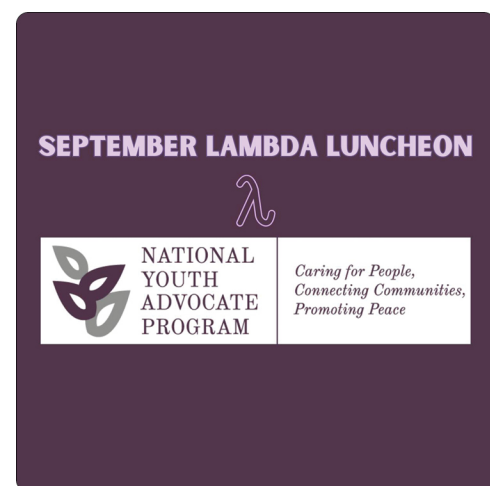


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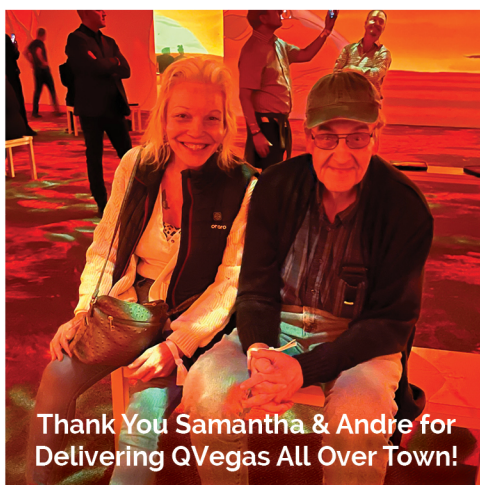
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