

# New Lifers Premiere "Bent" In Charlotte

New Life MCC's New Life Players will present the renowned gay-themed play "Bent" at Spirit Square's 100-seat Entertainment Place June 26, 27 and 28; and may schedule more performances if the original three sell out.

The production is the Charlotte premiere of the famous drama.

The Saturday, June 28, performance will be signed for the deaf.

Joe Schommer, who recently moved to Charlotte from Kansas City, will direct a group of local actors in Martin Sherman's searing drama, which starred Richard Gere in its Broadway run.

The intensely emotional play tells the story of two men who fall in love in a Nazi concentration camp. The entire second act takes place at the camp's rock pile, where prisoners pass the time meaninglessly moving rocks from one place to another.

Throughout, Sherman's use of small incidents builds to a powerful, gripping climax.

Tom Caudle as Max and Alan Poindexter as Horst play the protagonists. Other actors are Mark Taylor as Rudy, Dean Shull as Wolf and as the captain, Art Fleschner as the officer, Mickey Taylor as Greta, and Don Watkins as Uncle Freddie and as the kapo.

Schommer, while in Kansas City, directed five productions and numerous musicals and lays. He worked diligently with the Kansas City Lyric Opera for five seasons.



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He also appeared in three productions of "Bent" with the Unicorn Theatre.

"It's a very touching, gripping show about the persecution of gays and Jews, a story of survival," he said. "The audience gets very involved."

Part of the proceeds will be donated to the Metrolina AIDS Project.



Tickets are \$5 each. To order, send check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to New Life MCC, P.O. Box 221404, Charlotte 28222. State first, second and third choices of performance dates.

## PRIDE WEEK!

A week crammed with activities has been planned in Charlotte to celebrate Gay/Lesbian Pride Week with the rest of the nation.

The last week in June is usually chosen for Pride Week because the Stonewall Riots, generally accepted as the birthing time of the modern gay activist movement, took place in New York in June, 1969.

Charlotte's Pride Week will be its sixth observance dating back to 1981.

Highlights of the week are a picnic with softball at Bryant Park, a midweek banquet that doubles as the first presentation of the Carolinian of the Year Award, and a wrap-up Carnival.

The schedule:

**Sunday, June 22**, noon-4 p.m. at Bryant Park. Softball, food and possi-

bly volleyball. PHONE 375-7315 TO STATE ON TAPE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO WILL ATTEND WITH YOU. (QCQ needs an idea of how much food to prepare).

**Wednesday, June 25**, 7 p.m. at Fortuna Restaurant, \$10/person. Banquet and Carolinian of the Year Award. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: SEE BELOW.

**Saturday, June 28**, \$10/person. Bus to leave from Scorpio parking lot for one-day roundtrip to Pride Week march in Durham. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: SEE BELOW.

**Sunday, June 29**, 12-6 p.m. at Scorpio parking lot. Carnival with booths, games, draft beer (beginning at 1 p.m.), entertainment. PHONE 375-7315 TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP. To reserve a booth, see below.

### FORTUNA BANQUET RESERVATIONS

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places at the Wednesday, June 25, banquet @ \$10 per person. My check (payable to QCQ) is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: QCQ, P.O. BOX 221841, CHARLOTTE 28222

### DURHAM BUS TRIP RESERVATIONS

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the Saturday, June 28, trip @ \$10 per person. My check (payable to QCQ) is enclosed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### CARNIVAL BOOTH RESERVATIONS

Please reserve a booth space for me at the Pride Week Carnival in the Scorpio parking lot on Sunday, June 29. I understand I must supply my own table and other necessities. I have enclosed a description of my booth: whether I'll be selling merchandise or featuring a game or offering information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### CAROLINIAN OF YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

I have enclosed a separate sheet in order to place a nomination for the Carolinian of the Year Award. The sheet describes why I think my nominee should be considered for the award.

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