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Gold to hit Broadway

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Mitchell Gold, founder of Faith in America, will be a guest presenter at the post-performance TalkOUT for the musical "Bare," on Dec. 5 Broadway World reported.

Producers decided to organize the series to allow dialogue between "some of the foremost leaders in the fight for LGBT equality" and audience members at select

performances. Among those who will take part in the series that begins on Nov. 19 and continues through Dec. 19 are Judy Shepard (The Matthew Shenard

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Foundation); Jane Clementi (The Tyler Clementi Foundation); Chuck Wolfe (The Gay & Lesbian Victory Foundation); Hudson Taylor (athlete ally); James Clementi (The Tyler Clementi Foundation); Paul Boskind ("Bare" producer, Human Rights Campaign board member and other board members); Travis Wall ("BARE" and "So You Think You Can Dance" choreographer); The Clementi Family, Joseph, Jane and James (The Tyler Clementi Foundation); and cast members of "Bare."

The production is mounted Off-Broadway at the New World Stages, 340 W. 50th St. It follows a group of teens wrestling with issues of identity, sexuality and religion at a co-ed Catholic boarding school, producers said.

Charlotte

Pride 2013 staffers, volunteers needed

CHARLOTTE — The LGBT Center of Charlotte, 820 St., Suite B11, has announced its call for 2013 Pride Charlotte volunteers and staffers

The two-day celebration begins its planning process months ahead of rollout in order to provide an enjoyable event for everyone. Committee and chair positions to fill are:

- Parade provides execution of and staging of parade, from development to implementation.
- Development oversees all revenue-generating activities of the festival and parade, including sponsorships, vendor fees, parade registration fees and individual contributions. Committee activities include sponsorship, vendors and fundraising.
- Media/Marketing oversees all aspects of media, marketing and public relations of Pride Charlotte. Committee responsibilities include printing and publication of all materials, Pride guide production, radio/television ad development and social media outreach.
- Community Development responsible for increasing and improving visibility and reputation within the Charlotte region.

Committee activities include volunteer recruiting and training, event development, planning and implementation and diversity fostering and recruiting.

Additional positions are:

- Secretary responsible for recording votes and maintaining minutes and records of all meetings and proceedings, plus supporting all committee activity.
- Treasurer reports directly to the festival co-chairs and responsible for working directly with all committee chairs to develop a detailed annual budget for festival and parade operations.

For those interested, submit resumes to Pride Charlotte Co-Chair Richard Grimstad at richard@pridecharlotte.com.

Triad

'Sordid' to be mounted

WINSTON-SALEM — "Sordid Lives," a Del Shores' comedy, will be held at Theatre Alliance, 1047 Northwest Blvd., from Nov. 30-Dec 9

Produced with the support of a \$3,000 grant provided by the Adam Foundation, this popular stage presentation tells the story of Peggy, a "good Christian woman, who hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death after tripping over her lover's wooden leg in a motel room in Winters, Texas. It's a bit chaotic and filled with a great deal of irreverence.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 5, 6, 8, 9 and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 2 and 9.

Tickets are \$12, senior/student and \$14, adult on opening night and \$14/senior/student and \$16, adult for the rest of the run and may be purchased online at wstheatrealliance.org/ site/box-office.

For more information on the Adam Foundation, visit adamfoundation.org.

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Triangle

ENCF shares award winners

RALEIGH — Equality North Carolina Foundation has announced its legislative and champion awardees for 2012. They, along with keynote speaker Rev. William J. Barber, who will receive a special award for his efforts against Amendment One, will be honored at the Nov. 17 Gala event held at the Empire Room, 203 S. Elm St., on Nov. 17, 6:30-10 p.m.

The Student Leadership Award will go to Sammi Kiley

The Legislative Leadership Award recipient is Rep. Larry Hall (Dist. 29), Durham, N.C. The Bob Page Equality Champions,

awarded in five geographic regions are: Charlotte Region: Chris McLeod and Krista Tillman, Charlotte, N.C.; Eastern Region: Sherre Toler, Wilmington, N.C.; Triad Region: Rev. Julie Peeples, Greensboro, N.C. Triangle Region: Pam Spaulding, Durham, N.C. Western Region: Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Asheville, N.C.

Earlier in the day, from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., the Equality Conference will take place at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro's Elliott Center. Workshops include, but are not limited to, "Using local grassroots efforts to build safer learning communities in NC; "Rural organizing in the south;" "Faith-based reconciliation: reaching out and reaching in;" and "Overcoming diversity challenges in the LGBT community."

For rates, registration and information, visit equalitync.org.

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Center selling posies

RALEIGH — The LGBT Center of Raleigh, 411 Hillsborough St., is getting in the Christmas spirt and has developed a fundraiser to support its 2013 OutRaleigh Festival by selling potted poinsettias.

Plants are fresh and live and come in six inch pots. They are normally more than 12 inches tall. Cost for each is \$15 contribution.

All orders must be placed by Nov. 30.

Pickup is available at the center as soon after Dec. 14 at 1 p.m.

Additional contributions to the center are also welcome at the time of order placement.

In other news, the center is hosting a Transgender Day of Remembrance memorial reception on Nov. 20 from 7-9 p.m. as part of the 14th international event. Partnering with **Equality North Carolina and North Carolina** State University, they hope to be able to raise public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people.

On Nov. 22, the center will welcome attendees to its second annual TransGiving Dinner Party at 5 p.m. Turkey will be provided. Bring a side dish with serving utensils and enjoy the camaraderie. A short non-denominational grace will precede the meal. RSVP through the center website if requested for those who plan to attend.

To participate in the fundraiser or for more information, visit lgbtcenterofraleigh.com.

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South Carolina

Holiday party slated

COLUMBIA --- South Carolina Black Pride will hold its 2nd Annual Red Rendezvous on Dec. 14, 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m., at the Columbia Music Festival Association, 912 Pulaski St.

Dress to impress for this holiday celebration at this festive event.

On hand will be a live funk band. Attendees will be able to enjoy a cash bar and hors d'oureves. Door prizes will also be awarded.

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