

Out and About . compiled by Q-Notes staff

Events and happenings across the Carolinas

Mar. 24 • Raleigh

Day of Action .

Join EqualityNC and its supporters for their annual Lobby Day at the N.C. Legislature. Talk to your state senators and representatives about the issues and legislation that matter to you and your community. N.C. Legislative Building, 16 W. Jones St. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. www.equalitync.org.

Mar. 26-28 • Asheville

John Cameron Mitchell

The University of North Carolina-Asheville presents its 2009 GLBTQ Conference with a slate of panels and keynote speakers including director of John Cameron Mitchell ("Shortbus," "Hedwig and the Angry Inch"). Mitchell will speak at a Q&A session following a screening of "Hedwig" on Mar. 26 in the Humanities Lecture Hall. For more information on conference registration and single event passes, visit www.unca.edu/queer/.

Mar. 27-29 • Winston-Salem

'Hedwig'

Students from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts present a performance of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." This punk rock, hard rock, glam rock musical written by John Cameron Mitchell ("Shortbus") will have you jumping and dancing with excitement. Shows are 8 p.m. Mar. 27-28 (18 and up), 11 p.m. Mar. 27-28 (21 and up) and 7 p.m. Mar. 29 (18 and up). The Garage, 110 W. 7th St. \$10 general/\$7 students.

Mar. 28 • Greensboro

Peace & Justice concert

The Peace & Justice Network presents its first annual Concert for Peace, Justice and Sustainability, to benefit the network in support of community efforts and organizations working to promote peace and justice. The concert will feature Grammy-nominated performing artist Eliza Gikysen, with introductory remarks from noted author Robert Jensen. Church of the Covenant, 501 S. Mendenhall. 7 p.m. \$20 admission available through Deep Roots Market or via PJNTickets@gmail.com.

Mar. 29 • Charlotte

Carolina gay softball

The Carolina Gay Softball Alliance will host a clinic and sign-up for new players at Veterans Park in the Plaza-Midwood neighborhood. Interested new players should bring a glove, "feel sporty" and be ready to start the clinic by 3 p.m. If joining the team, league fee is \$40, cash only. For more information, call Ron Tessner at 704-287-9637 or visit www.myspace.com/carolinasoftballalliance.

Apr. 2 • Columbia

Bowling with SC Pride

Join the SC Pride Movement for an evening of bowling, socializing and fun. \$15 gets you shoe rental and two games. Bar and food available at the bowling alley. AMF Bowling Lanes at Parkland Plaza, 900 Axtell Dr., Cayce, SC. 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. www.scpide.org.

Apr. 2 • Hickory

Dining for Friends

A celebration to benefit ALFA, the only HIV/AIDS service organization serving Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga and Wilkes counties. Dining For Friends (DFF) is as simple as having dinner with friends. Invite friends to your home for dinner, and guests "pay" for their dinner with a donation to ALFA. Afterward, join ALFA supporters at their Dining for Friends Finale. Market on

Main, 335 Main Ave. 8 p.m.-12 a.m. 828-322-1447, ext. 224. www.alfainfo.org.

Apr. 2-5 • Charlotte

Film Festival

The Lesbian & Gay Community Center of Charlotte has rescheduled the Film Festival, previously planned for the end of January. Apr. 2, opening night gala; Apr. 3, audience votes on favorite features and shorts; Apr. 4, awards ceremony. gaycharlottefilmfestival.com.

Apr. 3-5 • Chapel Hill

Unity Conference

Exploring topics and issues of gender and sexuality in the South, the University of North Carolina GLBTSA presents its 2009 Southeastern Regional Unity Conference, an annual gathering of progressive LGBT youth and their allies. Registration is open and available online through www.unityconference.webs.com.

Apr. 4 • Belmont

Walk for AIDS

The House of Mercy will present its 16th Annual Walk for AIDS. For more information about how to participate, help fundraise or attend the walk, visit www.thehouseofmercy.org.

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Apr. 11 • Charleston

'Crisis' signing

Join Sean's Last Wish and Faith in America for a fundraiser and book signing of "Crisis: 40 Stories Revealing the Personal, Social, and Religious Pain and Trauma of Growing up Gay in America." Mitchell Gold, editor, will be there with other contributors from South Carolina to sign copies of the book. Copies of "Crisis" will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit non-profits supporting LGBT teenagers, including The Trevor Project Helpline, GLSEN, PFLAG, Point Foundation, Ali Forney Center and Sylvia's Place Homeless Youth Shelter. Waldenbooks/Borders Books, 120 Market St. #C-116. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. www.crisisbook.org. www.seanslastwish.org.

Apr. 15-May 2 • Charlotte

'Southern Rapture'

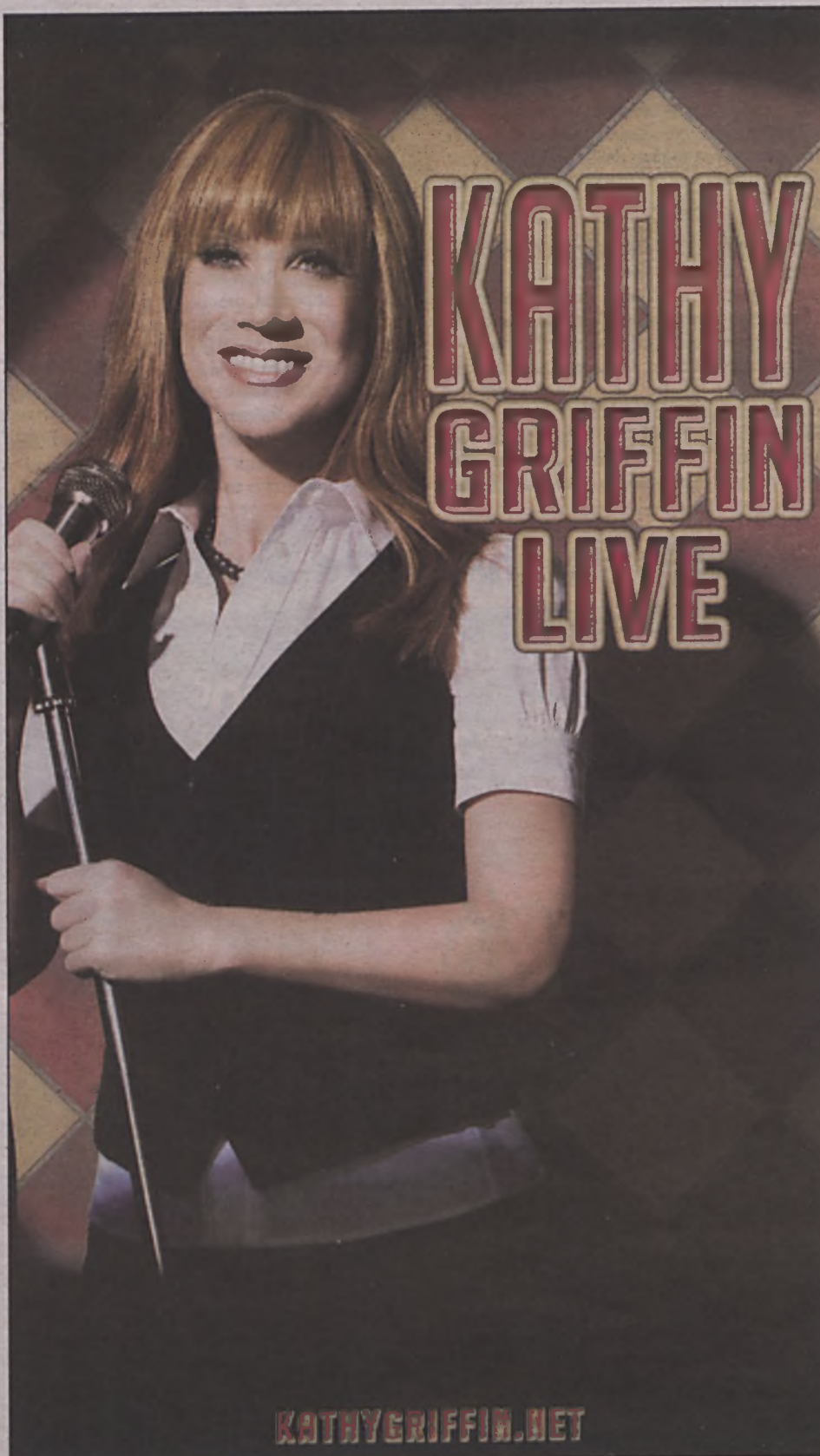
Take a trip back in time with the Actors' Theatre of Charlotte to when the Queen City was coming of age in the heart of the culture wars of the 1990s. "Southern Rapture" is a sidesplitting, fictionalized farce based on the defining battle between the city's artists, politicians, pastors and innocent bystanders over a local production of "Angels in America." 650 E. Stonewall St. Various times. Various prices. 704-342-2251. www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org.

Apr. 18 • Greensboro

Thicke & Hudson

Grammy winning, platinum superstar and recording artist Robin Thicke and Grammy and Academy Award winner Jennifer Hudson will bring their multi-city co-headlining tour to the Greensboro Coliseum Complex's Special Events Center, 1921 W. Lee St. 8 p.m. www.ticketmaster.com.

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