

Steve Schalchlin's NEW WORLD WAKING! A benefit concert for PFLAG-Olympia

by Alec & Gabi Clayton



The fabulous Steve Schalchlin is coming back to Olympia to do a big benefit concert for PFLAG-Olympia! This time he's doing two shows, Friday and Saturday, July 29 and 30 in the intimate space of the Black Box Theater at the Minnaert Fine Arts Center, South Puget Sound Community College.

Steve will perform his song cycle, "New World Waking: An Insurrection for Peace," a unique theatrical concert experiment inspired by John Lennon's IMAGINE piano, with a chorus of students from SPSCC. He will also be joined by special guests Saul Tannenbaum and Friends (Lauren O'Neill and Christina Collins) to perform many favorite hits from his Off-

Broadway musicals "The Last Session" and "The Big Voice: God or Merman?"

"New World Waking" debuted as a choral song cycle in San Francisco at the 30th anniversary concert of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus on December 1, 2008 (World AIDS Day) at Davies Symphony Hall with the 200-voice male chorus and 75-piece San Francisco Women's Community Orchestra, arranged and conducted by Dr. Kathleen McGuire. Then in June of 2010 it was performed in New York City as a stripped down small mixed ensemble performance with more text, a new song, and a new performance technique Steve dubbed "musical insurrection for peace."

The Off-Broadway rock gospel musical "The Last Session" that Steve wrote with his partner Jim Brochu won Best Musical nominations from the New York Drama League and New York Outer Critics Circle and won the GLAAD Media Award and two PFLAG-LA Oscar Wilde Awards.

Los Angeles Times critic Daryl H. Miller wrote:

"The Last Session is screamingly funny, yet love is everywhere. Individually, the cast are vocal dynamos but singing in harmony they are heaven on earth. The audience joins in a chorus of sniffles. Written from the heart, Schalchlin's gospel tinged pop tunes exert a rare emotional pull ... a fierce drive overtakes the tunes melodic strains. It's life taking hold again - hope rising on powerful wings."

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SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2-4 PM

Film: Two Sprit

"Two Spirits" is the story of the murder of Fred Martinez, a two spirit Navajo youth, and the nature of gender. Due to the length of the film we will shorten the intros, announcements and social time. Meeting starts at 2 p.m., film at approximately 2:45.

See article page 2 and online at <http://twospirits.org/>

FRI. & SAT., JULY 29 & 30, 8 PM

New World Waking!

Benefit concert for PFLAG-Olympia. See article this page.

SUNDAY., AUGUST 14, 1-4 PM

Picnic in Priest Point Park

Potluck and lots of fun! Join us for good company and a potluck meal in Priest Point Park - Kitchen #3 on the water side of the park starting at 1 pm. (**Note the time change.** That's an hour earlier than our usual meeting time). Bring food to share if you are able. More information to coordinate the meal will be sent out on the announcement email list, and info and directions will be posted on the website.



New World Waking

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The two-man show "The Big Voice: God or Merman," written and performed by Schalchlin and Brochu, was voted BEST OFF-BROADWAY SHOW OF 2006-2007 by Marle Becker OutFM WBAI Radio. The New York Times called it "Side-splitting! A hilarious and utterly enthralling evening of musical theater."

Steve Schalchlin's songs are heartwarming and powerful. They are tender songs filled with passion, wit, courage and grace. He shines his light brightly and is not afraid to be real. Please join us!

Find out more about Steve Schalchlin at:

<http://www.pflag-olympia.org/SteveSchalchlin-OlyWA-07-11/>
and Steve's blog: <http://bonusroundblog.blogspot.com/>

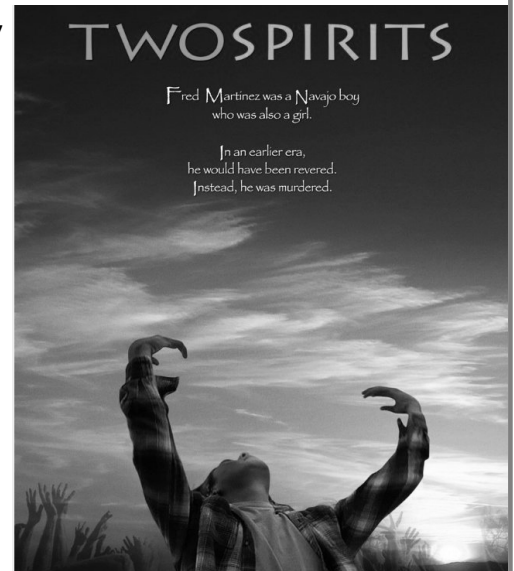
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Schalchlin concert. Send your check for however many tickets you would like to donate and we will make sure they are distributed to one of the following groups: Stonewall Youth, PIPE, MPowerment Olympia, The Evergreen Queer Alliance, Queer Alliance of SPSCC and others.

Make your check out to PFLAG-Olympia with Schalchlin Concert in the memo line and mail to PFLAG-Olympia, PO BOX 12732, Olympia, WA 98508. Please send your donation no later than Friday, July 22nd. We are a 501c3 non-profit organization. **Please note** that you must purchase your own ticket to go to the concert through the Washington Center as described in the poster on the back page of this newsletter. **Thank you, thank you, thank you and don't miss this concert!** It will be heartwarming and fun.

"Two Spirits" to be shown at July meeting

The documentary "Two Spirits" explores the life and death of a boy who was also a girl and the essentially spiritual nature of gender. It is much more than a simple story about the murder of Fred Martinez.



From the International Movie Data Base website (<http://www.imdb.com/>):

"Filmmaker Lydia Nibley explores the cultural context behind a tragic and senseless murder. Fred Martinez was a Navajo youth slain at the age of 16 by a man who bragged to his friends that he 'bug-smashed a fag'. But Fred was part of an honored Navajo tradition - the 'nadleeh', or 'two-spirit', who possesses a balance of masculine and feminine traits. Through telling Fred's story, Nibley reminds us of the values that America's indigenous peoples have long embraced."

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- ▼ support, to cope with an adverse society;
- ▼ education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and
- ▼ advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

Two Spirits

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The Navajo believe that to maintain harmony, there must be a balanced interrelationship between the feminine and the masculine within the individual, in families, in the culture, and in the natural world. "Two Spirits" reveals how these beliefs are expressed in a natural range of gender diversity, and examines the Navajo concept of *nádleehí*, "one who constantly transforms," and tells compelling stories about traditions that were once widespread among the indigenous cultures of North America. The film explores the contemporary lives and history of Native two-spirit people.

Traditionally two-spirits were honored and revered in Native cultures much as medicine men or other highly evolved people.

The 2009 film, recently broadcast on PBS' Independent Lens, tells the story of Fred's short life, the "nadleeh" tradition, and of his loving family and friends who came together in support of Fred's mother, Paula Mitchell, after Fred's murder.

Among those who gathered together in Cortez, Colorado to support Paula Mitchell were Native leaders and LGBT activists from all over the country, including; Carolyn Wagner, former PFLAG National vice-president, co-founder of Families United Against Hate (FUAH) and mother of an anti-gay hate crime victim; Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard; and from our own PFLAG-Olympia chapter, Gabi Clayton, FUAH co-founder. Gabi will be at the showing of the film and can share her experiences during the talk back after the film.

For more information on "Two Spirits" go to:

<http://twospirits.org/> and see our blog post:

<http://pflagolympiawa.blogspot.com/2011/06/local-television-and-olympia-screening.html>.

It is wonderful how much time good people spend fighting the devil. If they would only expend the same amount of energy loving their fellow men, the devil would die in his own tracks of ennui.

— Helen Keller

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DIRECTIONS: From Sylvester Park on Capitol Way and Legion Way, go 12 blocks east on Legion Way to Boundary Street. Turn left around the church. Park in the lot at 5th Avenue and Boundary and enter through the glass doors.

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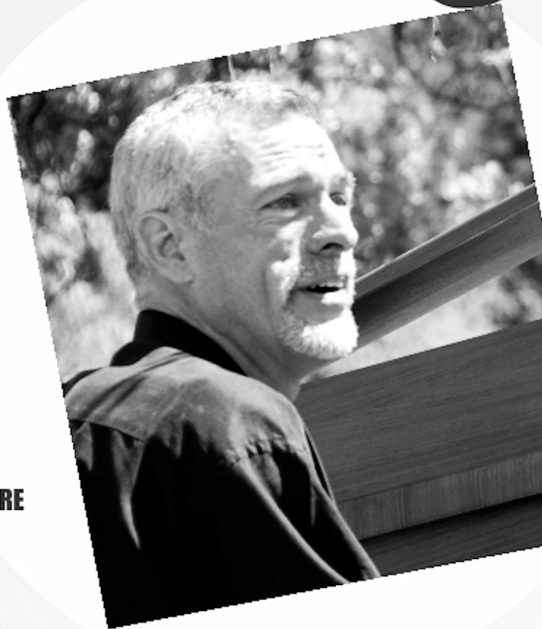
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Friday & Saturday

July 29-30

7:30pm

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