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Pride of Indy Jazz Concert Thursday, August 30



The Pride of Indy Jazz Ensemble will present *Snazzy Jazz in the Park* as part of the Indy Park's Summer Concert Series. The concert will be on Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts. Sponsors are Indy Pride, Inc.; Human Rights Campaign, *The Word*, Talbott Street and BloomingOut.

Indy Pride Annual General Membership Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, September 19

The Indy Pride Board of Directors has scheduled the Annual General Membership Meeting for **Wednesday, September 19**. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Centrum (12th & Central). According to the Indy Pride Bylaws, "An annual meeting of the members for the election of the Board of Directors and transaction of other business to come before the membership shall be held each year in the first week of September or within 30 days. Time shall be set by the current board and communicated as noted in Section 4.03 (Notice)."

Indy Pride Bylaws - Section 4.03 – Notice: Written notice of the location, date and time of any membership meeting and the reason for any special meeting, will be sent by U.S. mail or e-mail to each currently enrolled member at their last known address/e-mail address not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days in advance of the meeting.

At the July meeting, the Board approved the appointment of the Nominations Committee: Andy Gilliland (Chair), Doug Mellinger, Anne-Marie Predovich, Shelly Snyder and Michael O'Neal.

If you need to renew your membership, you may do so at the Indy Pride Membership Mixer on Thursday, August 16 at Agio or online through PayPal, VISA or MasterCard at the Indy Pride website: www.indyprideinc.com.

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GLBT HISTORY

Part of the mission and purpose of Indy Pride, Inc. is "to educate the GLBT Community about GLBT history, of the issues which affect it, both social and political and of the resources which are available to its members within the community."



Armistead Maupin was born in Washington, D.C. on May 14, 1944 but grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina. Maupin was born to a conservative, Christian family. According to Maupin, he has had storytelling instincts since he was eight years old. Maupin is a graduate of the journalism program at the University of North Carolina, where he worked for *The Daily Tar Heel*.

After earning his undergraduate degree, Maupin enrolled in law school, but later dropped out. He worked at a television station in Raleigh which was managed by conservative television personality and later U.S. Senator Jesse Helms. Helms even nominated Maupin for a patriotic award, which he won. During that time, Maupin reports that he was a typical conservative and even a segregationist who looked up to Helms as a sort of "hero figure." Maupin later changed his views dramatically and publicly condemned Helms at a gay pride parade on the steps of the North Carolina State Capitol.

Maupin is a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served several tours of duty including on in the Vietnam War.

Maupin worked briefly as a reporter for a newspaper in Charleston, South Carolina before being assigned to the San Francisco bureau of the Associated Press in 1971. According to Maupin, he "knew he was gay since childhood but didn't have sex until he was 26 and only decided to come out publicly in 1974 in his "adopted city" of San Francisco where "the climate of freedom and tolerance" inspired him.

In 1976, his *Tales* novels first appeared as daily serials in San Francisco newspapers. The serial was later reworked into the series *Tales of the City* books published by HarperCollins. The first of Maupin's novels, *Tale of the City* was published in 1978. Five more followed in the 1980s ending with the last book *Sure of You* in 1989. The *Tales of the City* books have been translated into ten languages and have sold more than six million copies. Maupin was one of the first writers to address the subject of AIDS in his novel *Babycakes* published in 1983.

In 1994, *Tales of the City* became a controversial but highly acclaimed miniseries on PBS. After PBS was attacked for the miniseries, Showtime opted to film the second novel in the series *More Tales of the City* on in 1998. In addition to his *Tales* novels, Maupin wrote the narration for the HBO documentary *The Celluloid Closet*. Maupin's other works include *Maybe The Moon*, *The Night Listener* and most recently, *Michael Tolliver Lives*.

Maupin's first partner (of twelve years) was Terry Anderson, a gay rights activist who co-authored the screenplay for *The Night Listener*.

Maupin is now married to Christopher Turner, a website producer and photographer. Maupin came across Turner's posting on a dating website and then "chased him down Castro Street saying, 'Didn't I see you on Daddyhunt.com?'" The couple married on February 18, 2007 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

A sharp, social critic, Maupin places his gay characters within the large framework of humanity, creating a social history of San Francisco during the tumultuous decades of the 1970s and 1980s. Maupin is often compared to Charles Dickens because each wrote originally for serial publication; each frames his art for a popular audience and each examines critically the social array of his chosen city. Like Dicken's London, Maupin's San Francisco is home to interlocking networks of friends, lovers and enemies. As these groups develop and evolve, some become supportive and nurturing, other hypocritical and stifling.

Information obtained from various internet websites. Copies of Maupin's novels can be purchased locally at OutWord Bound.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are upcoming Indy Pride Events. Mark your calendars to come out and join the fun!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

SNAZZY JAZZ CONCERT

INDY PARK'S CONCERT SERIES

PLACE: MACALLISTER CENTER FOR
PERFORMING ARTS – GARFIELD PARK

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**INDY PRIDE ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING - BOARD ELECTIONS**

OLD CENTRUM – 12TH & CENTRAL AVENUE

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

INDY PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: INDY PRIDE OFFICE – OLD CENTRUM

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Quote of the Month:

"I thank God I was raised Catholic, so sex will Always be dirty." – *John Water, Director of Pink Flamingos, Female Trouble, and Hairspray*

Indy Pride Scholarship Program DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2007

Each year, Indy Pride, Inc. provides scholarships to students who have worked to make Indiana a better place for the GLBT community. Monies for the scholarship are obtained through fundraising events such as Laugh Out Loud, the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction and the annual IN Pride Festival.

The scholarship deadline this year is October 1st. Scholarships are awarded in November at the annual Indy Pride Community Thanksgiving Event.

Scholarship applications are available through the website at www.indyprideinc.com. Once the application has been completed, mail applications to:

Indy Pride, Inc Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 44403
Indianapolis, IN 46244-0403

All applications must be postmarked by October 1, 2007 to be considered.

Applications will be reviewed/awarded by the Scholarship Committee. It is imperative the applicants communicate their acceptance as soon as possible.

Awarded applicants have through the end of December 2007 to utilize their well deserved scholarship. All checks will be payable to the appropriate institution's Bursar's Office. Therefore, please be complete with all necessary information to avoid complications/delays.

Join the Indy Pride & Talbott Street AIDS Walk Team!

Indianapolis – Members of Indy Pride, the Pride Bag Ladies, and the Pride of Indy Band will join with Talbott Street to sponsor a team in the 2007 AIDS Walk & Ride. The 2007 AIDS Walk & Ride will be held on Sunday, October 14 with registration at University Park in downtown Indianapolis. For more information about the 2007 AIDS Walk & Ride, check out the website at: www.indianaaidswalk.org or call 317-630-1805. To join the Indy Pride/Talbott Street team, click on the link below:

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=233775&lis=1&kntae233775=46C1788C15424C569699588A4050EE08&supId=182508342&team=2017294>.



Indy Pride President to Receive Lambda Legal Award

Indy Pride President, Gary Brackett will be receiving one of two Lambda Legal Individual Leadership Awards at the 8th Annual Lambda Legal Dinner on Thursday, September 20, 2007. The dinner will be held at the Marriott Indianapolis Downtown, 350 W. Maryland Street from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. In addition to cocktails and dinner, the evening will feature an awards program honoring citizens and organizations furthering the recognition of civil rights for the LGBT community both locally and statewide.

For the past four years, Brackett has served as President of the Board of Directors of Indy Pride, Inc. During his leadership, Indy Pride, Inc. has seen record growth in attendance at Pride events from 6,000 people in 2002 to over 30,000 people in 2007. In addition, Gary was instrumental in organizing the first Indy Pride Parade. During his tenure, Indy Pride has expanded to include the Pride Bag Ladies and the Pride of Indy Band.

Indy Pride will have several tables at the Lambda Legal Dinner. If you would like to attend the dinner, advanced tickets are available until September 15 for \$150.00. Please contact Scott Van Kirk at svankirk@expodesign.net or by phone at 317-523-5583 for more information.



Indy Pride Board Seeks Nominations

The Nominations Committee of Indy Pride is seeking nominations for Indy Pride Board positions. According to the Indy Pride Inc. Bylaws, the number of Directors shall be not less than six (6) or more than fifteen (15) Directors must be members of the Corporation. Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years. A Director may serve any number of consecutive terms.

Nominations may be made by any member in good standing, and seconded by two additional members in good standing, following a call for nominations published to the general membership. Such nominations shall be made on a form prescribed by the Board of Directors, and shall be submitted and delivered to the Chair of the Nominations Committee no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting of the Members. The Nominations Committee shall work with the Secretary to verify that such nominating and seconding members and such nominated members are members in good standing. No later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the annual meeting of the Members, the Nominations Committee shall report to the Board the nominations received and approved to date, and such report shall be reported to the general membership. The publishing of such report is intended to advise the general membership of nominations to date, and to allow the general membership to supplement the list of nominations prior to the close of nominations. The Nominating Committee shall, at least seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting of the general membership, publish to the general membership a slate of all duly nominated candidates. A copy of the Nominations form is attached to this newsletter and will be available on the Indy Pride Inc. website.

The following Indy Pride Board members will begin the second year of their term in September: Julie Anderton, Andy Gilliland, Jason Grisell, Doug Mellinger, and Anne-Marie Predovich. The election of Board members will be held on September 19 during the Indy Pride Annual General Membership Meeting.