

**MAINSTREAM  
EXILES**  
art exhibit

a  
lesbian  
& gay men's  
cultural  
festival

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Kico Govantes  
Linda Lorraine

Goodman Building  
1111 Geary, SF  
June 19-July 19  
Wed-Fri 5-9 pm  
Sat-Sun 1-6 pm  
Opening: June 20  
5-7 pm

Ollie's  
4130 Telegraph, Oak.  
June 11-30  
Opening: June 11  
7-10 pm

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# Mainstream EXILES

## poetry

at Ollie's

Sunday June 14/7:30 pm

Judy Grahn  
 Canyon Sam  
 Tede Matthews  
 Blackberri

Susan Griffin  
 Rose Mitchell

David Emerson Smith  
 Randy Johnson

Goodman Building

Sunday June 21/7:30 pm

Pandoura

Steve Abbott  
 Carmen Vasquez  
 Sam Ambler  
 Eric Miller  
 Nanci Stern  
 Jan Bolenbaugh

Tuesday June 23

Open Reading

Poets, come out of the closet!

Donation: \$1

Thursday June 25/7:30 pm

Merle Woo  
 Robert Gluck  
 Karen Brodine  
 Kim Anno  
 Karen Pearl  
 Roberto Bedoya  
 Carol Rowan

## music • theatre • comedy • performance art



Friday June 12 9 pm

Avotcja  
 Abeni

Whole Works Theatre

Jill Rose Band  
 Gwen Stripling  
 Sam Ambler

Saturday June 13 9 pm

Chris Tanner  
 Swingshift

Mariposa

Adele Prandini  
 Laurie Tanner  
 M. J. Lallo

No Name Performance Group

Donation: \$3-\$5

Goodman Building

Wednesday June 24 7:30 pm

Lavender Abalone

David Emerson Smith & Paul Fey  
 Randy Johnson & Tede Matthews  
 Massimo Iacoboni  
 Robin Young

Donation: \$2-\$4

Celebrate Gay/Lesbian Pride Month

# Exiled Artists Expose Queer Culture

Mainstream Exiles, a group of "progressive, queer cultural workers," opens its second bi-annual festival in the Bay Area this month.

*Mainstream Exiles: A Lesbian and Gay Men's Cultural Festival* will feature six days of music, theater, poetry, comedy, and performance spread out over the month, along with an art exhibit opening June 11 in Oakland and June 19 in San Francisco.

Mainstream was formed in the fall of 1980, when a loose-knit network of lesbians and gay male artists recognized their "exile" status in the established media and art world, and joined together to promote alternative cultural outlets.

"We felt the only gay culture being recognized was the marching band, cabaret, and so on," says Leoni, one of the original exiles, "and there was no outlet for working class, older or Third World Lesbian and gay artists."

The group decided to create a forum for these artists, performers, technicians and their supporters to advance queer culture. And, says Leoni, "the festival will show the range and diversity of peoples' experience . . . especially how their artwork reflects that."

Onstage performers scheduled for the fest run the gamut from Whole Works Theatre and Lavender Abalone, to Chris Tanner, Avotcja, and Blackberri. (See page 6 for complete schedule.) The fest also will bring us readings by Bay Area Lesbian and Gay poets (plus an

opening reading).

Why such a festival in the first place? Poet Tede Matthews, one of Mainstream's organizers, believes "artists can no longer remain silent" in the face of a repressive political climate. "We have to band together to support each other and fight for the freedom of our

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communities," he says.

Tedesays the year-old network of Exiles takes a "strong stand against culture and politics that are sexist, racist, ageist or imperialist, or which support the class structure."

And Matthews is concerned over recently introduced federal bills like the "Family Protection Act," which he says would prohibit use of federal funds by arts organizations that sponsor gay performances or cultural events.

According to the poet-activist, the Act also would outlaw print materials that "advocate, promote or protect acts of sodomy."

Mainstream Exiles plans to provide a continuing network for gay and lesbian artists, for mutual support and feedback.

In the meantime, says Matthews, "we have a long struggle ahead of us, and we need to be entertained in hard times."

Childcare will be available by reservation. Call Brent Ingram at 564-8479. All events are wheelchair accessible.

## Mainstream Exiles Schedule of Events

Music • Theater  
Comedy • Performance Art

**Friday, June 12** (Ollie's, 4130 Telegraph, Oakland)  
— 9pm. Avotcja, Abeni, Whole Works Theatre, Jill

Rose Band, Gwen Stripling, Sam Ambler. \$3-\$5 donation.

**Saturday, June 13** (Ollie's) — 9pm. Chris Tanner, Swingshift, Mariposa, Adele Prandini, Laurie Tanner, M. J. Lallo, No Name Performance Group. \$3-\$5 donation.

**Wednesday, June 24** (Goodman Building, 1121 Geary, SF) — 7:30pm. Lavender Abalone, David Emerson Smith & Paul Fey, Randy Johnson & Tede Matthews, Massimo Iacoboni, Robin Young. Donation \$2-\$4.

### Poetry

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**Sunday, June 21** (Goodman Bldg) — 7:30pm. Pandoura, Steve Abbott, Carmen Vazquez, Sam Ambler, Eric Miller, Nanci Stern, Jan Bolenbaugh.

**Tuesday, June 23** (Goodman Bldg) — Open reading. Poets, come out of the closet! \$1 donation. More info: 431-4872.

**Thursday, June 25** (Goodman Bldg) — 7:30pm. Merle Woo, Robert Gluck, Karen Brodine, Kim Anno, Karen Pearl, Roberto Bedoya, Carol Rowan, Bruce Boone. \$2-\$4 donation.

### Art Exhibit

**East Bay Opening:** June 11, 7-10pm, at Ollie's of Oakland. All month long.

**San Francisco:** Wed-Sun, June 19-July 19. Opening reception, June 20, 5-7pm. Gallery hours: Wed-Fri, 5-9pm; Sat-Sun, 1-5pm, at the Goodman Building, 1121 Geary.

**Featuring** works by Deborah Yaffee, Kristen Bachler, Fred Wasserman, Brent Ingram, Fran Roccaforte, Randy Johnson, Steven Brown, Della Grace, Kim Anno, Rinaldo Kiki Ching, Laurie White, Zee Zereski, Kico Govantes, and Linda Lorraine.

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