

# WAKING UP BLUE

IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA DAY

MAKING THE INVISIBLE VISIBLE

A one act play about a teenage boy who takes a journey with the help of his Fairy Godmother, who teaches him a lesson in tolerance.

Directed by Chris Rabideau

**MAY 17, 2010**  
**CAPITOL THEATRE**  
121 University Avenue West

<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>\$5</b> Students
	<b>\$15</b> Adults
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>\$10</b> Students
	<b>\$15</b> Adults
<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>\$20</b> Performance Only
	<b>\$15</b> Post-show Reception Only
	<b>\$35</b> Performance & Reception

Three performances, followed by a post show reception with the cast on the final performance. The post show reception will have complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Windsor Pride Community LGBTIQ Youth Programming.

For more information on the "Waking Up Blue" performance please contact [neil@windsorpride.com](mailto:neil@windsorpride.com)

Windsor Pride invites sponsorship and donations for this event and all of its Youth Programs. Please contact [david@windsorpride.com](mailto:david@windsorpride.com) for more details.

For tickets call

**519 973 4656**

or visit the Windsor Pride Office

**422 Pelissier Street**

Monday & Wednesday 9am-9:30pm;

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9am-5pm;

or Sundays 2pm-6pm





**PRIDE IN THE CITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS  
International Anti Homophobia Day 2010  
Program of Events**

**Sunday May 16, 2010**

7:00- 9pm Art Openings and Reception @ 422 Pelissier (Cash Bar)

1. Homophobia & Me – Postcard format
2. Pride in the City – installations, mixed media
3. Teen Photography show

**Monday May 17, 2010**

8:00 am Catered Breakfast (Pride Centre) for Workplace Diversity Officers , Employee Resource Groups (ERG's) – CAW, Employee Associations – Windsor Police, Fire, EMS, Board of Education, SAFE

12 noon – Lunch( Willistead Manor) PRIDE IN THE CITY Business Lunch – Guest Speakers Michael Bach, Executive Director, Pride at Work [pride@work.com](mailto:pride@work.com) and Colleen McDowell, Business Operations Manager, IBM

12:30 pm, 5pm, and 8 pm Capital Theatre( Kelly Stage) – Pride Youth presents “ Waking Up Blue”, A One Act Play- with a talk back with performers following each show. Reception following the 8pm show in the Joy Room at the Capital ( Cash Bar)

6- 9 pm Homophobia & Me Arts Project (Lobby Capital Theatre)

1. Video Recording – Screen Test format
2. Self Portrait Workshop – Digital Photography Art

4:30- 7pm ALL AGES Open Mic at Phog Lounge (Music) with Joey Wright.

7- 11pm Open Mic at Phog Lounge (Music) with Joey Wright

8:30-10:30pm “SLAM HOMOPHOBIA” (Poetry) at Milk Coffee Bar with DJ Dan MacDonald

# Windsor Pride Community & Education

Invites you

To join us for

## **A Theatre for Social Justice Workshop using Discussion and Improvisation To CREATE A PLAY**

### **To Address LGBT Issues in Windsor**

- WHAT:** A Collaborative Workshop to create a short play addressing anti- LGBT discrimination in our community and within our schools to be performed on Anti-Homophobia day on May 17 2010. You do not need to be in the performance to be a part of this project. **No theatre knowledge or experience is necessary!** We will be using brainstorming, discussion, free writes and improvisation to create the play.
- WHO:** This workshop is designed for High school student's interest in collaborating to create a play about this important issue. We also welcome Faculty, Staff, Administrators, Community members, activists and other allies who want to create theatre to promote social justice!.
- WHEN:** March 23, 25, 27, 28, and 30, 2010
- WHERE:** Pride Community and Education Center (422 Pelissier Ave, Windsor, Ontario)
- RSVP:** **Deadline for Registration March 12, 2010 (contact email registration)**
- Email:** [Neil@windsorpride.com](mailto:Neil@windsorpride.com) Subject line: Youth Workshop
- Phone:** 519 973 4656

### **Windsor Pride Community and Education**

**Promoting sensitivity within our community**

**The Windsor pride organization continues its efforts in bringing education to the community on LGBT issues. Pride ones again hope's to use theatre to bring the community together and work towards equality and healing the divide that affects our community. ([www.WindsorPride.com](http://www.WindsorPride.com))**

This project has been adapted from a theatre for social Justice Workshop held by the University of Windsor and Fringe Benefits in the Spring of 2007

# Pride Windsor

## Theatre for Social Justice Workshop

### Overview

Five Workshop sessions, each 4 hours long

#### Day#1

Tuesday March 23 6:00-9:30pm

Story-Sharing

Put downs, stereotypes & jokes

Discrimination stories

Stereotype-busting stories

Some Improvisations based on the stories

#### Day #2

Thursday March 25 6:00-9:30pm

Brainstorming about how to reach the audience to raise awareness about homophobic behaviour, & speech in our local community and schools.

We'll decide which stories to tell. Should it be serious, funny or both? Should it be realistic or sci-fi or?

Should we use stuff from Much Music, social media, or???

#### Day #3

Saturday March 27, 2:00-6:00pm

Improvisations!!!! Tonight we'll create the play

Based on the story-line we decided upon Thursday!

Mostly we'll do it through improvisation.

Those who don't like to act can throw their ideas from the sidelines.

#### Day 4

Sunday March 28, 2:00-6:00pm

First reading. Adding new pieces to the script, and Editing & reworking parts of the script.

Making it AMAZING!

#### Day #5

Tuesday March 30, 6:00-9:30pm

Final Reading/Finishing touches to the script.

Bring in more friends & family for their fresh eyes and ears.

Brainstorm: Sets, Props, costumes & music,

Marketing & outreach, Post show discussion!

Begin casting, plan rehearsals!

Adapted from The School of Dramatic Art, University of Windsor and Fringe Benefits.

# **Pride Windsor**

## **Theatre for Social Justice Workshop**

### **Production and Creative Team**

<b>Director:</b>	Chris Rabideau
<b>Assistants to the Director:</b>	Siobhan Cassey & Charlotte Shipley
<b>Stage Manager:</b>	Kathryn Tisdale
<b>Lighting and sound Design:</b>	Capital Theatre
<b>Costuming:</b>	Chris Rabideau
<b>Script and Editing</b>	James Mays

#### **Director Bio**

**Chris Rabideau, B.A. Education. Ontario College of Teachers  
(Honours B.A. Drama in Education & Community, University of Windsor)**

Chris brings experience as a performer and director to this social justice workshop for youth. He is currently directing for Black History month, "The Journey to Freedom", with the Newcomers Art Program (NAP,) which is part of Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Woman. He will also be assisting with their future project "What We Make It" Feb 26, 27 at the Capital Theatre. Chris will also be featured as a performer in "Seedy Money" at the Mackenzie Hall Theatre in March. Chris has also been involved in past social justice workshops including "The Windsor Report" concerning LGBT issues. He has performed in many social justice plays including "The New Canadian Kid", "See Saw" and "Wiley and the Hairy Man". Chris is also actively involved with community theatre companies such Theatre Alive, Theatre Intrigue and Cross-town 2 players. Chris looks forward to directing this theatre for social justice workshop for Windsor teens.

## **Social Justice Drama Workshop for Students**

### **International Anti-Homophobia Day**

**(Workshop Dates: March 23, 25, 27, 28, 30, 2010)**

#### **Attention: Educators, Parents and Guardians**

This project aims to show new perspectives on homophobia. Homophobia is a negative attitude or feeling, an aversion towards gays and lesbians or towards homosexuality in general. It is also the rejection of people considered gay or lesbian and of all things associated with, for example gender non-conformity.

The goal of this project is to allow students a forum to create a show that they feel is a reflection of their own thoughts, feelings and attitudes on LGBT issues within our schools and community. After the workshop is completed students will be invited back to audition and be part of the production team during April and May. Taking part in these workshops and production allows students to become the engineers in the development and outcome of the play that will be shown on May 17, 2010, International Anti- Homophobia day ([www.homophobiaday.com](http://www.homophobiaday.com)). This day promotes the importance of reaching the community and the world about Homophobia. Adopting this day allows Windsor to become more aware of the prejudice and hatred that still plagues the whole community. Windsor Pride has felt the importance of this day and has decided to develop educational programming for this day.

On March 23-30 we will be holding workshops to create a youth social justice play concerning the theme of Anti-Homophobia. This adult supervised program is offered by Windsor Pride Community at no cost to participants. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic we have taken great care to develop the workshop process. The process will respect the confidentiality of the participants. Students in the department of social work at the University of Windsor will assist students in their participation.

We ask you to encourage youth to participate. With your support we can work together through the theatre medium to bridge the gap, and bring change into our community.

#### **Workshop location**

Windsor Pride Community Education and Resource centre  
422 Pelisser Street,  
Windsor, Ontario,  
[www.WindsorPride.com](http://www.WindsorPride.com)

For further information please contact Neil Mens, Executive Director.

[Neil@windsorPride.com](mailto:Neil@windsorPride.com)

Or Chris Rabideau, Workshop Director.

[Rabideau\\_C@hotmail.com](mailto:Rabideau_C@hotmail.com)

## Windsor Pride Community & Education Centre

Invites you to join us for

# From Fear to Hope

**A Theatre for Social Justice Workshop using Discussion and Improvisation to Create A PLAY**

### To Address HATE CRIMES

**WHAT:** A Six-Session Collaborative Workshop to create a one act play addressing Hate Crimes and Hate motivated acts in our community and within our schools to be performed in the New Year. You do not need to be in the performance to be apart of this project. **No theatre knowledge or experience is necessary!** We will be using brainstorming, discussion, free writes and improvisation to create the play.

**WHO:** This workshop is designed for High School students', parents and community interested in collaborating to create a play about this important issue. We also welcome Faculty, Staff, Administers, Community members, activists and other allies who want to create theatre to promote social justice!.

**WHEN:** November 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 2011

**WHERE:** Windsor Pride Community and Education Center (422 Pelissier st, Windsor, Ont)

**RSVP:** **Deadline for Registration is November 1, 2011 (contact email registration)**

**Email:** [chris.r@windsorpride.com](mailto:chris.r@windsorpride.com) **Subject line: Youth Workshop**

**Phone:** 519 973 4656

### Windsor Pride Community

**Promoting sensitivity within our community**

**The Windsor Pride organization continues its efforts in bringing education to the community on LGBT issues. Pride once again hopes to use theatre to bring the community together and work towards equality and healing the divide that affects our community. (WindsorPride.com)**

This project has been adapted from a Theatre for Social Justice Workshop held by the University of Windsor and Fringe Benefits in the Spring of 2007

## **Social Justice Drama Workshop for Students** **(Workshop Dates: November 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19, 2011)**

### **Attention: Educators, Parents and Guardians**

This project aims to show new perspectives on Hate Crimes and/or Hate motivated speech or acts. Hate Crimes occurs when the perpetrator of the crime intentionally selects the victim because of who the victim is. Violent crimes based on prejudice have a much stronger impact because the motivation behind the crime is to terrorize an individual affiliated with a specific group or community.

The goal of this project is to allow students and community the forum to create a show that they feel is a reflection of their own thoughts, feelings and attitudes on Hate motivated crime within our schools and community. After the workshop is completed students will be invited back to audition and be part of the production team during January and February of the New Year. Taking part in these workshops and production allows students to become the engineers of the development and outcome of the play that will be shown next year. The performances are aimed towards bringing awareness and sensitivity to the Windsor community. After the performances the audiences will take part in a community talk back where the audience engages in a dialogue and contributes to developing a way to create change in the Windsor community. Creating this forum allows Windsor to become more aware of the prejudice and hatred that still plagues the whole community.

On November 8-19 we will be holding workshops to create a youth social justice play concerning the theme of Hate Crimes. This program is offered by Windsor Pride Community and Windsor Police at no cost to participants. Due to the sensitive nature of this topic we have taken great care to develop the workshop process. The process will respect the confidentiality of the participants. Social workers are provided by Family Service Windsor - Essex County. We ask you to encourage youth and community members to participate in this ground breaking production for Windsor. With your support we can work together through the theatre medium to bridge the gap, and bring change to our community.

### **Workshop location**

Windsor Pride Community Education and Resource centre  
422 Pelissier Street,  
Windsor, Ontario,  
[www.WindsorPride.com](http://www.WindsorPride.com)

For further information please contact Chris Rabideau, Project Director.  
[Chris.r@WindsorPride.com](mailto:Chris.r@WindsorPride.com)



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**Windsor Pride Community  
Theatre for Social Justice Workshop  
Overview  
Six Workshop Sessions, each 4 hours long**

**Day #1 - Unpacking the Backpack**

**Date: Tuesday, Nov 8, 2011  
6:00pm-9:30pm**

Story-Sharing  
Put downs, stereotypes & jokes  
Discrimination stories – What are you afraid of?  
Stereotype-busting stories  
Some Improvisations based on the stories

**Day #2 - The Brainstorm**

**Date: Thursday, Nov 10, 2011  
6:00pm-9:30pm**

Brainstorming about how to reach the audience  
to raise awareness about Hate Crimes,  
& Hate speech in our local community and schools.  
We'll decide which stories to tell. Should it be  
serious, funny or both? Should it be realistic or sci-fi or?  
Should we use stuff from Much Music, social media, or??

**Day #3 - Bring Ideas (backpack) to Life**

**Date: Saturday, Nov 12, 2011  
2:00pm – 6:00pm**

Improvisations!!!! Tonight we'll create the play  
based on the story-line we decided upon last  
session! Mostly we'll do it through improvisation.  
Those who don't like to act can throw their ideas from  
The sidelines.

**Day #4 - Drafting**

**Date: Tuesday, Nov 15, 2011  
6:00pm-9:30pm**

First Reading. Adding new pieces to the script,  
and Editing & Reworking parts of the script.  
Making it AMAZING!

**Day #5 - Finishing Touches**

**Date: Thursday, Nov 17, 2011  
6:00pm-9:30pm**

Final Reading/Finishing touches to the script.  
Bring in more friends and family for their fresh eyes and ears.  
Brainstorm: Sets, Props, costumes & music,  
Marketing & outreach, Post show discussion!  
Begin casting, plan rehearsals!

**Day #6 – Reclaiming the Backpack**

**Date: Saturday, Nov 19, 2011  
2:00pm – 6:00pm**

Reclaiming who we are!! Developing solutions,  
What can we do? What can Police, Doctors, Politicians,  
Work environments do to make it safer and make active change?  
Bring in leaders of the community to share ideas!

Adapted from The school of Dramatic Art, University of Windsor and Fringe Benefits.

## **Windsor Pride Community**

### **Theatre for Social Justice Workshop**

#### **Production and Creative Team**

<b>Director:</b>	Chris Rabideau
<b>Producer:</b>	Siobhan Cassey
<b>Stage Manager</b>	Deanna Charuk
<b>Script Writer/Editing</b>	Deanna Charuk
<b>Lighting and Sound Design</b>	TBA

#### **Project Director Bio**

**Chris Rabideau, B.A. Education. Ontario College of Teachers  
(Honours B.A. Drama in Education & Community, University of Windsor)**

Chris brings experience as a director, performer, and educator to social justice workshops for youth. His most recent social justice works have included the award winning “Waking up Blue”, a play about Homophobia in Windsor, with local LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) high school students. The show has also been documented in the film titled “Just Because I Am” released in 2011, shown throughout Ontario and Michigan this coming year. Chris has worked with the Newcomers Art Project also known as the NAP program which is part of Windsor Women Working with Immigrant Woman organization for the last 2 years where he has facilitated the arts with newcomer youth to Canada. He also has directed social justice productions with the NAP project including: “Flight 13” a play about newcomer bullying, “The Nature of Things”, a play about the environment through a newcomer’s lens. The latter production was entered into 2010’s Fringe festival where it was well received. He has also created social justice productions on Black History month and Remembrance Day. Chris’s passion for directing extends into musical theatre where he directed the critical acclaimed “Godspell” at the Chrysler Theatre in 2011. As a performer Chris has acted in several social justice production including “The New Canadian Kid”, “See Saw” and “Whiley and the Hairy Man”. Chris has also toured several high schools and Universities promoting safer schools through tolerance and acceptance for all. Chris looks forward to working with the University once again to educate future teachers on the importance of social justice in the classroom. Chris also enjoys working at Windsor Pride Community where he facilitates a group for local LGBT youth in the series “Coming Out for Teens” with the “OK2BME” project, partnered with Family Services Windsor. Just recently Chris received the Safer and Vital Communities grant partnered with Windsor Police and the Greater Essex County District School Board to work with youth in workshops to create and produce a play about Hate Crimes.



# CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE FORM

## INDIVIDUAL 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection Act, I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the Windsor Pride Community in any of its promotional media or through distribution to media, of both my name and/or photograph, taken at

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(strike out uses that are not consented to or name or photograph that are not consented to be used).  
I understand that I may revoke or change this consent at any time by written notice to the Windsor Pride Community.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Individual (please print – for Windsor Pride Community staff use only)

## CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection Act, I hereby consent to the collection, use and disclosure by the Windsor Pride Community in any of its promotional media or through distribution to media, of both my child's name and/or photograph, taken at

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I understand that I may revoke or change this consent at any time by written notice to the Windsor Pride Community.

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Signature of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian (please print)

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Phone (Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian)

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Address of Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian (please print – for Windsor Pride Community staff use only)

## WINDSOR PRIDE COMMUNITY (OFFICE USE ONLY)

Signed consent obtained by: \_\_\_\_\_

### Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

The collection, use and disclosure of personal information by the government of Ontario are governed by the **Freedom of Information and Protection Act**, R.S.O. 1990, chapter F.31, as amended  
If consented to, your name and/or photograph (or, if you have given a consent as a Custodial Parent or Legal Guardian of a Child under the age of 18, the name and/or photograph of the child) may be used and disclosed by the Windsor Pride Community in any of its promotional media or through distribution to media, and for no other purpose.