

ENTERTAINMENT

Curtain-raising fund raising

Equity Foundation, an Oregon statewide gay and lesbian organization that awards grants to groups that support its mission of "access to worth," is offering supporters an opportunity to contribute financially through Arts Spectrum. The program offers tickets to specific evenings of four different shows between September 1998 and July 1999.

This year's shows are *June Bride*, Sept. 11, 1998; *Christmas With the Crawfords*, Dec. 3, 1998; *Northwest Afrikan American Ballet Heritage Concert*, Feb. 13, 1999; and *Chamber Music Northwest*, July 16, 1999.

A ticket series, which includes admission for one person to all four shows, costs \$100—\$35 of which directly benefits Equity Foundation. Included in the ticket price is admission to receptions with performers and other Equity supporters that will either follow or precede each show. For more information about Arts Spectrum or to purchase tickets, call 220-0628.

The survivors' stories

Filmmaking partners Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman have begun work on a new documentary that will explore the experiences of



Jeffrey Friedman (left) and Rob Epstein (right) with Lily Tomlin, who narrates *The Celluloid Closet*

homosexuals persecuted by the Nazis. The documentary, entitled *Pink Triangle*, will feature stories from gay men and lesbians who survived the Nazis only to be further brutalized as criminals after World War II, according to a report in *Variety*.

"We are thrilled that these survivors are finally ready to let us tell their stories on film, ending decades of unnatural silence, isolation and shame," said Friedman. "We feel a particular urgency to record what stories we can while there are still living witnesses to tell them."

Epstein added "The collective stories of these survivors will fill a crucial gap in the historical record."

The duo won an Emmy for their film *The Celluloid Closet*, which examined the history of cinema through a queer perspective. They also earned an Academy Award for their AIDS documentary *Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt*. On his own, Epstein won an Oscar for *The Times of Harvey Milk*.

Seven says no

Despite previous reports in *Girlfriends* magazine, the latest word is that Seven of the television series *Star Trek: Voyager* will not reveal a lesbian sexuality.

The June 29 issue of *The Advocate* gleaned a quote by Jeri Ryan, the actor who portrays Seven, from the Web site www.theglobe.com: "This is an enormous, enormous rumor on the

Internet, and it's not true. Somebody had posted supposedly official press releases from the producer's office saying that Seven would be a lesbian, and it's not true. Now."

Whether "now" means plans were nixed or that a lesbian development may happen sometime in the future is not clear.

Lea DeLaria in Chicago

The Portland run of the John Kander and Fred Ebb musical, *Chicago*, hits the Portland Center for the Performing Arts July 14 through 26—and it's bringing lesbian comic Lea DeLaria with it. DeLaria, known for her enthusiastic, indelicate style, will play Matron Mama Morton.

Tickets for *Chicago* range from \$15-\$57.50 and can be purchased at the PCPA box office or by calling TicketMaster at 790-ARTS.

San Diego pride gets Real stars

Organizers of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade have announced that this year's grand marshals will be Norman Korpi and Beth Anthony—both of whom achieved national notoriety after participating in MTV's *The Real World* series as out queers.

Anthony, an Oregon native, participated in the series' Los Angeles season. Korpi participated in the series' 1992 premiere in New York City. *The Real World* is a documentary program that houses individuals in a single dwelling in a particular city and then relentlessly and intimately records their interactions.

Aside from their commitment to the July 25 parade, the pair will also speak at

the July 24 Spirit of Stonewall Rally.

A home run

Frameline, the nation's only nonprofit entity committed exclusively to distributing, promoting, funding and exhibiting queer films, launched a new service June 19 at the 22nd San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival. The new service, called Send It Home, is meant to encourage people to donate queer-oriented films and videos to smaller communities where resources—and tolerance—may be in short supply. Frameline offers over 200 titles that can be sent to public libraries, high schools and other organizations.

As of June 22, film festival attendees had sent video tapes to groups in 31 states, according to a Frameline press release. Frameline added that some festival celebrities were getting in on fun, including P.J. Castellaneta, writer and director of the feature film *Relax...It's Just Sex*, who purchased *Together Alone* to donate to his hometown library in Lynbrook, New York.

For those interested in sending a gift to their high school library, or some other spot on Memory Lane that could stand a little queering, call Frameline at (415) 703-8654 or visit their Web site at

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