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A Missionary Position

A multimedia solo work for the stage written and performed by Ugandan American artist Ntare Guma Mbaho Mwine, **A Missionary Position** is a searing response to the rampant homophobia now gripping Uganda.

The noted Los Angeles theater artist incorporates raw video footage and still photography—gathered over recent months on the front lines of the African nation's LGBT movement—and layers this documentary material with his portrayal of riveting figures drawn from in-

person interviews. **A Missionary Position** reveals Uganda's LGBT community as seen through the eyes of a Ugandan government official, a Transgender sex worker, a Gay priest, and a Lesbian activist, and creates a complex investigation of the burgeoning resistance to state-supported oppression.

A Missionary Position is the follow-up to Mwine's internationally heralded one-man show **Biro**, the "New York Times critics pick" about the eponymous HIV-positive Ugandan who



illegally entered the United States to seek treatment. Additionally, he has contributed footage to "Call Me Kuchu", a documentary film on the life and death of David Kato,

Uganda's first openly Gay man, which won the Teddy Award for Best Documentary Film at 2012 Berlin International Film Festival.

A Missionary

Position premieres in June 2012 at the Roy and Edna Disney/CalArts Theater in Los Angeles.

"Mwine is wired, vivid and insistent... a strong addition to the margins

of the burgeoning documentary theatre genre" – Timeout London

"Mwine's superbly understated performances prove that the simplest elements of the theater are quite enough to capture an epic narrative and put forth a passionate, and political, plea for help." – Variety

The local performance at the Contemporary Art Center is funded by a grant from The Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr./U.S. Bank Foundation and co-sponsored by Scott E. Knox, Attorney at

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MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir received a Gold Medal in the World Choir Games' Female Choirs Champion's Category.

Scoring 81.50 points, MUSE now ranks at the top of US choirs in this category and third in the world. MUSE's near-flawless, Friday performance of "Good News" (*Rosephanye Powell*), "Gamba Adisa" (*Joan Szymko*), "Ergen Deda" (*Petur Lyondev*), and "Circle of Life" (*Elton John, Tim Rice, Lebo M & Hans Zimmer, Arr. Steve Milloy*) provoked an enthusiastic response and a standing

ovation from the audience, which included two of the judges.

This overwhelming outpouring of support was humbly received by MUSE. MUSE is proud to have represented the city of Cincinnati, spreading our message of musical excellence and social change at this unforgettable event. MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir is devoted to musical excellence and social change. Celebrating their 30th season in 2012-13, this allied heterosexual, Lesbian and bisexual choir, has been at the forefront of the women's choral movement since its inception.

MUSE performs more than twenty small concerts throughout the

Cincinnati-area, a year, as well as two major concerts.

MUSE concerts are interpreted for the hearing impaired, and choir membership showcases diversity in both age and ethnicity.

More information about MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir can be found at www.musechoir.org or by contacting Associate Director Rachel Kramer at 513-221-1118.

Don't forget to come out and support MUSE at the Summer Bacchanalia, "Good Friends. Good Cause. Good Times." Thursday, July 19th, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. It's their summer fundraiser and you're going to love it. Buy your tickets in advance and come out to join them in

Washington Park for a night of laughs, Pinot Grigio and friends. There will be raffles of all sort so bring some pocket change, too!

They look forward to seeing you at their upcoming performance! Check their website for all the latest information on MUSE! www.musechoir.org

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Lesbians launch Super PAC

Women including sports icon Billie Jean King and actress Jane Lynch are starting a super PAC that they hope will increase the political power of the Lesbian community.

The organization, called LPAC, will provide financial backing to pro-Lesbian candidates, whether Democrats or Republicans, male or female, Gay or

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Law, Peter Quinnan and Mark Boire.

The showing will be Thursday, July 19. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 members, \$18 advance, \$20 starting Thursday, July 19th.

Tickets are available at the CAC Store during

normal business hours 513-345-8431.

Online Tickets are available through Wednesday, July 18th at 5 p.m.

Advance Ticket for Thursday, July 19th \$18.00

Member Ticket for Thursday, July 19th, \$14.00 (*Must show member ID card upon arrival*)

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"Always be yourself," from *Billy Elliot*

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Paul Delph

This publication is dedicated to those who have or have died from AIDS or Hate Crimes

It is our goal to record the positive contributions GLBT people make to their community and the local community at large. While AIDS and Hate CRIMES are certainly not positive things, we seek to draw the positive from the negative. We hold up Paul Delph and Matthew Shepard and their families as models of how human beings should or could react to each other and how families should support loved ones whose lives are not in the box right wing religious zealots want them in. Delph, a multi-talented Cincinnati, died of AIDS in 1996. His mother shut down her business to care for him. Shepard died in 1998, victim of a hate Crime and his mother worked for years to get passed a national Hate Crimes Bill, which is now law.



Matthew Shepard

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Gays, Lesbians soon can have relationships blessed by the Episcopal Church

Episcopal News Service
Same-gender couples soon can have their lifelong relationships blessed using a rite approved by the Episcopal Church in

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straight. The group intends to back federal and state candidates, as well as some ballot measures.

All targets of the group's support must back an end to discrimination for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals; reproductive rights and access to quality health care; and social, racial and economic justice.

Group members said they have pledges of \$200,000 and hope to raise at least \$1 million for the 2012 elections. High-profile supporters include King, Lynch, Chicago Cubs co-owner Laura Ricketts and LGBT leader Urvashi Vaid.

General Convention. In a vote by orders, the House of Deputies concurred with the House of Bishops to pass Resolution A049, which authorizes provisional use of the rite "The Witnessing and Blessing of a Lifelong Covenant" starting December 2 (*the first Sunday of Advent*).

Clergy will need the permission of their bishop under the terms of the resolution.

The motion in the House of Deputies carried by 78 percent in the clergy order, with the clergy in 85 deputations voting yes, 22 no and four divided; and 76 percent in the lay order, with laity in 86 deputations voting yes, 19 no and five divided. The bishops had approved the resolution earlier with a roll call vote of 111 to 41 with three abstentions.

The resolution also

calls on the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music "to conduct a review process over the next triennium, making clear that this is a work in progress," the Rev. Ruth Meyers, deputy of the Diocese of Chicago, said in introducing the legislation to the deputies. She chaired the convention Prayer Book, Liturgy and Church Music Committee's subcommittee on blessings and the SCLM.

The resolution directs the SCLM to include "diverse theological perspectives in the further development of the theological resource" and to invite responses from throughout the church as well as from the Anglican Communion and the church's ecumenical partners. The resolution states that, under existing canons, clergy can

decline to preside at a blessing liturgy and says that no one "should be coerced or penalized in any manner, nor suffer any canonical disabilities" for objecting to or supporting the Convention's action on blessings.

Presbyterians reject marriage proposal

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) narrowly rejected a proposal to revise the traditional definition of marriage July 6, a year after it struck down a barrier to ordaining Gays.

The Presbyterian General Assembly voted 338-308 against changing how marriage was defined in the church constitution from a civil contract between a woman and a man to a covenant between two people.



Harriet Courter

I attend The Gathering to fellowship with and learn from the Gatherers. Our commitment to social justice inspires me!

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