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CMC presents 'Laugh Out Loud' March 26 and 27

"Laugh Out Loud" is the theme of the Cincinnati Men's Chorus' (CMC) spring concerts, on March 26 and 27 at the Harriet



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Tubman Theater at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in downtown Cincinnati.

The concerts begin at 8:07 p.m. on March 26 and 3:07 p.m. on March 27.

"Walk away from the blogs, drop the acronyms and the e.mailed cartoons. It's time to laugh out loud at some of the funniest and most sophisticated adult humor you can imagine happening on a Cincinnati stage" said Dr. Patrick O. Coyle, now in his 16th season as CMC's artistic director.

CMC's special guest at the concerts, part of its 20th anniversary season, will be comedian Kate Clinton, described by the **New York Times** as "the

first lady of Gay and Lesbian comedy... a legend in and out of the GLBT community."

The **Los Angeles Times** says "Clinton's appeal runs deeper than quotable lines, to a buoyant, bemused attitude that can connect seemingly distant dots."

The show will feature two favorites of Coyle's – "Class" from the musical Chicago, a bawdy lament about the loss of manners by a prison inmate and guard, along with Carmina Ricotta, which Coyle described as "a spoof on one of my favorite choral pieces of all time, Carmina Burana."

Other songs on the concert will include:

a.. Schadenfreude, from the Broadway musical Avenue Q.

b.. In These Shoes, a tale of a scandalous dancer performed by CMC's close harmony ensemble, Acousticool.

c.. Sordid Lives, the title song from the eponymous 2000 musical film that starred Olivia Newton-John.

Single tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of

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Coalition Meeting

This Saturday the Coalition meets at 11 a.m. at the Gay & Lesbian Center in Northside.

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the performances. Tickets are available through the chorus' Web site, www.cincinnati menschorus.org, or by calling 513-542-2626.

CMC is a voluntary, not-for-profit community chorus organized to provide the opportunity for Gay men and Gay-supportive men to sing together. Through their music, they strive for excellence; support and nurture their members; entertain their audiences; and work for justice, inclusion and harmony between the Gay community and the community at large.

The chorus receives funding from the Ohio Arts Council and Arts Wave (formerly the Fine Arts Fund) as well as support from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center's Community Arts Partners initiative. The

chorus is a partner organization of Enjoy The Arts and rehearses at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church in Clifton.



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American voters oppose DOMA

American voters oppose the Defense of Marriage Act – the law that forbids the federal government from recognizing legally married same-sex couples – as well as efforts by the House Republican leadership to intervene in court cases defending the law, according to new polling released by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) in partnership with Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research.

51 percent of voters oppose DOMA while 34 percent favor it. Independent voters, who were instrumental in the Republican House takeover, oppose the law by a 52 percent to 34 percent margin. Additionally, when reading statements for and against defending DOMA in court, 54 percent of voters oppose the House Republicans' intervention, while only 32 percent support it.

Given a list of issues important in determining

their vote for President, voters ranked the economy and jobs (54 percent), Medicare and Social Security (23 percent) and education (19 percent) as most important with only five percent of respondents saying marriage was most important to them.

Finally, when presented with the actual benefits from which married same-sex couples are excluded, voters overwhelmingly support extending those benefits.

The data from the poll as well as additional graphs is available at www.hrc.org/DOMApoll2011.

Leaders in the House and Senate have introduced the "Respect for Marriage Act" – a bill to repeal DOMA and open up the benefits, protections and obligations of marriage under federal law to same-sex couples legally married in states that have ended their exclusion from marriage.

In contrast, Speaker John Boehner announced that the House would intervene

to defend DOMA in court, following a Justice Department announcement that the administration believes the law to be unconstitutional. At least nine cases are challenging DOMA spanning three appellate courts and four district courts in six states.

The Speaker's announcement did not make clear if they will intervene in all of the cases, who will represent the House, how much the defense will cost, what their arguments for the law will be or other critical issues.

April "Dancing Fools" Dance

Ohio's Lesbian Archives will have a potluck dinner and dance the first Saturday of April, the second.

Bring a dish to share for dinner and meet interesting Lesbians beginning at 7:30 p.m. The "April Dancing Fools" segment begins at 9 p.m. Donation of \$10-\$20; remember this is a FUNd-Raiser to pay the Archives' rent for the rest of the

year. The event is in the basement eating area of Clifton United Methodist Church, 3416 Clifton Ave (corner of Clifton and Senator). Go in the glass doors facing Senator Place.

Safe Schools Improvement Act

Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) has just introduced the **Safe Schools Improvement Act (S,506)**, a federal anti-bullying bill, in the U.S. Senate.

This bill is similar to one that he introduced last year, as well as to one introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Linda Sánchez. **To demonstrate strong support for Senator Casey's bill, he needs as many Senators as possible to agree to co-sponsor it.**

The bill requires schools that receive Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act funding to implement a compre-

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 hensive anti-bullying policy that enumerates categories often targeted by bullies, including race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression and others. It also requires

states to include bullying and harassment data in their state-wide needs assessments reporting.

Contact your Senator today

When Making Call:
 Inform your senator that

Senator Bob Casey and Senator Mark Kirk along with 16 other cosponsors have introduced the **Safe Schools Improvement Act (S,506)**, which will require effective bullying and harassment policies in

our nation's schools.

Urge your senator to contact Senator Casey's office to cosponsor the Safe Schools Improvement Act.

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