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A Calendar of Events, for and by Womyn

March, 1995

## FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7-9pm... Reception for a Woman's Creative Expressions Art Exhibit at the Carlisle YWCA. 301 C Street. Carlisle. Show runs Feb 27-Mar 31.  
9-12mid... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Gatsby's, Main St. Landisville. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.  
9:30pm-12:30... Natalie Darkes in concert at Dewey's Dry Dock & Deli. 2nd & Walnut Sts. Harrisburg.

## MARCH 3-5

North Hampton Get-away Ski Weekend. A bus will leave from the Hbg-area. \$170-\$200/person incl. skiing, hotel & much more. Call (717) 938-0649 for details.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4

7pm... The Gay & Lesbian Switchboard of Hbg's 8th Annual Volleyball Tournament at the HACC Gymnasium. Spectators welcome but you must wear sneakers. Donations encouraged. To obtain pledge forms, register players or teams, or receive additional information, call (717) 234-0328.

8pm... A Concert of World Music by the Eight Woman Ensemble, LIBANA at the Rose Lehrman Art Center, HACC. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Folk Music Society. \$8 gen. \$6 members/seniors. The concert is particularly significant as it represents the 10th anniversary of the Susquehanna Folk Music Society. Libana performances open windows into incredibly diverse, rarely heard, women's musical expressions from around the world. Their music ranges from exquisite Balkan harmonies to the rooted pulses of Latin American rhythms, from hauntingly beautiful sounds of Slav music from Hungary to a riveting ritual exorcism dance with percussion from Egypt - all woven into a collage of shifting colors and rhythms.



Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the AIDS Benefit Gala in Altoona. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 5

call for time... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Butcher Block Bar & Grill, 2353 Oregon Pike, Lanc. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

Join GLORA in a trip to Phila. for the Annual Flower Show. Meet in Allentown or Reading & Carpool. Call (215) 699-1692 for details/place to meet.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

7-9pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Lambda Rising Bookstore, Dupont Circle, Wash. DC. Call (202) 462-6969 for details.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 10

7-10pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Rising Sun, Columbia. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

7pm... Lancaster Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner and great conversation at a local restaurant. Last month we had 31 women join us for dinner. If you would like to get to know new people & have a great dinner at the same time... Join us! Please make your reservation by Wed., March 8th. Call (717) 392-0441 or the LL at (717) 732-8010. Please only call 1 number & leave a message... we'll call you back with the location. Thanks!

## SATURDAY, MARCH 11

8-10m... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Cornerstone Coffeehouse, Market St. Camp Hill. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.  
8-10pm... Natalie Darkes in concert at What If... Cafe, N. 6th St., Harrisburg. Call (717) 238-1155 for reservation.

## FEB. 24TH THRU MARCH 12

8pm... Thurs, Fri & Sat. evenings, 2:30pm... Sunday matinee. The Harrisburg Community Theatre presents "Falsettos", an award-winning musical about an average upper-middle class Jewish Gay Urbanite who leaves his wife for a male lover. The result is an extended family which includes "the lesbians next door". It also explores his comically crisis-ridden life in which his son is approaching bar mitzvah and his male lover succumbs to an un-named disease. The director, Tom Hostetter says, "It's an extremely accessible vehicle for addressing the AIDS crisis in a non-didactic way." Tickets \$18 for evening & \$16 for matinee. Regular tickets may be reserved by calling (717) 238-7381.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12



1pm... Harrisburg Women's Bowl 'n Brew!!! Red Crown Bowling Center. Please call (717) 732-8010 to let us know you're coming. Anyone for pizza afterwards? If we're not at Red Crown, we'll be at ABC East Lanes on Eisenhower Blvd.

4pm... Ladies' Spring is in the Air party at the Den, Hamilton St. Somerset, NJ. One hour open bar and comp. buffet.

9:30am... The Univ. of PA Women's Center will sponsor a Money Management Seminar produced by Triangle Interests, a national non-profit lesbian membership organization. Sessions include: CD's, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, real estate investments, estate planning, tax planning, etc. For a registration form call 215-487-3736. (Phila. area).



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

9:30pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Courtyard. \$3.00 cover. 4th Floor Stallions, 706 N. 3rd St., Hbg. (717) 236-7555.

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York Area Singles Dinner. Call Peg at (717) 255-6042 for details.  
8-10pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Border's Books, across from Park City, Lanc. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.  
8:30pm... D.A.E. in concert at What If... Cafe. N. 6th St., Hbg. Call (717) 238-1155 for reservation.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

7pm... An Evening of Women's Music at the Oyster Mill Playhouse, Camp Hill, off Rt 11, 15 by the West Shore Country Club. \$8.00/person. Sponsored by Bobbi Carmitchell, featuring many women musicians. Call (717) 737-6768 or Bobbi at (717) 872-4512 for details

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1pm & 7pm... In celebration of Women's History Month, there will be 2 showings of 6 Women-centered Short Films. Strong Women creating a gentle world by experiencing life, sharing knowledge, and moving forward. Advanced tickets available by sending \$5 per ticket to YWCA, 320 E. Market St., York, PA 17403. Sponsored by Penn State/York, YWCA of York, NOW, and Her Story Women's Bookstore. For more info call Kathy at Her Story (717) 757-4270.

8-10pm... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at What If... Cafe, N. 6th St., Hbg. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

Come & participate in a day long conference & festivities by & for Women on the campus of Bloomsburg Univ. The 15th Annual Columbia/Montour Women's Conference offers 80 workshops (some geared towards Lesbians) on a variety of topics important to all women - holistic growth, social change, dealing with oppression, self esteem, fun - and more! A \$16.00 registration fee covers your choice of 4 workshops, key note address by Karen Ritter, guest workshops by Joan Olsson, 7 musical presentations, 5 exhibits/displays, and lunch. To receive registration info call Jean Lumpkin at (717) 275-1464 or write c/o Women's Conference, P.O. Box 977, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

7pm... The Lesbian & Gay Concerns Committee of the Unitarian Church of Hbg. presents "And The Band Played On". Free Admission.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

Noon... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at Penn State Univ. Middletown Campus. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

6:30pm... Hbg. Area Ladies Night Out. Meet for dinner at a local restaurant for food, fun & wonderful conversation. Call (717) 732-8010 for reservation by Wed. March 29th.

9:30pm-12:30... Natalie Darkes in concert at Dewey's Dry Dock & Deli. 2nd & Walnut Sts. Harrisburg.

9:30pm... Red Letter Day in concert at the Courtyard. \$3.00 cover. 4th Floor Stallions, 706 N. 3rd St., Hbg. (717) 236-7555.

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## Lavender Letter



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...**Unitarian Universalist Church of Lanc.** Services at 9am and 11am on Sundays. Special services around the Holidays. Vesper Meditative Service - Tuesday Evenings at 7pm. 538 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster. (717) 393-1733.

...**Vision of Hope MCC**, 130 E. Main St. Mountville, PA 17554. Service on Sunday at 10:30am & 7pm. AM Children's Sunday School. Phone #: (717) 285-9070.

...**Dignity of Central PA** (Hbg) Services: First Sunday of month, 5pm, Mass followed by Potluck Dinner and Program. Friends Meeting House, 6th & Herr Sts. 1st & 3rd Monday, Dialogue & Discussion Group, 1514 N. 2nd St., (use side door), (717) 652-7683.

...**Grace Covenant Fellowship**, 10th and Chew Sts., Allentown (215) 740-0247. Pastor Bryan Rowe. Services on Sunday 10:45am.

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...**Triangle Interests**... A not-for-profit, Lesbian membership association offering financial and business networking opportunities, educational seminars and social activities. They are forming a Lesbian Credit Union & Retirement Communities (+much more). For more info call: (215) 844-6348.

...**Susquehanna Lambda** regular monthly meeting (2nd Sunday of the month) 507 W. 4th Street, AIDS Resource Office (look for blue lights in the window). 6pm, (Officers meet at 5:30pm) For info write P.O. Box 2510, Williamsport, PA 17703, or call (717) 327-1411.

...**The Center for Women Students at Penn State**, Univer. Park sponsors many film series/discussion groups on women & Lesbian concerns. For more info/brochure call (814) 863-2027 or write: Ctr for Women Students, 102 Boucke Building, Penn State Univ., University Park, PA 16802.

...**YAL (York Area Lambda)** Educational, Political & Social Group of Lesbian/Gay & Bi people in the York area. Dues - \$6 individual, \$10 couple, includes newsletter. For more info write P.O. Box 2425, York, PA 17405 or call (717) 848-9142.

...**York Area Singles** has something to do on the weekends!! A great way to meet other women. Dinner every other Sat Nite, call for reservations by the Thurs. before. Call for Calendar of other events. Contacts: Peg 225-6042, Pat 767-4721, or Kit 252-4454.

...**GLORA** (Gay & Lesbian Organization of Reading & Allentown) is a group that gathers at least 2x/month to do fun activities and make new friends. We sponsor a broad range of events: potlucks, mini-golf, bowling, dances, road trips, hiking, skiing, movies, etc. Call Diane for more info. (215) 868-7183.

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## Support Groups

...**Women's Support Group** meets the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00pm at the MCC of the Spirit Church Office, 1818 Green St., Apt. 1. Re-activated with new leadership. Call (717) 236-7387 for more info.

...Penn State has formed a Gay, Lesbian & Bi-sexual Alumni Group. The purpose is to promote the general welfare and self-affirmation of Lesbian, Gay & Bi-sexual students and alumni and to promote interaction with allies and friends. Anyone interested in more info, or joining, call Kyle Richards at (814) 863-7696.

...We are interested in starting a Lesbian & Gay Support Group for employees of the Hershey Medical Center. Contact Katrina (717) 964-1871, or Mary (717) 228-1326. Or write: L&G Support Group, P.O. Box 507, Mt. Gretna, PA 17064.

...**ACOA ACCEPTANCE GROUP** — Sundays, 9:00-10:00 am at the What If... Cafe, 3424 N. 6th St., Uptown Hbg. near WINK 104. Open to all Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Straight Adult Children of Alcoholics and ANYONE raised in a dysfunctional home.

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...**Lambda AA Harrisburg** - meets Monday: 8-9pm & Friday: 8:30-9:30pm at Friends Meeting House (social room) 6th and Herr Sts. Hbg.

...**Lambda AA Lancaster** - meets Tuesday: 8 pm at the Friends Meeting House.

...**Lambda AA York** - meets Tues. 8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church 415 N West St; Thurs. 8pm at Otterbein UM Church, 301 W. Phila. St.; and Sat. 8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, N. West St.

...**As We Are, Gay Alcoholics/Narcotics Support Group**, 7:00pm Wednesdays. 1054 W. Fourth St., Williamsport.

...**Susquehanna Lambda** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 507 W. 4th St. Williamsport at 6pm. Call (717) 327-1411 for info.

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...**MOIRA**, a Support group for Gay, Lesbian & Bi Youth in York meets the 1st Monday & the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. (717) 854-6613 or (717) 292-5368 or (717) 244-5264.

...**BI-GLYAH** support group for Bi, Gay & Lesbian Youths ages 14-25 meets at the Planned Parenthood Bldg, 1514 N. 2nd St. Hbg. at 7pm the 1st & 3rd Fri. of the month. Call (717) 652-7683.

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...**P-FLAG** of Harrisburg meets on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 pm at Tressler Lutheran Services. 960 Century Dr. off Wesley Dr., Mechanicsburg. For more info call (717) 795-0330.

...**P-FLAG** of Lancaster meets 7-9pm every 2nd Tuesday at the 1st Reformed UCC, 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster. Call the Lancaster Help line for more info. (717) 397-0691.

...**P-FLAG** of York now meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm at the Lutheran Social Services, 1050 Pennsylvania Ave. Everyone is welcome. Friendly & confidential. For more information and directions call Pat at (717) 843-3793 or Cheryl at (717) 846-3271.

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8-10pm... April Fool's evening at What If... Cafe, N. 6th St, Hbg. Bobbi Carmitchell will be in concert, so bring your best April Fool's Story to share & win fabulous prizes. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

call for time... Bobbi Carmitchell in concert at the Butcher Block Bar & Grill, Lancaster. Call (717) 872-4512 for details.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

National Organization for Women's Rally in Support of the New Violence Against Women Act. On the Mall in Washington, D.C. (It will be the first National Display of the Closeline Project.)



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