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KQED CELEBRATES LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH IN JUNE

-- Four Local Hero Awards Presented at Ceremony on June 24 --

-- LGBT-related programming on KQED all month long --

San Francisco, California, June 2, 2009-- This June, KQED proudly celebrates the culture, history, and political and artistic expressions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender experience in the United States. This month-long commemoration includes special programming and an event honoring outstanding local leaders who have given their time, creativity, and passion to the LGBT community.

The special evening of recognition, hosted by KQED and Reproductive Science Center of the San Francisco Bay Area (RSC), takes place on Wednesday, June 24 at the KQED Broadcasting Center from 6 to 8:30pm. There will be live entertainment, a tour of KQED Broadcast Studios, and an awards ceremony. Jeff Clarke, president and CEO of KQED's parent company Northern California Public Broadcasting, will host the event, and RSC reproductive endocrinologist Susan P. Willman, MD will be one of the presenters.

The four honorees have been chosen based upon their commitment and contributions to their local communities and the Bay Area community at large. The 2009 LGBT honorees are:

- Stuart Gaffney and John Lewis (Marriage Equality USA)
- Randall D. Ehrbar, PsyD (New Leaf: Services For Our Community)
- Rochelle Hamilton (High School Student)

Also in honor of Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Month, KQED will offer forty programs that focus on LGBT themes and issues. Some highlights of the month include:

KQED Public Radio 88.5FM San Francisco/89.3FM Sacramento:

- ***Making a Difference: Outright Radio – Saturday, June 20 at 1pm***
Stories from gay individuals who left their mark in the world, including that of a surviving gay fireman from Ground Zero at the 9/11 attacks.

KQED Public Television 9HD:

- ***The Castro – Thursday, June 4 at 7:30pm***
This Peabody Award-winning installment of KQED's neighborhood series chronicles the saga of how a quiet, working-class San Francisco neighborhood gave way to a new community that has become an international symbol of gay liberation.
- ***Celluloid Closet – Saturday, June 6 at 8pm***
Celluloid Closet surveys the various Hollywood screen depictions of homosexuals and the attitudes behind them throughout the history of North American film.



- ***Independent Lens: Ask Not* – Tuesday, June 16 at 10pm**
This film explores the tangled political battles that led to the infamous "don't ask, don't tell" policy and reveals the personal stories of gay Americans who serve in combat under a veil of secrecy.
- ***Only in the Castro with Trevor Hailey* – Saturday, June 27 at 6pm**
This light-hearted film follows renowned walking tour guide Trevor Hailey as she takes visitors on a hilarious half-hour romp through the backstreets and backstories of the world's most celebrated gay neighborhood.
- ***P.O.V.: Beyond Hatred* – Tuesday, June 30 at 10pm**
Beyond Hatred tells the story of a gay man's family struggling to seek justice after he is beaten and killed by skinheads in France.

Program listings and descriptions for June can be found in the KQED Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Month Guide, which also lists Bay Area resources pertaining to the LGBT community. Look online at www.kqed.org/pride. For more information on digital channels and schedules, please check www.kqed.org/dtv.

Additional support for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Month is provided by Gap Inc.

Reproductive Science Center of the San Francisco Bay Area (www.rscbayarea.com) was one of the earliest private IVF facilities in the United States and in June celebrates its 25th anniversary with a reunion of some of its oldest and newest patients. RSC was established in 1983, just two years after the nation's first successful IVF treatment. It was among the first in the United States to report a successful pregnancy from a donor egg, and was also responsible for the nation's second successful transfer of a previously frozen embryo into a mother's uterus. Today, RSC boasts a staff of six infertility physicians with a collective 85 years' experience with offices in San Ramon, Orinda, San Jose, and Modesto. RSC is a member of IntegraMed. For more information, visit www.rscbayarea.com.

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