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APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

This month, as a part of the [Poetry Coalition's](#) new initiative [Where My Dreaming and My Loving Live](#), the Lambda Literary Poetry Spotlight will feature poems of and about the body.



Poem for the Girl Who Loves Girls

~ by Paige Quiñones

No empty merry-go-rounds.

No visible scars through the holes in your jeans.

No trading painkillers on the swings.

No signatures on your pink and green Chucks.

No after-sex cigarettes,

no we should be in a movie speech.

Don't steal her dad's car.

Don't shave her in the shower

or take pictures of her Barbasol bikini.

No pretend threesomes.

Nobody will ever know about us, a secret.

No holding a baby finch in your hand,

small as a raisin. No tossing the ones that
don't make it into the trash.

No seeing her in the orange trees,

in cracked sea glass.

No dreaming. No, you can't dream yet.

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The Woman Behind The Rainbow Flag



Gilbert Baker (l) with Lynn Segerblom. (Photos by James McNamara, courtesy Paul Langlotz)

Though celebrated now, women have often been dismissed and rendered invisible. Angelino Lynn Segerblom, for instance, co-created the iconic Rainbow Flag. Her story should not be lost to history.

Gilbert Baker is usually given all the credit for creating the Rainbow Flag—but really it took three flag makers, the artists from the Eureka/Noe Valley Artist Coalition, (founded by Harvey Milk, Scotty Smith and Lee Mentley), the Parade Committee and countless volunteers to create all the color that made the Rainbow Flag stick in people’s minds that Gay Freedom Day.

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ARTSMONTH 2018

ARTS FOR LA PRESENTS
ARTS  **MONTH**
APRIL 2018

Please join us throughout the month of April as we highlight the passion and vibrancy of LA's arts community! We're kicking the month off with the Board of Supervisors' [ArtsMonth Declaration](#) April 3rd, and once again present ArtsDay LA in LA City Hall on April 20th.

You really don't want to miss [ArtsDay LA](#) on April 20th in the LA City Hall Rotunda — get ready to DANCE!

If you are part of a municipality interested in hosting an ArtsDay, please contact Arts for LA directly at info@artsforla.org.

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Featured Alliance Member Organization



Welcome to our newest Member Organization: Modern Men : Coachella Valley Mens' Chorus

MODERN MEN is part of the growing cultural scene in the Coachella Valley. We are the fourth independent community chorus in the valley, and we welcome to our ranks all men in the Coachella Valley, who love to share their voices. Emerging out of the gay choral movement of the last thirty years, we are an inclusive chorus, that reflects our changing culture, where making great music and joining together socially around a positive ideal, transcends human differences.

MODERN MEN formed to make excellent music, and to sing as often as possible for audiences throughout the valley.

We gather for friendship and camaraderie around this central purpose, but we also have a broader responsibility to the community we serve. Our goal is to make a positive contribution, whether through music or community engagement, wherever our participation is welcome, or needed.

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Links

California LGBT Art Events are available on our website for easy access at any time. See the [Art Events Calendar](#) online.

CA LGBT Arts Alliance Guide To [Artist Resources](#)

Artist Calls : Top Picks

Deadline ~ Title ~ Place

04-01-2018 ~ [SJMQT AIR Open Call 2019](#) ~ San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textile, San Jose

04-02-2018 ~ [2018 Exhibition Connections](#) ~ The San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild (SDMAAG)

04-06-2018 ~ [Exposed 2018, a juried photography exhibition](#) ~ Marin Society of Artists, San Rafael

04-11-2018 ~ [2018/19 Artist in Residence Program](#) ~ Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino

04-13-2018 ~ Art in the Gardens – Call for Artists ~ Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Fort Bragg

04-15-2018 ~ [Call for Artists: 2018 - 2019 Monthly Art Exhibits](#) ~ Poway Center for the Performing Arts, Poway

04-16-2018 ~ [88th Annual Statewide California Landscape Exhibition](#) ~ Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz

04-18-2018 ~ [Art Center Administrators and Non-profit leadership Wanted](#) ~ City of Emeryville, Emeryville

04-27-2018 ~ [15th Annual Ceramics Juried Open](#) ~ McGroarty Arts Center, Tujunga

04-28-2018 ~ [CALL FOR ARTISTS: OUT THERE](#) ~ Los Angeles Art Association/Gallery

04-28-2018 ~ [En Plein Aire and 3-D Exhibition](#) ~ Central Calif. Art Association, Modesto

04-30-2018 ~ [Red Umbrellas Fine Artists](#) ~ San Francisco

04-30-2018 ~ [Open Call, Small Artwork\(s\)](#) ~ Public Art Committee, Petaluma

04-30-2018 ~ [Mojave Artist-in-Residence Program](#) ~ Mojave National Preserve Artists Foundation, Kelso

05-01-2018 ~ [Pressing Matters 2018](#) ~ San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, San Luis Obispo

05-01-2018 ~ [MB murals](#) ~ Cultural Arts Commission, Manhattan Beach

05-01-2018 ~ [Open Call - Power](#) ~ California Museum of Art Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks

05-01-2018 ~ [What makes you Queer?](#) ~ multiple galleries, Glendale

05-07-2018 ~ [LA Country Arts Commission Seeks Artist\(s\) To Create Permanent Interior Artwork For Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center](#) ~ LA County Arts

[See More Artist Calls](#)

Grants : Top Picks

Deadline ~ Title ~ Grant Provider

04-05-2018 ~ [Creative Economic Development Fund](#) ~ Center for Cultural Innovation, Los Angeles

04-12-2018 ~ [Challenge America](#) ~ National Endowment for the Arts

04-13-2018 ~ [New Work Project Grants](#) ~ Harpo Foundation

04-15-2018 ~ [UnSCruz 2018 Art Grants](#) ~ UnSCruz (regional Burning Man event), Santa Cruz County

04-20-2018 ~ [2018 Hewlett 50 Arts Commissions](#) ~ William and Flora Hewlett Foundation



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About the CA LGBT Arts Alliance

The mission of The California LGBT Arts Alliance is to promote artistic and financial partnerships that strengthen and deepen the cooperative relationship among California's LGBT non-profit arts organizations and individual artists.

The California LGBT Arts Alliance is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

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