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February History Programs Highlight Gay Folklore, SoMa Nightlife Photography, Same-Sex Marriage

San Francisco -- The program series for February 2019 sponsored by the GLBT Historical Society will highlight the gay folklore of the classic 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, the San Francisco nightlife photography of Melissa Hawkins and the development of marriage equality in the United States in the past 15 years. The events take place at the GLBT History Museum at 4127 18th St. in the Castro District. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

Author Talk

Judy, Oz and the Need for a Shared History

Wednesday, February 13

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum

4127 18th St., San Francisco

Admission: \$5; free for members

The iconic 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, starring Judy Garland, has long held a special place in American gay male culture. In this presentation, author Dee Michel will discuss his recently published book *Friends of Dorothy: Why Gay Boys and Gay Men Love The Wizard of Oz*, with an emphasis on the ways folklores contribute to filling the need for a shared gay history and culture.

Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2TQ3qFZ>.

Exhibition Opening

SoMa Nights: The Nightlife Photography of Melissa Hawkins

Friday, February 15

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum

4127 18th St., San Francisco

Admission: \$5; free for members

A new exhibition at the GLBT Historical Society Museum features never-before-displayed photographs, memorabilia and ephemera recreating a golden

age of San Francisco underground queer nightlife and culture. As a photographer for *The Sentinel* newspaper in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Melissa Hawkins captured the uninhibited energy and unparalleled fashions of the LGBTQ venues and denizens of the city's South of Market (SoMa) District.

Curated by Hawkins and Marke B., the show emphasize how nightlife was a focal point of the LGBTQ community at the height of the AIDS epidemic. The exhibition draws on striking black-and-white prints by Hawkins, along with posters, videos and other materials from the GLBT Historical Society archives. The opening reception will feature DJ Junkyard, some of San Francisco's best known nightlife personalities, and remarks by the curators. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2Da1Gly>.

Fighting Back

Love, Marriage and Queers: 15 Years of Bliss?

Thursday, February 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5; free for members

The latest in the GLBT Historical Society's monthly "Fighting Back" series exploring contemporary queer issues in a historical context, this community panel will look back at the history and outcomes of the marriage equality movement in San Francisco and nationally, 15 years after Gavin Newsom -- then mayor of San Francisco and now governor of California -- mandated the issuing of marriage licenses for same-sex couples in San Francisco. Dubbed an act of "civic disobedience" in violation of state law, the short-lived authorization sparked San Francisco's "Winter of Love," when some 4,000 same-sex couples rushed to formalize their relationships. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/2VTgUCx>.

ABOUT THE GLBT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Open since January 2011, the GLBT Historical Society Museum (formerly known as the GLBT History Museum) is the first full-scale, stand-alone museum of its kind in the United States. Its Main Gallery features a long-term exhibition on San Francisco LGBTQ history, "Queer Past Becomes Present." Its Front Gallery and Community Gallery host changing exhibitions. The institution also sponsors forums, author talks and other programs.

The GLBT Historical Society Museum is a project of the GLBT Historical Society, a public history center and archives that collects, preserves and interprets the history of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people and the communities that support them. Founded in 1985, the society maintains one of the world's largest collections of LGBTQ historical materials. For more information, visit www.glbthistory.org.

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February 13: Author Talk



Author Dee Michel. Photo: Gaku Shiroma; used with permission.

February 15: SoMa Nights Exhibition



Melissa Hawkins, *Phatima* and *MichaelAngelo* (undated); used with permission.

February 28: Fighting Back



San Francisco Pride Parade, 2008. Photo: Ruth Villaseñor; used with permission.

