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657380 Yeah.



Mary Helen Merzbacher 00:07

Okay, now let's go on to, to a little bit more of, you know, the meat of the program what you're actually paying for when you listen to lesbian and gay voices or when you support lesbian and gay voices. Cynthia is authors my sheet, since he gave her is going to do a review of the play The Mystery of Irma Vapp. It's currently being staged at the alley theatre. It was written by Charles Ludlum, founder of theater of the ridiculous in New York City and take it away. Cynthia, thank you.



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Well, thank you, Mary, Helen, and what a great pitch that was. You are listening to lesbian and gay voices on KPFT 90.1. And we are in the middle of fun drive. And some of those premiums that we're offering if you've been listening, tickets to alley theatre and Houston Skyline theater and I have reviews tonight of both the current productions at Skyline and alley theatre, or the mystery of Irma that house screams a woman in black a werewolf a wooden leg, a manor on a more and a trip to mysterious Egypt. All this and more the components of ally theaters current play the mystery of Arma Vapp directed by Ali's Michael Wilson who will also be directing the upcoming Angels in America. The mystery of arm event is a farcical frolic into the world of early gothic horror films and theater. Play right Charles Ludlum, founder of the ridiculous Theatre Company in New York and author of several plays, has spun the curse of Dracula, the Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, the werewolf and Rebecca into one oversized tapestry of familiar plot formulas, antics and melodrama, never taking itself too seriously at all. This grand parody is entertaining and accessible to all audiences. Ally regulars, actors, Jeffrey bean and John felts play all of the roles cross dressing, adopting accents, mannerisms and garb to suit the variety of their parts. It's marvelous fun keeping up with the quick changing pair and especially hilarious watching the two actors junk gender and play two very different female characters. Look, especially for

the singing Saul and harpsichord duet in the second ad Act, which had this reviewer doubled over and laughter. There's plenty of eye candy as well a revolving door, a mummy's casket and a painting with lifelike qualities. Alley Theatre has chosen well for its mid season offering with mirth and madness of foot in the murder mystery of Irma Vep. Special kudos go to Jeffrey Bean and John Felts for their untiring and adept performances. The audience is never really quite sure how they pull off all of the costume changes in stage entrances. For tickets to the mystery of an event, you can call the Alley Theatre at 22884 21. Or you can pledge tonight to KPFT a lesbian and gay voices at the \$150 level. The number again is 5265738. And you will get a pair of tickets to Mystery of Burma BEP when you pledge at that \$150 level, and now playing at the Houston Skyline theater, Pizza Man written by Darlene Craw Vo Tau and directed by Anthony Hill. At the finish of a very bad day roommates Julie Rogers and Alice Marlink find themselves engaged in a typical I hate men discussion after Alice is dumped by her boyfriend and Julie drinks herself into another lonely evening of self imposed apathy. But the evening ventures into the realm of the A typical as the two young women devise a plan to rape an unsuspecting man and find their victim and a pizza delivery man. Through though Darlene Klaviyo's script offers little new fodder to the dialogue on gender and equity. It is perhaps stuff worth hearing again. A new vigilante Victoria Melnick, and Andrew Crew Neff are convincing and well cast with a special nod going to need a need of vigilante as Julie Rogers, the alternately passive and perfect Girl Most Likely to Succeed, and the disturbingly bitter alcoholic who laments are wasted live. Pizza Man opens at the Houston Skyline theater tonight and runs through February 25. Performances are at 8pm. For more information you can call the Houston Skyline theater at 7590701. Or again, you can pledge to KPFT lesbian and gay voices this very evening at the \$60 level and you will win a pair of tickets. Not only are these tickets good to Pizza Man and performances of Pizza Man but for all of the upcoming Houston Skyline theater shows which include the Owl and the Pussycat, the Imperial Nightingale, five women wearing the same dress, and Orphans, which is being brought by Inside Out productions who did bent earlier this season, which was a marvelous success. And as I wrap up, I wanted to tell you, I was listening to the program, Deborah and Jack as I was coming in. And as I'm listening to the program and hearing him talk about gays and gay, gay, well, gay issues, I'm looking at a car with a bumper sticker that says straight but not narrow. And it's really a thank you. I hope you hear this. And again, if you don't, I am. Thank you. So it is important. We appreciate our straight as well as our gay audience. And we'd really appreciate you tonight if you call in and offer us some money to keep doing what we're doing. Five to six KPFT, five to 6573, a businessman Cynthia on the arts have a good evening.

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Deborah Bell 06:04

And thank you, Cynthia, who's eye candy herself, and what you don't have the benefit of on the radio. That's one flaw that we have. One of the things that we do every week on lesbian and gay voices is present the excellent program that's done by our sister station, this way out. And we always play news rap to give you the what's going on internationally in the lesbian and gay community and sometimes other segments are featured. We're going to go to news rap now please call in while it's on 526-573-8526 KPFT. pledge your support for lesbian and gay voices.

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Jack Valinski 06:38

So I was gonna about to say that this is the all non nude radio show.

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Deborah Bell 06:42

But he gets them there. No, there is and as well, what this is, is where we're not afraid to say the words. We are lesbian and gay people. And we're also not afraid to say that we're

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Jack Valinski 06:54

Democrats. And we're also not afraid to say that we need money. Yes. And

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Deborah Bell 06:58

we wish we didn't have to say that we wish that there was some magic way. Just to know that there were funding was here. Jack has promised that when he wins the lottery, he will give all the money to KPFA.

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Jack Valinski 07:13

I certainly wouldn't forget KPFT

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Deborah Bell 07:14

But, you know, this is our 25th anniversary. And I have probably been listening to the station about that long. And I had these hippie neighbors and the Montrose area and they said, you know, there's this new radio station on and it's like, really cool. And you should turn it in. And I said like really cool. Oh, yeah. Something too bad. Probably like, it's like it's heavy, or it's groovy or something to that extent. But I did tune in. And, you know, it was just like a whole new world was open for me. Because the things that were discussed the type of music that was performed. It was so exciting. And I have been involved in various levels of this station over over that time. And so it's very exciting for me that this is the 25th anniversary of KPFT. And we have all these sort of a newcomer Yeah, you've awakened around 18 years. Yeah, but you were actually on the air doing queer radio before I was.

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Jack Valinski 08:10

Yes. I recorded you base. Yes,

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Deborah Bell 08:13

you did. You did i i started out answering the phones. Just like our wonderful volunteers are tonight.

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Jack Valinski 08:19

I've been reading a book about fundraising. And the first and most important thing is

D Deborah Bell 08:24

to ask for it. Yes. And so we are

J Jack Valinski 08:27

asking, we are asking to help continue the tradition of this radio station, this type of programming that's not heard anywhere else. And especially now, when you look at what's going on in Washington and the scary things are going on in Austin, the legislature is in session. And sort of the sanity I get as reading Molly Ivan's column to be able to understand that and be able to, I guess, laugh at it herself.

D Deborah Bell 08:50

I think there's a lot of people and our intentions are to make it right to make it better. And some of us don't agree about the ways of doing that. But if you listen to KPFT, and particularly if you listen to lesbian and gay voices, there, there are things that you believe in, and we do give voice to a segment of the community that over the years has not had a voice, a very disfranchised group a disenfranchised group a group of people who who sometimes have lived in shame. People who have been ostracized from society and things have changed tremendously over the last 25 years. But we we we know that there are those that still would persecute us and those there are those who who don't think that we should be on the radio, but you do because you're listening right now. And I have had a lot of people say, you know, your show has a good mix of funny and and serious and I really liked some of the points that are brought up and I tune in and sometimes they're weird sometimes they're not, you know, it's we we tried to do this show is For the gay and lesbian, transgendered bisexual community and other talented and intelligent people, and if you're one of those, you should be calling at 526-573-8526 KPFT. Now, we're not

J Jack Valinski 10:12

even afraid to bribe you to call and you have some of the bribes.

D Deborah Bell 10:16

Look how generous the community is, for one thing, the opera tickets are gone. That's, and that's wonderful. And I know people are going to be just thrilled to see that we do have three pairs of tickets to that wonderful play over at the alley theatre, the mystery of Irma bap, and we of course have are looking forward to Angels in America coming the season workshops at Angel, it's really incredible that theater of the stature of the ally is having things that we can relate to, you know,

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Jack Valinski 10:47

it's really neat that the opera has come to this, you know, they're doing this play Harvey Mo, where they've come to the community, they're sponsoring some fundraisers for community organizations, surely,

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Deborah Bell 10:57

some of their regular season ticket holders are not being supportive of this. Oh, so it behooves us to be supportive of this. And plus, it sounds like it's an I read something from the New York Times. And from OUT magazine also had an article and a very good article about magazine, and I'm not an entrepreneur mind and and I really want to see this, some insight into this a film screening of the academy award winning documentary, The Times of Harvey Milk is scheduled to begin at 5pm, Sunday, January 15, at the Newseum of fine art. So that's at 1001 Bissonnette right there at Maine, it's free. It's followed by a discussion featuring Professor golf Joette from the University of Houston School of Communication, and David Gockley. HGO that Houston Grand Opera general director in say the Museum of Fine Arts even has been very supportive of our community has been showing gay and lesbian films and has has, you know, just been been there. By the way, there's a wonderful show that comes on channel eight at I think it's 11 o'clock 30 Nights called the territory. They've been doing a series of films with feminist perspective. So, you know, it's so nice that that's happening. Also there is a panel discussion, who was Harvey Milk featuring individuals who worked or socialize with Harvey Milk. He was he is still continues to be such a hero for our community. And for anybody that believes in and in doing things for our communities, not whether it's just the queer community but the community in which we live our city, our locality. That panel discussion will be at 2pm Saturday January 21. In the word them sinners grand foyer, or for yay, depending on how you pronounce that panelists include Scott Smith, who was Milton companion, Frank Robinson, a speech writer and Cronenberg campaign manager and reader Asian coalition member Medora Payne who volunteer for a milk campaign when she was still a child. And Andrus, sir Kelis who participated in the course beer board cot, who is now the executive officer of Teamsters local 921. If you'd like more information, call 5460231 was the number the that that number for more information is 5460231. Pre curtain lectures begin at 7pm. Prior to each performance on the sixth floor of the Wortham theatre, opening night of Harvey Milk is 7:30pm, Saturday, January 21. And if you would like tickets, because you can't get them here anymore, you can call two to seven arts that are out of town. That's one 800 828 arts.

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Jack Valinski 14:03

You know, we know that there's a very small percentage of people that actually donate to KPFT. who listen. And that's true of most public radio stations or community radio stations. And some of the people who are listening are unable to give, they may be too young, they may be living at home, they may not be financially able to give money. But if you can remember what it was like when you didn't feel that there was a world out there that you didn't know there was other gay people that you didn't know there was a thing like a radio station. That broadcasts broadcast gamer has been programming, to call us now call us at 5275738 and we're gonna go out to the lobby. Yeah, I

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Deborah Bell 14:39

think Mary Helen has some folks to think and she also might have a chance to talk to us. She also might conclude some people in on those premiums that are still available at the \$90 level that come to us from Crossroads market

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 14:52

well and it's also your chance to hear your telephone ring over the radio until You've been waiting for that chance we'd have an open mic in the lobby. Don't think you're going to hear a string of obscenities? No, it's your chance to hear your phone ring on the radio. So give us a call the number is 5265738. Don't let this chance pass you by. You can do what Suzanne did, because Suzanne called in from out in zip code 7704343. She got this about the last pair I guess of those Harvey Milk tickets. So Suzanne and a friend are going to the opera. And we also want to thank Margie Harris. She's a longtime supporter of the station. I don't think she can remember when she started supporting K PFD. She's been well, she's been active in the community for many years. She calls in pledges on different programs during the fun drives. Thanks, Margie for you know hanging in with us, we really appreciate it and she's gonna go to the alley and I was at the alley notes at the other theater to go see Pete from him. And the number you can call if you want to go see Pete to me and I think we might still have some tickets. No, they're gone. Gone. Okay, nope, too late for that. But we still have some ticket. They're

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Jack Valinski 16:17

just going you gotta call No. Yeah, and

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 16:19

I mean gone when we say going five to 65738 is the number to call. You gotta hear that phone ring on the air right now. Lack of that far too sick and

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Jack Valinski 16:32

telephone. It's a real telephone ring. It's not one of those. Yes, rinky dinky. That's how up to date, we are here

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 16:40

at the station, give us a call. I also want to thank somebody who, who called in response to the piece that I did about Holly Patterson. And he wanted that. That song, cat in the cradle that I played the Harry Chapin song was one that Scott had, basically introduced Holly two years ago and want to thank Scott Wiggins for his generous pledge. He called him from out in Kingwood. And he wanted that song to go from Scott to Holly. And he says, I love you. And that was that. So, you know, like I told him, I didn't do it to raise money. You know, it's the smart color. But what we do on this program is very important. And it's kind of thing that you're not going to

hear done anyplace else. Because it's real radio. It's not a bunch of scripted characters that come in and pretend to be somebody else. It's real people that are not afraid to stand up and say, Hey, I'm gay and lesbian and right now we're having to come to you and stand up and say, Hey, we need you to support it. We need you. We don't play commercials here. We need to pay the bills. And this is the way KPFT does it. Simply honestly, by asking you to pay it we don't tack it on to your Coca Cola or tack it on to your insurance premium. You know, there's not a bunch of hidden costs at KPFT it's all for real we're about \$300 away from our goal right now. We need to hear from like three people with 100 bucks in their pocket each or six people with 50 Give us a call. We got t shirts and mugs and the regular KPFT premiums \$450 They have this really nice wristwatch with the KPFT logo on it

 Deborah Bell 18:23

and a leather van don't forget the leather was it made real

 Mary Helen Merzbacher 18:26

leather real tribute it was like warm leather i a cow died for them. It's not like leather at No, it's the real thing black leather simulated stimulated Naugahyde. If the real thing Nagas died for your sins. Anyway, give us a call. The number here again is 5265738 We need to hear from you now we only have about a less than 30 minutes left in the program. And we need to raise about \$300 So we'd like to hear from each

 Jack Valinski 19:00

other there's something very special about the radio medium. And last Friday, a week last Friday friendly for what's was on fresh air. And she was being interviewed talking about the process of writing. And one of the things Terry Gross asked her about the effects of AIDS had on her creativity and her writing and her friendships. She had a lot of gay men friends and she says it's completely different. It's absolutely completely different. She says it's all gone. That friend she had are gone. The artistic friend she had are gone. And you know we have but we have to go on we have to go on and it was an incredible revealing aspect of her life and and how she's going and how she's living. And you can only can get that on radio that interviewing where you can't see the person so you have to listen to them. And you get that special sense of what's going on. That's what KPFT is and fresh air with Terry Gross can be heard At three o'clock every day Monday through Friday and does a lot of programming that gays and lesbians are interested in.

 Deborah Bell 20:07

We have some of that music coming up and we'll be back with just a moment call while the music's playing 526-573-8526 KPFT. If I wanted to, I knew would I won't? You know, it's not what if I want to, it's what I want you to do. I want you to call 526-573-8526 KC ft. And pledge your support to this program. I want to thank all those folks out there that have been searching tonight. Lots of our friends. It's nice to hear you call in and to know that you've listened. That was Melissa Etheridge with from her yes I am CD if I wanted to.

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Jack Valinski 21:05

We have something coming up next Saturday is very important to city election. And in that city election. Nice. Parker is an openly lesbian person who is running for that seat. And she doesn't have a lot of money like some of the other candidates, I understand

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Deborah Bell 21:18

that she has lots of qualification. Absolutely. No, it's astonishing. Sometimes when you look over someone's resume, and you go, Oh, God, how did she find time to do all of that? And you know, why isn't she all wrinkled and bent over instead of being this gorgeous woman. She's a graduate of Rice University. She heard on his own business woman, co owner of the Inklings book shop as well as her work that she does in her employed job. She's the president of the New Town associations civic club, and has served on the police advisory board for a number of years. And of course, she has been president of the lesbian, gay Political Caucus. And we can make a difference in this election. If every free thinking person, just if every queer that's registered to vote would go and loan for a niece, she would win that I mean, that's just bottom line. But she shouldn't have the support of a lot of people. We don't want to have the status quo, we want something that makes a difference. And a nice Parker is a person who can do that, I must say at this point that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those off. KPFT are bigger arguments. But personally, I just cannot imagine anyone better that's running in this race than a nice Parker and of course, following the seat is the one that belonged to Sheila Jackson Lee, who is now a member of Congress, Barbara Jordan, just and those are the kinds of footsteps that a nice Parker should follow in you can also

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Jack Valinski 22:56

early vote I'm not sure how many days are left early vote for early voting is City Hall, in a tunnel between city hall City Hall Annex, and early voting, there's free parking outside, etc, etc. It's really easy. There's only one race you have to vote for. So either vote early or vote next Saturday from 7am to 7pm. And there's a few things going on next Saturday and Sunday. Very briefly election Saturday, Sunday, the pride committee of Houston's been a topic of discussion about Pride week when it should be what time of year retention is Friday, should there be gay and lesbian T shirts, etc, etc. It's basically an open forum to talk about not this year, but what we should do other directions we should go next year,

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Deborah Bell 23:39

they're not really going to discuss should gay and lesbian beyond the T shirts. They are scary. Gay and Lesbian Pride Week for goodness sake. But this is an open forum. So if you miss those issues, if you were in school, you're going to have Lesbian Gay Pride. We're just not going to get home.

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Jack Valinski 23:59

Sunday, January 22, from one to 5pm. If you'd like some more information you called the pride line at 52969795296979. And are getting getting back to a nice Parker there's going to be a big mail out or next week. If you'd like some more information on what you can call five to one 1000. Very good. That is the galas before the whole caucus number.

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Deborah Bell 24:22

Coming up at the women's group on Sunday, January 15. Jessica Kirkpatrick will be talking about the backlash against women concerning incest and sexual assault and rape. Women getting analyzed instead of changing male supremacy and holding men accountable. The women's group meets Sundays at 3:30pm at the central congressional church on Holdeman between Austin and Caroline, if you'd like more information about that group call Artisphere at 5298571 They have all kinds of activities going on. It's a wonderful group of feminists, women to spend time with Jack? Yes. Larry winters said this the other day as well go. You said something it made in America and said something that made me think of it. He said, you know, Elvis was born in January he was in Capricorn. And Larry Weiner said that Elvis died in the bathroom so that we don't have to. But speaking of January birthdays, I thought it was up in heights. Yeah. Jack lynskey just had a birthday, and I will have a birthday on Monday. And Jimmy Kapur has a birthday this this month. But I heard the other day that January 12 is the birthday of Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stern what's scary because it's like throws astrology out the window. Chris, we do have something in common we all get on the radio and talk. Of course they're paid big bucks. And we're not right but what what they sure don't talk in a nice way about being lesbian or gay in that you can hear that on lesbian gay voices. Crossroads market over at 1830 West Alabama has been a longtime supporter of this notice not their address now at 610. Six. The net with that wrote this out, I tell you this well, I shouldn't say that because volunteer help is hard to come by, and very much appreciated. It 610 West Alabama if you want I think 1830 is to pigs a dress actually to bees coffee. So find institutions, both of them, but more well as talking about trying to get to is Crossroads market, which is a wonderful shop that has books and stationery and all kinds of wonderful things, has genuinely generously donated several items to be used as premium steering lesbian and gay voices. And that's only available during this program at the \$90 level in addition to the usual premiums that you can get from KPFT you can also have your choice of any of these five items. The United We Stand double cassette by the Dallas Turtle Creek chorale Darren actually group really the nekkid civil servant, a double CD alive 1979 performance by Quentin, crisp and if you don't know who he is, it's time you found out what the Bible really says about homosexuality. It's 122 pages of recent bindings and offers a radical new view. If you're interested in that, that'd be an excellent premium. They premium that I would probably take is the total zone by Martina Navratilova, a thriller set in the world of professional tennis via our favorite all time tennis player. It's a hardcover edition are the book sister and brother. This sounds really nice. It makes me think of you Jack sister and brother lesbian and gay men write about their lives together, edited by John Nestle and John Preston to extremely fine writers from our community. That's also a hardcover book. And they are the value of each of these things is you know, not not cheap. And you can get it yet along with those other premiums come from KPFT just by pledging your support.

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Jack Valinski 28:23

Plus the great programming here on KPFT. You will not feel guilty about listening to the station if you pledge 526-573-8526 KPFT is a magic number. I would especially like to hear from you if this is maybe your first time to be listening. And you have already grasped the concept of this

is something you have grasped the concept please let us know what it is. And maybe you've been listening

D Deborah Bell 28:49

for years and you've just never really been able to pledge support or pay your pledge of support. We encourage you to call now take us up on those premiums, put it on plastic that way we know it's paid or if you can get down here and pay with a check these premiums once they're gone, they're gone that we will be on next Friday, that it would be so nice to be on next Friday and just be able to do a show you know and not have to be asking for money. Sure.

J Jack Valinski 29:18

We're very lucky because we only come three times a year asking for money. And the rest of the year we have to do our programs without interruption.

D Deborah Bell 29:27

And we have increased the number of people that are working on this program. But we've also had more to report to you about to tell you about. We have coming up next week Juan Palomo with an interview with folks from the Houston Grand Opera production of Harvey Milk, the librettist and he that's, I think at least a 30 minute interview. And it's going to be a fascinating thing that we're going to be bringing you there out. We have upcoming in the next several weeks, Diane Hardy Garcia from the lesbian and gay rights lobby of Texas. We're one of only three states in the nation that has someone actively working for our rights in our state. And we

J Jack Valinski 30:15

have a march coming up in Austin also Sunday talking about that. March and April. Right, right.

D Deborah Bell 30:21

Right after the Texas lesbian conference,

J Jack Valinski 30:23

we have two people to two people, two more people were actually more than two people to think. But she pledges to thank for. One is Bob was a Wildin. And he's calling from Galveston. So we're getting down together right now. Right? And I'm not sure we always do, and very generous pledge, and also from Sherry And, Judy, another very generous pledge. Thank you so much, very much.

 Deborah Bell 30:49

We do have a number of people down in the Galveston area and people up north in The Woodlands and in Conroe, and people out west in Katy and even in Austin that were picking this up today, I know we have listeners and Bottar and Beaumont people in the burbs people right here in the inner city inside the blue inside the beltway and outlying portions. Well, we might be right. And we don't discriminate. Anyone who listens to lesbian gay voices should be calling right now. 526573852 6k PFT.

 Jack Valinski 31:27

And just remember that we give you programming year round, listening to KPFT not only this program, but many other programs. And what's really nice is with our satellite, we can bring you programs from other places, including fresh air, which comes out of Philadelphia, and the special 100 days of congress that's coming out of Washington with Larry Winsky

 Deborah Bell 31:50

We still have a few more tickets to the landmark theatres, one of the films that's going to be showing is a man of no importance. And Oscar Wilde, the famous writer who was imprisoned for being a homosexual in Britain many years ago, is part of the whole story of this movie starring Albert Finney. We want to go to a segment of this way out that talks about Oscar Wilde.

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I hope so.

 Mary Helen Merzbacher 32:19

Well, I'll tell you what Jack and Deborah we have. Of course,

 Jack Valinski 32:21

we have Mary Helen, thank that's true. This

 Mary Helen Merzbacher 32:23

is Mary Helen. And we have one pledge on the line right now, but we have or open lines at 5265738. And we would like to hear a huge flurry of phone calls here in the last two minutes of lesbian and gay voices because we have well, actually, we have what seven minutes left?

 Deborah Bell 32:41

Mary Helen, it'd be a wonderful way for people to honor my birthday. Without giving me

chocolate. You are getting

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 32:49
so damn old as the thing 45

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Deborah Bell 32:54
On Monday, I

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 32:54
just wouldn't take a birthday this year right now I'm

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Deborah Bell 32:57
going to everyone's bless it because you as you know, we've known too many people that don't get to celebrate them. So I'll take all 45 years that's true.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:05
Okay, you're back. Let's go for

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Jack Valinski 33:09
it. I'll pay you later.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:10
You can you can take a pay \$1 for every year Deborah has been alive on this planet. And go ahead and call on that \$45 pledge right now that would really help us out because we

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Jack Valinski 33:21
do why don't we add up Deborah's birthday and my birthday and do it that way?

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Deborah Bell 33:26
\$90 level for sure there

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:28

and afford that kind of money right now?

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Deborah Bell 33:30

Yeah, that's close to 90 there. But any thing Mary Helen for 25 year anniversary, if if someone cannot do any more than than \$25.25 would be a decent amount.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 33:44

That's a lot right there. You know, and the amount doesn't matter. What we need to hear right now is your call and your pledges of support. The number is 5265738 Your hand that phone ring. We have two pledges on the line. We have three open lines. Thank you. Thanks anonymous in Seabrook anonymous called in and put a real generous pledge on American Express card, you can do the same thing we have a MasterCard also, are they taking one of those special premiums. So this is the neat thing about anonymous, and this is this is how some people are is they call me and they don't really want to hear their name on the air. They don't really want anything other than just to support the station. And that's what anonymous did tonight is this anonymous person just wants to support KPFT they don't want to premium and they don't want to hear their name on the air. They just want to do all the good that they can with their money and we really appreciate it because your money does go a long way here KPFT most of the people that you hear on the air volunteers and you know it's a very frugal type operation. This way our radio station runs the kind of money that runs his radio station. We'll be glad we would run any other station for You know, a couple of days. So you have to know that KPFT does cut corners, all the money goes right into what you hear. And you know, if we ask you on Friday night, from six to eight, we said, hey, you know what you can hear lesbian and gay voices. If you go over to your radio, and put 50 cents in the top of your radio and little coin slot, you do it without even hesitating at all. And so what we're asking you to do tonight, is take those 50 senses together, and go on over to the phone and make that pledge in the form of Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or we can take your name and address we can send you a school statement in the mail. It will get to you in a couple of days, you can write a check, there'll be a return envelope zap, it's done with you can pick up on some of these really good premiums, we still have a double CD from the Dallas Turtle Creek Chorale. It's African spiritual and gospel music. It's called United we stand this is about probably about a \$30 CD you can have this plus the regular KPFT premiums for your pledge of \$90 that was donated by Crossroads market. We want to thank them for all their support during this fundraiser.

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Jack Valinski 36:11

And you still have time to call that number is 526573852 6k PF T

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 36:18

three up in line

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Deborah Bell 36:21

still available and those would make really nice gifts so maybe it's not something you that you'd want for yourself but you have down to three minutes.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 36:28

I don't know anybody that's got a birthday like coming up so I really want

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Deborah Bell 36:32

someone that had a birthday coming up you could never see I don't know anybody that Yeah. Anyway, um, and it's your chance right now to call in because the first come first serve. That's just the way it goes. And we would really, like I said we had over we had 100% check a little bit about Jesus and not only did our goal this

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Jack Valinski 36:57

time is to have 110% fulfillment. That's right.

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 37:01

I mean, can we have a pledge on the line for \$60 Did we take another pledge so we are just \$55 from our goal right now \$55 from two and a half minutes to go over the goal we'd like to do what had one to put us over the goal and you can do it by calling five to six KPFT 5265738 You

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Deborah Bell 37:21

know the big boss man are in a hurry comes in here and place that was great blues, but we'll have the blues will have to be listened to the blues if we don't meet our goal,

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 37:31

which he called him last week.

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Deborah Bell 37:34

We love the big boss man. And we love a lot of the programming on KPFT but most of all we love us being gay voices we love being able to do this program bring it to you each week from six to 8pm We thank you for being there and we thank all the folks that have called in tonight and we thank all

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Jack Valinski 37:51

the people who helped with the show okay

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 37:53

because you know what kids we are going to go over the goal yes yes yes \$1,045 !

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Deborah Bell 38:02

wonderful phone volunteers out there. Thank you so much for being here answering the phones. Please. We can keep going five to 65738 Hear your phone ring now by calling five to six came too late

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Mary Helen Merzbacher 38:19

to get your pledge.

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Jack Valinski 38:20

Why all our guests that were on tonight already been Ski

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Deborah Bell 38:23

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Jack Valinski 39:23

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