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SPEAKERS

Buddy Johnston



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That's why we're here isn't it? May I remind you that love is against the law that love as we know it is a criminal activity. That lovemaking involves illegal acts. We are here because we have committed them and we enjoyed them enormously



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we are an army of lovers. That is a fearful thing. We are the only minority group also that you can join overnight



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in the twinkling of an eye in fact



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we who have committed the crime of loving we are freedom with more risks than servitude ever offered. We dared to no pleasure. May I say pleasure again. I don't think it's been mentioned much today. We had guts enough to love. They tried to cover this with guilt, shame, dishonor. They made it as awful for us as they could. But it was wonderful. It is getting more wonderful. Fellow criminals. Never forget your knights in the days of you're fighting for their freedom. Remember this experience. It is the tenderest finest moment of our lives and in the clamor for our civil rights. Always remember that they never granted them nor withdrew them. They only stole them and remember most of all, that we have so much more to give them than they have ever taken from us. We have been places we have known things scenes suffered, feared felt experienced ecstasy hell wonder all through our illegal acts. They have brought us the full richness of the human experience. Our freedom finally when they understand it, it last is theirs. So keep loving keep making love and soon there will be enough thank you



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I heard you



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was back in. tuning in on you.



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was young. You come in



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oil seconds



Buddy Johnston 05:13

If you're listening right now and you want to win a copy of the yes album, you can do that by calling us at 526-573-8526 KPFT caller number 10 How's that and you'll win where you listen to that 526-573-8526 KPFT caller number 10 We'll get a copy of the as I want the song wanted so give us a call



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we can't rewind



Buddy Johnston 06:47

Well, it's kind of weird boys and girls because I'm sitting here by myself Jimmy's not here Jimmy's not feeling well and he went home and that's kind of sad, scary. Well, he is somebody said he had a bad tuna salad somewhere so hopefully that's all that is. Plus someone that I've been seeing sort of is also not feeling well and what is it is it just the weather or what's going on? We're here and we've got Malcolm standing by to talk with this. He's from the United Kingdom visiting the United States trying to get a first hand look as to how we do whatever it is we do. And we'll be talking to him he'll be telling us about his trip and where he's been and where he's going and a group called gay West that he's involved with so you want to stay tuned for that it's 14 minutes after two o'clock and the morning on a Sunday so that must mean you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM and like I said it's kind of weird because Jimmy's not here to help me out. And I don't know what I do now. Queen being gone I guess we could play this. Jimmy Are you feeling better girl?



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Min Min.



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It's great to be on a ship with min and say look off the CEO. We don't know where it will land on when but it's great to be with men. Because men can sweat and men constraints and no one seems to care all the green with a year old.



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Old Men Men Men are filled with men. So batten down the ladies room. There's no one here but then



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there's man above and below the guy leaders. And one guy we call Sally.



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Men, men



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with men don't ever have to lift the seat. There's no one here but then we're men and friends until the end and none of us can separate that symbol which is seasoned



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men men men



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with men throw your robbers overboard



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Hello, do you know me? I have appeared in hundreds of Warner Brothers cartoons with that squirrelly rabbit who always does drag yet whenever I travel homophobic troublemakers are always telling me that there's no wombs and no hotels, no available seats in the West Juan's

and no cause to went. It gets downright frustrating. At first I wanted to cry. What's my sexual orientation got to do with my being a good customer. Then I got a game that can express cod. Now I use it everywhere. From crepes in France to tropical foods in Honolulu to pick up chicks in Australia. Make American Express card does it all. Get American Express. Don't be home or without it. I love



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lip gloss be free gum gum out of the closet gum gum. I know it's the dark in there. So come out tomorrow with a scream job and see everybody everywhere



Buddy Johnston 10:27

he's not feeling well hopefully it's just some bad tuna. So we'll figure all that out later. It's 20 minutes after two o'clock and you're listening to after hours on KPFT I've got a song for Jimmy that he will hear on the tape. How's that this is from the album Purple Heart and it's Michael Callen and I know this is one of your favorites so maybe this is just for you and I hope you're feeling better



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if you did what a normal heart should do if you always play apart instead



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you instead



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why me and I you Why not



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always love



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always believe all the madness that we are taught



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how are they right it's just another way



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with my friends love your



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love



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what you do



Buddy Johnston 13:22

that's the truth maybe you can control everything in your life. The time it just never stops
keeps ticking away after hours on KPFT Houston



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road very sharp gauges and gauges are out. Clause and sounds to say Liberation's on its way.
Someday love that someday J someday set but still they fail to rush the pride that makes us
free. Gazing saw the diary T berry shout gay is good. And gays are told us we will we can.
Monsters. God told us we should know our strangers too to the human race. Turned out this
was just star rule. We get upset you smash the lights and learn to care. Now we love I like to
share Tom berry shout. Gay is good and gays. Our



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daughters began And with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar the Stonewall on
Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.



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Going



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to savor this



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next moment



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the task of fish official count



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the lsb and gay rights



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we must destroy the Miss ones and shatter them we must continue to speak out and most importantly most importantly every gay person must come out



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now you're



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now you're gone



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trumpeters clean their horns, chains and locks forged the crusade has begun. Once again flags of Christ are unfurled in the dawn and cries of soul saviors sing apocalyptic on airwaves, citizens, good citizens all parade into voting booths and then self righteous saying today X away our right to life. I do not believe at some that the vote is an end. I fear even more. It is just a beginning. So I must make assessment look to you and ask Where will you be when they come? They will not come a mob rolling through the streets but quickly and quietly move into our homes to remove the evil the queerness the faggotry from their midst, they will not come close and brown and swastikas are buried and chest heavy with gleaming crosses. The time and need for such uses are over. They will come in business suits to buy your homes and bring bodies to fill your jobs. They will come in robes to rehabilitate and white coats to subjugate. And where will you be when they come? Where will we all be when they come and they will come? They will come because we are defined as opposite perverse, and we are perverse. Every time we watched a queer hassled in the streets and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we lied about the boyfriend or girlfriend at Coffee Break. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard I don't mind gays. But why must they be blatant and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let a lesbian mother lose her child and did not fill the courtrooms. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let stripes make out in our

bars by we couldn't touch because of the laws. It was an act of perversion. Every time we put on the proper clothes to go to a family wedding and left our lovers at home. It was an act of perversion. Every time we heard who I go to bed with it's my personal choice. It's personal, not political and said nothing. It was an act of perversion. Every time we let straight relatives bury our dead and push our lovers away. It was an act of perversion and They will come for the perverts. And it won't matter if you're homosexual, not a faggot, lesbian, not a dime, gay, not queer. It won't matter if you own your own business have a good job or an SSI. It won't matter if you're a black, Chicano, Native American, Asian or white. It won't matter if you're from New York or Los Angeles, Galveston or Sioux Falls. It won't matter if you're rich off them not into rows, monogamous, non monogamous. It won't matter if you're Catholic, Baptist atheists, Jewish or MCC, they will come they will come to the cities and to the land to your front rooms and in your closets. They will come from the perverts and where will you be when they come?



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As president of the board as President of the Board of Supervisors, it's my duty to make this announcement. Both Mayor Moscone and supervisor Harvey Milk have been shot shots



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reading we're not in Kansas anymore.



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We must destroy the Miss Swanson for shattered. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out KPFA come on out.



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You must tell your immediate family, your mesh tell your relatives you must tell your friends if indeed they are your friends, you must tell your neighbors you must tell the people you work with. You must tell the people to the stories in shopping



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once they realize that we are indeed their children and we are indeed everywhere. Every every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. And I asked I asked people to do one thing. Come out. Come out America.



Buddy Johnston 25:08

I guess that certainly is the message we've got. Because doesn't matter how far out of the closet I am, as long as you're back there just one inch. I can't get everything that's coming to me. You know what I mean? So come on out and join us, sort of in whatever way you can.

Jimmy's not here this morning. He's feeling ill. So he's gone home. But we were talking earlier in the evening about Malcolm, who's visiting from the United Kingdom and traveling across the United States. And you're currently on a world world when worldwide tour. Is that right?



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The worldwide whirlwind tour. Hello, buddy.



Buddy Johnston 25:47

Well, welcome to Houston.



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Thank you. Indeed,



Buddy Johnston 25:49

what, what are your impressions of our fair city?



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Well, I've seen very little of your city. I've seen quite a lot of Montrose. The rest of the city seems to have evaded me thus far. But I understand there are plans afoot for that, right. So tomorrow, we'll look around. We're walking around the circular route channel. We've,



Buddy Johnston 26:07

we've, yeah, Roger, Roger has been telling Malcolm that we'll go out tomorrow and drive around the loop.



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We're sending out flyers come out, come out, wherever you are.



Buddy Johnston 26:17

We've been saying all along that we got this letter from you back last fall, was it? Did you originally mail those letters? Do you remember,



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I think they actually got posted out sometime January, February this year, they were revised and revised as plans changed.

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Buddy Johnston 26:32

It was a letter from you in London in England, that you are going to be coming on this tour of the United States. And that you work with a group called gay West. What is gay West,



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it very much falls into the category of the women we were speaking to earlier, I was sitting in the room at the time speaking with them. The women from life. Slightly wider appeal, perhaps because it's for lesbians and gay men. It's social support group, regionally based, again, it's looking at people who aren't on the mainstream. The people who, perhaps at this time in their life are not ready for the pubs or the clubs, or the pubs and the clubs. Aren't there seen in any outreach? grab, grab the people who are saying, I'm gay, what do I do about it? How do you

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Buddy Johnston 27:25

outreach with something like section 28? And can you tell? Can you tell my audience is listening? Can you tell them what section 28 is? Because they might not be up to date as to what it actually says or does.



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I'll summarize it as best I can. It came into effect summer before last summer of 88. And section 28 was section 28 of the local government bill, which was designed to limit the powers of what we call local authorities, I guess you'd call them City Hall. with particular reference this section 28 to the promotion of homosexuality. In essence, it means that under the bill, which has now passed into law, any local authority which actively promotes homosexuality, on a par with heterosexuality is breaking the law. It's difficult to instance this. It's not been proven in our courts. But regional theater is often sponsored by local authorities, they park grants to them, they can't now do that. So there's a lot of productions that won't go on. Literature within scores, simple things like if a scorecard just ask the question, relevant to an alternative lifestyle? The tutor can't answer that question, for fear of losing their job.

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Buddy Johnston 29:05

Could they do that in the past, up until the section 28 came along?



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to a limited degree? Yes, they could. To the limited degree it could happen when we're talking

about older students 1618. You have adult conversations with people that now can't happen. It's got wider implications. university groups wanting to form gay socks are being refused permission because the governing bodies are saying that it's going to contravene the act.

 B Buddy Johnston 29:40

So even though the section 28 is or it's sort of sounds like the the sodomy laws on the books in Texas that say that say we can't, we're permitted or were prohibited from having sex with each other. But we all know that I'm homosexual and do this gay radio program and work for the police department. And we know that There are bathhouses in bookstores and apartments and houses and back. You know, every all over the city men are having sex with men and women are having sex with women. So we know that but this law in Austin says we're not going to do that, and we're not going to allow it. And some of these businesses are regulated by the state.

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The strange anomaly in the United Kingdom is that women having sex with women isn't a problem, because it's never been. It was never criminalized. Homosexuality between men was criminalized in 1895. And it was partially decriminalized in 1967, under the sexual reform law, which said that it legalized certain sexual acts between consenting males over the age of 21. And in private, but again, with the vagaries of the law. No definition was given to in private, and this gave rise to is to our two guys in their own their own home. performing sex is that in private, my definition is that there is yes, under the law, if there's a third party anywhere in the building that isn't in private, likewise, in a hotel, right, and so it goes on down the line.

 B Buddy Johnston 31:21

So basically, there is life after section 28, just as there is life after the sodomy laws, and most

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laws are created by politicians voted in by the people and laws are repealed by other politicians who are. And we've had enough of the of the politicians. And that's really where we get into,

 B Buddy Johnston 31:41

and we say here on after hours, especially that just because it's the law doesn't mean it's right. I mean, it was a law that said, certain segments of our society in the United States had to sit at the back of the bus. They said, No, that's right. And it was a law that allowed Hitler to put the Jews and everyone else in the gas chambers. It was his law, but it was still a law. So we just because it's a law doesn't mean it's always right, exactly. Right. Is there any chance of that? That section going away someday? Do you think maybe someone will come along with this calmer head and say, Wait a minute,



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I feel quite confident that it will be repealed. It will be as hard to repeal it as it was to get it onto the statute book. Never before has there been reaction to civil rights legislation in the United Kingdom in the way that that the people responded to Section 28. It was the first time that people really came out on the streets since we had the the Emily Pankhurst but back in the early 1900s. For women, it had that kind of emotive effect. The stop the call was marches reached record figures. Despite that we have at this time a government with an overwhelming majority that is able to steamroller through our parliament that I feel will change



B Buddy Johnston 33:06

is are there groups such as act up in in Great Britain



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there is ACT UP is based in London, in Manchester in Birmingham in major regional cities. And they're doing the same kinds of things that we're seeing over here they're actually doing some buildings we had



B Buddy Johnston 33:25

by zap you mean a demonstration?



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An active demonstration as opposed to walking around with placards right. We have in things like the celebrated for lesbians who lowered themselves by ropes from the strangers Gallery in the House of Commons, and hoisted banners in front of the television cameras, telling the world that we're not going to go away. We have a tremendous step to the lesbian community in the United Kingdom for the work they're doing in the gay movement. And we acknowledge that from



B Buddy Johnston 33:59

for these women Lord themselves from the viewers Gallery in the House of Commons.



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It's the strangest gallery. The public gallery is known as the strangest gallery. And you queue from almost from birth to go in there when Parliament is in session. And these four women and be known to anyone other than themselves, tied ropes to the banister and lowered themselves down into the chamber. And were immediately arrested. But the damage was done so well yay. And I commend them for that.

B Buddy Johnston 34:33

So gate West is a is an outreach group that provides an alternative to the pubs

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to the pubs and to the clubs and generally socializing you know, so they have monthly meetings, we have meetings we have something like 1520 meetings a month, we produce a monthly Calendar of what we'll be doing and Again, as the women were speaking earlier, they really do vary from a breeder dish, your own dish, do to car rallies or whatever. It's a double edged sword. There's the socializing, bringing people together. And there's the campaign inside the Constitution group says that we're seeking to achieve absolutely absolute equality before the law for homosexual men and women. And that's what we set out to do. It's small. I mean, in terms of groups that I hear of here, it's more, we have about 250 people at the time. And it kind of wavers up and down as people join, move on to other things. For some people, it's finding their feet, it's the some wearing a provincial area. And you'll get 1617 year old so even today, I can't believe that the gay liberation has reached the giddy heights that it has. And we get the phone call saying, I can't speak for very long because my mom's in the other room. And she might me. And we just say, that's all right. You know? Yeah, I think it's the same guy. And I probably Yeah, I wish he'd give me his name.

B Buddy Johnston 36:23

We have, since the Stonewall raids in New York back in late 69, have had bred parades in most major cities yearly to commemorate the Stonewall event. Do you have parades like that or anything every year? Or is there an event that happens?

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Yeah, the London lesbian and gay pride parade is really the focus of the gay year, the political activists, those actually attempting to achieve change. We, at this time, are getting figures of about 30,032 thirds, I believe this summer, it's 32,000 people. Now I came over the beginning of June, one of the objectives of my trip was to take part in the New York parade. And I think the figure quoted there was 300,000. And I was completely completely blew my socks off.

B Buddy Johnston 37:18

How did that feel?

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And if you spent your life swimming in a pond to suddenly be asked to swim the ocean, who'd give you some idea, just completely carried along by this wave of humanity. And it's

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Buddy Johnston 37:32

what what what have you encountered across the country? It's the I'm kind of jealous because I have only been to a few places in our country. What have you bumped into across the United States? And as far as gay and lesbian communities go? What do you what is your overall impression when you get home? If someone said, What did you What did you think? Or what was your first impression? What would you say to them?

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Why the hell have we waited so long to get so far as you have? Why have we restrained and put up with all the bullshit that we have for so many years?

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Buddy Johnston 38:07

Sorry, that we gotta be real careful about what we say. And that's one word we can't say. But that's okay. I'll tell the FCC it was out of not out of town but out of country. Well, we just have to be real careful about certain words. That's my fault. I didn't tell

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you. I kind of think that section 28 would have been for us as Stonewall was here in the United States. For some reason, the platitudes continued, we didn't get as angry as we ought to have done. We're very much getting there. We're still simmering, we're not boiling yet.

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Buddy Johnston 38:43

I, I talked to you a couple of times about our show here on KPFT and the lack of support that we get sometimes in the community and you You seem astonished. Is that a good word?

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Yes, I think so. First of all, we don't have a show anything like this. You link up with other stations to put the that half hour program out a little while

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Buddy Johnston 39:05

ago, you're talking about this way out? Right? That's done in Los Angeles.

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We don't even have one channel which is pumping out gay, like gay rights in any way shape or form. mainstream channels occasionally will pay lip service to the subject. We'll give you a program a documentary, right on something but not really it's not by guys for gays as this station is

 **Buddy Johnston 39:32**

the broadcast industry though in Great Britain is. What? Not not not as censored. Is that a good way to phrase it? It's not as controlled maybe the they get away with a lot more than we get. We were watching a television program, the bloopers program tonight and a woman's breast work censored by NBC and you said that wouldn't happen?

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No, that wouldn't be in the UK. It depends on how its presented. If it's sort of part of the content of the program, the intentional part of the content of the program, and therefore a valid reason not purely and simply to shock us sensational. Right, then yes, that would be okay.

 **Buddy Johnston 40:15**

So why has why has homosexuality not been as open? If other things are it's? Is it the old thing we were talking about with the like the low flat is that it's not going on really

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excited to have a low flat.

 **Buddy Johnston 40:31**

But you know what I mean, it know what men are really not having sex, these gay people really don't exist. These a pause to 28 was, was your you said it was your Stonewall is that what actually brought the,

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it's what brought the anger out of people that have been simmering for quite a long time. Section 28 had people on the streets who were not homosexual, we're not lesbian, we're angry, we're sick and tired of having a big stick beaten that right? By the authority. It wasn't just a reaction against a particular governments. It was reaction against something which is morally wrong, which is against human rights. At a time when, as a nation of people were moving closer to Europe, and more involvement in the European community. where human rights do exist, there is a Charter of Human Rights and the UK contravenes that people had had enough. And so they were turning out on the street at some of those marches were very ugly indeed,

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Buddy Johnston 41:36

you said that one of your objectives of this trip was to attend the parade in New York, but you did. What? What other reason do you have for running rampant across the United States?

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Well, it's cold in the UK. It's something I wanted to do. It's, I'm 38 years old, I decided that I really would like to take some time off and do some traveling, I've done my years of sticking to the job, stick into other things. So it's a personal objective to do some traveling. But I want you to see more than than I have at home, see how other people do it. And I want you to take back with me fresh ideas, how we could perhaps do it better. Are we making mistakes? Have we got the mixture? Right, but the people run? You know, are we speaking to the people we ought to be speaking to? Are we forcing money out of the people we ought to be? Well, did you see the Wizard of Oz? Many times near

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Buddy Johnston 42:36

the end? Well, what have you learned Dorothy?

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click your heels. Three.

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Buddy Johnston 42:41

What have you learned or what have you learned? Just briefly

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I think we've got to stop being so nice. So polite. Paraphrase, stand up for your love rights.

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Buddy Johnston 42:56

Exactly. You're You're off to Dallas, the first of the week, and then you're off to Dallas. And then you said something about the Grand Canyon. Yeah, be

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points west. I'm now I've moved. I came beginning of June. I've moved down the east coast. A little Skedaddle across the middle of the prairie lands back through Chicago and down. I'm now heading Western up. And I shall be leaving around about the 18th of October with some very,

very fond memories of what I think is God's country.

 **Buddy Johnston 43:34**

I thought we were talking about atheism earlier. We could be I think that's another show on another day. Anyway, we'll let you want to stick around with this. Because Jimmy's not here and it's kind of weird not having anybody to talk to Yeah, I'd love to do you got some Grace Jones here you want to play? In fact, he said that was one of his favorite songs. We'll play that for him later on.

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It was a particular moment are perhaps speak about that at the time. Okay. It's a very exciting moment again,

 **Buddy Johnston 44:02**

well, we'll talk about other things and continue to talk about Great Britain. How about taking phone calls from folks who do you want to try that and see

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what happened? I think that'd be fun. Be interesting to get some exchange of ideas from people if you

 **Buddy Johnston 44:14**

have some questions in for Malcolm, about what goes on in the United Kingdom in Great Britain. And I've already asked him if that Queen really wears all those crowns around and he didn't say that he doesn't know

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well, we do a kind of a swap.

 **Buddy Johnston 44:28**

But you can call us up at five to six 4005 to six KPFT we're gonna play some music for you and continue to talk with Malcolm so stay with us you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston 90.1 FM, and this is ABC all we're trying to do is build one better world because believe it or not, baby there's got to be a better way than this. Jesse Helms if you're listening, please get your tape recorder ready because I've got a song for you to also. Yeah, yeah. Jesse. Good. Recorded ready, baby. Y'all have Jesse Helms in England,



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we deliver Jesse Helms but for us the Jessie is a slang term for homosexuals.



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Imagine a world in which millions of people are at the mercy of a small band of extremists in which works of art are subjected to government censorship, and freedom of expression is a crime. Now stop imagining Welcome to America 1990. This is calling you Hearst. As an actress, I am terrified by what is happening in our country today. extremists like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and Senator Jesse Helms are trying to destroy freedom of expression for their own political and personal needs. And since this freedom is so powerfully demonstrated in the arts, they especially want to silence the artist. That's why they're determined to restrict the National Endowment for the Arts that an organization that supports artists all across America. We must fight back. Please call or write to your member of Congress today. Because silence for the arts is silence for America



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sponsored by the People for the American Way Action Fund. I remember an incident four years ago when I was walking through an amusement park holding hands with my lover and was called queer by a child six years old. And from that day forward, I've been all too aware of who the child molesters in this society are. These are gay and lesbian



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people hanging out here. What's your reaction to that? I have a little boy and I would hate for my little boy to be like that. Those are animals I think it's terrible had a rocket



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all the queers want equal rights



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Why don't you do the way God made us to do it your mother and father led any person who was gay.



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Hear the sounds of the waves brushed up against the sand where he has written both of your names with a heart around it you were looking at the sky burning red with a sunset. Quickly a

car drives up alongside of you you stop for red light. Suddenly the car is surrounded they circle your blankets coming in closer bottles are thrown out of car windows the sound of glass breaking baseball bats against middle hand grabs your hair less at your feet in your face in your eyes, a fist across your face again and again. Die queer tell them



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homophobia can kill. Education is the only lasting weapon against bigotry. Which is why as a lesbian and gay public awareness project wanted you to hear and think about this message. For more information write us at Post Office Box 65603 Los Angeles