

- GIGI:** So I think first and foremost, I know that when I first came to terms with being bisexual, I was in isolation, I was alone. And I kind of celebrate by day as a way to come to grips with that with oneself. And then reach out to the community and share it in celebration
- DANA SHAW:** And that's really what we're all about. We're all about saying, hey, we're out here and we're not going to be silenced. But we're also saying, for those of you who are out there who are looking for a home, a place where you can be yourself.
- A place where you can talk about bisexuality without having to edit who your partners are, out from a conversation, that were out there and we can be found. So there's really two portions of Celebrate Bisexuality Day. One of them is celebrating who we are and the other is letting other people know we're out there.
- GIGI:** Yeah. So I think visibility is really one of the keys.
- DANA SHAW:** It really, really is. And that's why we're trying to do more things that are public, like marching in the AIDS Walk with a banner, like taking part in their community tables, like doing a safer by choice. And by bi, I mean be I choice.
- [LAUGHTER]
- By taking part in as many activities as we can. This year over Pride Week, we had a full week and a half of stuff going on. And although it wasn't every single day, we had so much stuff going on. We were exhausted all of us by the end.
- [LAUGHTER]
- GIGI:** Yeah. And now here in Houston, the Gay Pride lasts about a month now.
- [LAUGHTER]
- You know, where you can go almost every day for a whole month with something going on.
- DANA SHAW:** Yeah. And it's like that here too. As soon as June hits, people are starting to put up their rainbow flags and they're starting to be a lot more busyness and the Church Street area here in Toronto, which is where the queer communities tends to congregate.
- And the businesses say, no, we can't take reservations. This is the busiest time of year, as soon as June starts.
- GIGI:** Yeah.
- DANA SHAW:** But Pride Week is only a week. And then it's really insane.
- GIGI:** Yeah.
- [LAUGHTER]
- DANA SHAW:** Because we get a million people to the parade on the Sunday--
- GIGI:** Wow.

DANA SHAW: --in Toronto.

GIGI: That's a lot.

[LAUGHTER]

DANA SHAW: Yes. One of the largest ones in North America and it's real insanity. Just wall-to-wall people.

JIMMY: I don't know where we'd put a million people if a million people showed up for our parade.

[LAUGHTER]

Oh.

[LAUGHTER]

DANA SHAW: Well, we've got the longest street in the world to put them on.

[LAUGHTER]

We're covered.

[LAUGHTER]

GIGI: Wow.

DANA SHAW: Yeah, so I mean, the visibility is really important to us. And we carry that through the year whenever we can.

GIGI: Yeah. Well, is there anything else that kind of stands out for you for Celebrate Bi Day?

DANA SHAW: Well, we're celebrating something special this year because this year we've realized that as a community, we're a strong community here in Toronto. And we're starting to reach out to other communities more than we have in the past.

And by being strongly linked with BiNet Canada, because myself and Steven Harvey, who's also from the Toronto community are both involved. We're really like taking a strong role in that, but we're also reaching out to other organizations like BiNet USA, and like the organizations in the Boston area and like BiNet BC.

GIGI: Mm-hmm. I think the other thing that stands out about by Celebrate Bi Day for me, has been the international flair--

DANA SHAW: Yeah.

GIGI: --that it's happening all over the world. It's not just the US. It's not just Canada. It's not just Mexico. It's not just here or there, it's everywhere.

DANA SHAW: You know, wouldn't it be cool to have something like they had on the Millennium, when they had the New Year's Eve celebrations on TV all around the world, and they would just go one after the other?

GIGI: Oh, wow.

DANA SHAW: It would be so cool to have it showing people celebrating bisexuality all across the world, on some sort of TV station.

GIGI Uh-hey.

[LAUGHTER]

That would be so awesome.

[LAUGHTER]

DANA SHAW: Yeah, it would. It really would. Can you imagine seeing people waving the Bi flag from across the world

GIGI: Oh, I know it. Well, I was really impressed during the first Celebrate Bi Day--

DANA SHAW: Yeah.

GIGI: Two years ago, when a gay conference in Johannesburg flew the bisexual flag over their conference for Celebrate--

DANA SHAW: Oh cool.

GIGI: --Bi Day.

DANA SHAW: That is really cool.

GIGI: I was really impressed because a lot of times we talk about the GLBT community and how a lot of times we're just kind of in there by name sake only. But it really impressed me that here in gay and lesbian conference was celebrating with us.

DANA SHAW: Well, and I think that that's a reflection of the fact that not every cultural area treats bisexuals in the same way as they do here in North America.

GIGI: Right.

DANA SHAW: I think that there are some cultural areas where bisexuality is treated on par with gays and lesbians, and then there are some that treat them like they're better in some way and some worse.

GIGI: Yeah.

DANA SHAW: And I guess we just have to remember that each culture, each country, each place will have their own way of accepting or not accepting bisexuals into their spaces. And it's just a matter of trying to even that out a bit, you know.

GIGI: Uh-huh.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, do you have any last words that you'd like to share?

DANA SHAW: I think it would be great to get more people to enjoy celebrating the international Celebrate Bisexuality Day.

GIGI: Oh, me too.

DANA SHAW: And I think one way you can do that is if you're in a small town or an org or a place where you just don't know if there are any other bisexuals around, go and take a look on the internet. There's a billion bi organizations, email groups, clubs,

GIGI: Yeah.

DANA SHAW: Newsgroups, there's just so much information available to you on the web. If you're in Canada, you can take a look at binetcanada.org. And if you're in the States, you can look at either binetusa.org, or you can look at biresource.org, which lists organizations worldwide.

GIGI: Mm-hmm.

DANA SHAW: And that's a great way to find other people in your area that you can hook up with and feel like you found your home.

GIGI: And what a home it is.

[LAUGHTER]

DANA SHAW: Yeah.

GIGI: But thank you.

DANA SHAW: Thank you too.

[LAUGHTER]

GIGI: Huh?

DANA SHAW: And we're cute too.

GIGI: Uh-hm.

[LAUGHTER]

Well, Dana, thank you for joining us.

DANA SHAW: You're welcome.

GIGI: It's been incredible. And I tell you Vancouver was an incredible experience. It's really great to meet you up there.

[LAUGHTER]

DANA SHAW: It was great to meet you too. And I hope to see you again sometime in the near future.

GIGI: Well, you have a good one.

DANA SHAW: You too. Take care.

GIGI: Bye.

DANA SHAW: Bye-bye.

[LAUGHTER]

GIGI: Well, that was Dana Shaw on Celebrate Bi Day.

JIMMY: Yes.

GIGI: Coming up September 23, and probably being celebrated by some bis' all month long.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Well, sometimes we forget here that Toronto is a huge city.

GIGI: Oh, yes.

[LAUGHTER] Very, very big.

GIGI: Mm-hm.

JIMMY: And when she said they had a million people, I mean that that's a Pride Parade that's bigger than Los Angeles or San Francisco. I mean, this is just a huge, huge, huge--

GIGI: Well, I was impressed with the Pride parade that happened in Vancouver. I was up there for that. And I mean, their parade route was, I know at least, over a mile long.

JIMMY: Wow.

GIGI: Probably, a mile and a half.

JIMMY: Wow. Geez.

GIGI: And you know how crowded it gets around Mary's?

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

GIGI: It was that crowded, a good part of the way along that route.

RADIO HOST 1: Wow.

[LAUGHTER]

GIGI: So it wasn't just around one area. I mean, this thing, tons of people all along the whole route.

JIMMY: Wow, that's amazing.

GIGI: It was really fabulous to see. I mean, those Canadians know how to celebrate.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Well, GIGI, thank you.

GIGI: Thank you.

JIMMY: And we'll be talking about bi day in the next couple of weeks. We'll be talking about it. It doesn't have to be just one night a month.

GIGI: And, of course, I'll be bending over for it.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: I imagine. Thank you, to Carole queen too, for being with *After Hours*.

GIGI: Incredible.

JIMMY: Yes, she is.

GIGI: I always love her.

JIMMY: Well, Buddy is on the phone.

GIGI: Oh, good.

JIMMY: And we're getting ready to talk about-- I imagine he's getting ready to talk about the *After Hour's* birthday because--

GIGI: Oh, wow.

JIMMY: --it's September 6, 1987. Buddy came in and did the first *After Hours*. So we're getting ready to celebrate our 14th birthday.

GIGI: Cool.

JIMMY: And GIGI, I want to thank you for being with us. And we'll see you next time.

GIGI: Thank you.

[LAUGHTER]

OK

JIMMY: Yeah. bye-bye.

GIGI: Take care.

JIMMY: And let's go ahead and put him on the air. Right, is he you ready to go?

SPEAKER 1: No, someone's holding up the line.

JIMMY: OK. Come on put the guy on hold so we can put them on the air.

SPEAKER 2: OK. Coming out of hiding and-- [INAUDIBLE]

SPEAKER 1: Royd, we need him on hold so we can put him on the air.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: I know the music. I've got it here.

[INDISTINCT CHATTER]

RADIO HOST 2: We know no longer--

[DEEP SIGH]

[INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: Yes, folks. Welcome to *After Hours*

RADIO HOST 2: Welcome to *After Hours*.

JIMMY: Queer radio with attitude.

RADIO HOST 2: All around us we see chaos, panic, and disorder. Welcome to *After Hours*.

JIMMY: That's right.

[LAUGHTER]

RADIO HOST 2: That's right.

[PANTING]

[SHUFFLING]

[INDISTINCT CHATTER]

JIMMY: I'm waiting. Oh, OK. Whatever.

RADIO HOST 2: Now is--

JIMMY: Romanovsky and Phillips. OK, let's go to that. And we'll be right back with Buddy.

[SILENCE]

[MUSIC SINGING]

What Kind of Self-Respecting Faggot Am I? From the 1986 release by Romanovsky and Phillips, their CD called *Trouble in Paradise*. That song was played a lot when I first came to *After Hours*. And I came to *After Hours* in March of 1988, and answered phones and did stuff like that

Buddy Johnston, who is on hold right now and we're going to put him on just a moment, came into this studio September 6, 1987 at 2 o'clock in the morning and did the first *After Hour* show, was on 2:00 to 4:00.

So this week, we are celebrating our 14th birthday going into our 15th year. And I guess, it's time to bring him on.

RADIO HOST 2: It sounds like a plan. But if you I could have done that.

JIMMY: There we go.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Girl, can you find the button to push?

JIMMY: I pushed it.

[LAUGHTER]

Buddy Johnston,

[INAUDIBLE]

Buddy Johnston.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: 14 years?

JIMMY: 14, 14th birthday going into the 15th year.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Isn't it incredible, Jimmy?

JIMMY: It is. It's an incredible show that has kind of changed over the years gone. It and I guess maybe that's one of the reasons it's lasted so long is because it has changed. It's gone from different format to different format. And encompass more and more queer people under its roof.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Well, I'm so proud of what you have done over the last 14 years and--

JIMMY: Thank you.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: --just so proud of this show, baby. It just means so much to me. And living in San Francisco, I'm kind of stuck because I can't go anywhere else, girl.

[LAUGHTER]

I want to tell you a little bit of a story.

JIMMY: You're in San Francisco.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Yeah, I'm in San Francisco. Well, you knew I came here. I went into the studio there at KPFT just as you said.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: September the 6th, 1987 working for the police department, the Houston Police Department as a dispatcher. There was one HPD officer there who we won't mention, that was there for moral support.

And I was shaking so bad I couldn't even queue a record.

[LAUGHTER]

Girl, I was scared that nobody cared except-- well, that's another show.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Well, you know, if you hadn't done that, then I wouldn't be here. And I don't know. I couldn't have started this type of show. It had to come from you.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** It actually came from the community. I was so blessed to have people like Jean and Duane and Garland Garner, who's still around there.

JIMMY: Yes. Yes, he is.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** --that supported From the very, very beginning. And we were just very, very lucky.

JIMMY: Yes.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** But I--

JIMMY: And Garland is still behind us 100%.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** Yeah.

JIMMY: And in fact, he's very happy that we're in this time slot. And as you know, this is a pretty favored time slot, Saturdays at midnight.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** Yes, it is.

JIMMY: Yes. And he--

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** And I just--

JIMMY: Yeah.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** I just wanted to say, I'm just very proud of you, Jimmy, and what you've done over these years because I know it's not been easy.

JIMMY: Thank you.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** I know it's been very demanding of your time, but I just wanted to call and say happy birthday and tell you a couple of stories.

JIMMY: OK.

**BUDDY
JOHNSTON:** I moved to San Francisco in 1997. After Roger died, I just had to get away from Houston and the police department and everything. So I came out to California.

I worked for one of those dot coms, girl.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Oh.

BUDDY And in April, it closed down. We all got laid off after 3 and 1/2 years. So I panicked, packed up all my crap and
JOHNSTON: went to Las Vegas.

JIMMY: Yeah. What was that about?

BUDDY Well, my brother lives over there, he and his wife and family. And they said, hey, come on over. You can get a
JOHNSTON: job. Jobs are falling off trees, that-that-that. thought,

JIMMY: Oh,

BUDDY And I packed all my stuff and moved to Las Vegas. Well, guess what?
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: What?

BUDDY It's terrible. [LAUGHTER] like Moses, after 40 days I bailed the hell out of there.
JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

But I was there for two months. Actually, I'm kind of glad I didn't get a job because if I'd have got a job, I would still be there working and probably complaining, but just accepting the fact that I was there, you know what I'm saying?

JIMMY: Yes, I do.

BUDDY But while I was there, Jimmy. I met some guys that I knew actually from Houston, who had just moved to Las
JOHNSTON: Vegas. Actually same-sex couples moving to Nevada we're up about 600%, according to the last census so.

JIMMY: You're kidding.

BUDDY So there's a lot of--
JOHNSTON:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY: Wow.

BUDDY There's a lot of lesbian and gay people and transgender people moving to the Nevada. But the Mormons are still
JOHNSTON: in control.

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Well, yeah. That's what I don't understand.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Well, I met this couple from Houston that I used to know back there in Texas. And they took me out to the Eagle one night, the Las Vegas Eagle. And then the next day on the television news, we heard about a 21-year-old boy who had walked home from the Eagle.

He stopped at a 7-Eleven to get a soda, and then he walked from the 7-Eleven to his house. And somewhere between the 7-Eleven and his home, he was beaten to death.

JIMMY: Oh.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: And there was no money taken. His partner was on television. His mother was on television. It reminded me a lot of what happened when Paul Broussard was killed.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: But what really frustrated me the most was that the television people would not assume they were gay and they would not say the word homosexual. It was just-- those Mormon, baby. Hello, Mormons?

[LAUGHTER]

I love the Mormons, but good Lord

JIMMY: Yeah.

[LAUGHTER]

It's tough.

RADIO HOST 2: Exactly.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Yeah, but I had to come back to San Francisco. I had to come back where Harvey Milk has walked. And a lot of history is right here in this city.

We're getting ready for the Castro Street Fair, which is my favorite street fair of all that we have in San Francisco because the entire community, everybody's represented. And then a week before that, Connie, hold on to your leather chaps because that's Folsom Street fair

[INAUDIBLE]

JIMMY: Oh, yeah. Yeah that is famous here.

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

We do a leather--

BUDDY JOHNSTON: They'll--

JIMMY: We do a leather segment and those guys say, OK, you know I can't do a show then, because I'll be in the Folsom Street fair.

BUDDY --There'll be a million boys with their cheeks hanging out.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: That's right.

[LAUGHTER]

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

BUDDY You know what I'm saying?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: That's right. That's right.

BUDDY I had to come back to San Francisco. And I mean, look at all the men I can't tell you where I'm at now because
JOHNSTON: the FCC won't let us.

JIMMY: I know where you are. You're in Oakland.

[LAUGHTER]

You're in Oakland.

BUDDY No, girl. I'm in San Francisco. Look.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Oh.

BUDDY Can you smell it?

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: I have to tell you this. You're not going to believe this, but you know how Stanley is about traveling?

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Well, he got a free ticket.

BUDDY But where's he going to go?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: We already went.

BUDDY Where did you go?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: San Francisco.

BUDDY When were you here?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Two weeks ago.

BUDDY Well, I was in Las Vegas.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: I know. And I thought, he's moved there. [LAUGHTER] And just when I get a chance to go, he's moved to Las Vegas.

BUDDY Oh.

JOHNSTON:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

JIMMY: But I'll tell you something, You know how it is with Stanley? You do a lot of walking. Well,

BUDDY Yeah.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: We did go to the GOAT. No, we went to the Golden Gate park.

BUDDY Did you see the AIDS Memorial Grove?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: I found the AIDS Memorial Grove. Its most incredible thing.

BUDDY Did you find Roger's name?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes. It's on the fourth circle from the outer circle. Fourth Circle--

BUDDY Isn't it so beautiful?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: --fourth circle in, just almost next to Carol McDeens.

BUDDY Isn't that-- it's actually next to Robin Williams and Sharon Stone name. But isn't that just incredibly beautiful?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes. Yes, it is. The whole area, it's like that was just the perfect area for it. There's beautiful paths. There's benches. There's stones with people's names on it. It's just absolutely gorgeous.

BUDDY Plus on Easter Sunday, Jimmy, in 1997, the year that I moved here. My friend Ray Ray-- Hey, Ray Ray Noni. I know you're listening girl. [LAUGHTER] They came out to San Francisco and we went out to the Grove.

JOHNSTON:

And before Roger died, someone, maybe it was you. Someone gave him a zen garden that he really liked, that he kept at the hospital. Well, we poured his ashes, some of them into the zen garden there at The Grove. So you actually got to get closer to him than you realize.

JIMMY: Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY And his name on that thing it's very, very special to me. All of his friends pitched in and they did that for me on
JOHNSTON: his 40th birthday. So that means a lot. And the very special thing about the AIDS Memorial Grove is now it's part of the National Historic Register.

So it's always going to be taken care of. It's always going to be protected. And it's always going to be there.

But when I came to San Francisco in 1997, Clay Harper, who used to answer those phones there at KPFT.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY Took me out to Golden Gate Park and show me that. And the reason that I was so moved and touched was
JOHNSTON: because it said, paid for by the city and County of San Francisco.

And I thought, wow, Houston would never do that.

JIMMY: You're Right.

BUDDY Until they got a Mayor like Lee Brown. And I read all kinds of wonderful things from everywhere about what
JOHNSTON: Mayor Brown is doing, because he was a chief of police when I was on the radio screaming.

And he was the only reason that I probably didn't go to jail. So the community; you guys, all of you, men and women, everybody needs to get behind Lee Brown and just support everything that he's doing.

JIMMY: You bet.

BUDDY And East Parker's down there, and I know they're doing some wonderful things for us.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: You bet. We finally got anti-discrimination and city employees.

BUDDY I followed that throughout the course. It was incredible.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes, it was.

BUDDY That's the kind of person Lee Brown is.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY And Houston's very, very lucky to have him there.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yeah. A lot of things have happened with this show and I'd like you to talk about some of the stuff that went on in the early years.

BUDDY Well, let's see in the beginning we didn't have a clue on what we were doing.
JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

RADIO HOST 2: That hasn't changed.

[LAUGHTER]

14 years later, that hasn't changed.

BUDDY I listen to you, honey, almost every week on the web. I can hear you on the web every week. So I'm
JOHNSTON: eavesdropping.

JIMMY: Thank you. www.kpft.org.

BUDDY That's the place. But in the beginning, we didn't know. And we actually had one little segment other than me
JOHNSTON: playing music and trying to figure out what we were doing.

We had one little segment where Brian Keever, who used to work *At This Week in Texas*.

JIMMY: Mm-hm.

BUDDY And Brian's been on the show many times. Brian Keever read the news. Alan Smart, who's out here in San
JOHNSTON: Francisco, now. He came on and did a little community bulletin board.

JIMMY: Oh, that was funny too. Yes.

BUDDY And what's his name? Mary, come on, help me out. [LAUGHTER]
JOHNSTON:

SPEAKER That doesn't help.
(BEHIND THE
SCENE):

BUDDY What's his name? Help me.
JOHNSTON:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RADIO HOST 2: What did he do?

JIMMY: I can't remember.

BUDDY I can't think of it. We had this Mark Schmidt.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Mark Schmidt?

BUDDY Thank you, dear. Somebody walking on the street said, Mark!
JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Mark Schmidt.

BUDDY One second, I'll be with you in a minute, honey. Step in the bushes. I'll be right there.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

I'm on the phone.

[LAUGHTER]

Hang on a minute. So Mark Schmidt did the sports.

JIMMY: Yes

BUDDY And the funniest thing about the beginnings of *After Hours*, were when we had Brian Keever in there. Now, I don't
JOHNSTON: know how Ms. Keever. Is doing now?

JIMMY: Oh, she's doing fine.

BUDDY Girl, the first time she read the news, she was like a queen out of a hot potato patch or something.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

She was screaming and yelling, on top of that. But it was so funny. [LAUGHTER] And I asked Roger, I said, what the hell are we going to do? And he said, let him do the news.

JIMMY: Yeah.

BUDDY Who gives a hoot?

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

[INAUDIBLE]

The first really big hit we had at *After Hours* was the following Feb. September '87 we started, and that following February on Valentine's Day, Mark Schmidt died.

DANA SHAW: Yes.

BUDDY And I remember we came on the air and we did our regular show with all the fun ha-ha-ha, taking dedications. I
JOHNSTON: want to play this for my lover. I want to play this for my girlfriend. Play this from my boyfriend or play this for my mom.

And then Brian did the news. Alan did the community bulletin board. And then I tried to explain to everyone that Mark had died that morning.

And it was probably one of the hardest shows we ever did because we got a lot of nasty letters from our listeners, going, why did you do this to us? Because we were having a good time and then you dropped this on us. And it's like, well, that's life.

And I know over the last 14 years, that's what we dealt with most. We got in trouble a lot because we wouldn't do this or that, but we talked about life and what was going on. And not only our lives, but the lives of our listeners; the lives of our community; the lives of our state; the lives of the country that we lived in; and the planet that we lived on.

And we were just very, very blessed to have a lot of wonderful things happen to us. I remember one of my proudest moments was when we did the Harvey Milk rally in 1988,

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY --on the steps of City Hall. And the week before that at the River Oaks Theater, they showed *The Times of Harvey*
JOHNSTON: *Milk* to about 3,000 people. Absolutely free.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY And that's what people like Larry came from and all those folks. Well, we don't have time to go into all that.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: I know. Larry is still around, but he's changed a lot because he's now Lorenzo. He's gone back to embrace his heritage. And he's proud of his heritage as much as he is proud of being a gay man.

BUDDY Hot dog.
JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: And he's in a relationship and they're doing fine.

BUDDY Oh, I was going to ask you if he could come to San Francisco?
JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

But one of the greatest moments, I guess in the beginning was what we did. We did something called the archive hour. We were on some four hours back then.

JIMMY: That's right.

BUDDY And the last hour, Roger used to read from books. He read *The Men From The Pink Triangle*.
JOHNSTON:

RADIO HOST 2: The entire book?

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY *Growing up Gay*. He read a lot of books and I have unfortunately carried all those tapes around. And you have a
JOHNSTON: lot of them?

JIMMY: I have a lot of them, yes.

BUDDY But we just did some wonderful things. But honey, I'm just so proud of you. And I wanted to call you and see if

JOHNSTON: you could play a song for me because back in 1988, I was in the studio and I mixed this little of thing up. Do you know I'm talking about, baby?

JIMMY: I do, indeed. I have one copy of it and it's on tape and I play it. I play it at least once a month. And almost every week during June.

BUDDY When I was there in 1987, and we put that together in 1988 we put together. You were there?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Mm-hmm.

BUDDY And I used to say, you're listening to the *After Hours* on KPFT and we're here--

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: And we're queer.

BUDDY Listen to this kids. This is a little bit of history. I'll be right back in a minute with my friend, Jimmy. Hey, girl, play

JOHNSTON: that record.

[NEWS BULLETIN]

These orders began with a routine police raid on a homosexual bar, the Stonewall, on Christopher Street in the heart of the West Village.

[CHANTING]

[SCUFFLES]

[ENGINE REVVING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(PROTESTER RALLYING)

Come on say it so they can hear you in the capital. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back. For love and for life, we're not going back.

[WOMAN ANNOUNCING RESULTS]

I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the Lesbian and Gay Rights march, the official count is over 500,000 strong!

(CROWDS CHEERING)

[HARVEY MILK SPEECH]

We must destroy the myths once and for all, shatter them. We must continue to speak out. And most importantly, most importantly, every gay person must come out.

[CHEERING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING)

Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the sidelines too long. Boy, I've been watching you. Now, you're going to watch me, too. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding.

It's no mystery how you missed me for so long, but that's history you were so wrong for so long. Boy I've been wanting you. Now you're going to want me too.

I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding. It's all right, you may all come out.

You queer.

[CROWDS CHANTING]

What do we want?

Gay rights.

When do you want it?

Now.

What do you we want?

Gay Rights.

When do you want them?

Now.

What do you want?

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING)

Standing in the shadow too long. Waiting on the side lines too long, watching and wanting you. Now you're going to want me too.

I'm coming out of hiding. I'm coming out of hiding. Coming out of hiding looking for somebody like you. Coming out of hiding, coming on the run. Coming for nobody but you.

Coming-- out of hiding. Coming out of hiding. Oh oh oh oh out of hiding. Oh oh oh oh. Oh oh oh oh.

[BREAKING NEWS]

(DIANNE FEINSTEIN MAKING HARVEY'S DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT)

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 and killed.

Whoa!

Jesus Christ.

Toro, I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

(WOMAN GIVING SPEECH)

They've got to understand something. They've got to understand something.

We're not talking about crotch politics. This is not a movement from the waist down. We're talking about our rights to love. And to choose, and to live. And I don't care about straight politics. And I don't care about straight understanding. You better hear me in Washington. We're demanding, We're demanding our civil rights.

[HARVEY MILK SPEAKING]

And I ask people all over this country to do one thing.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING)

I'm out of hiding. I'm out

of hiding. I'm out of hiding. I'm out of hiding.

[HARVEY MILK SPEAKING]

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[CHEERING]

[JOURNALIST]

Harvey, do you have a few words for KPFT?

(HARVEY MILK)

Come on out. [LAUGHTER] Join us.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING) Coming out of hiding looking for somebody like you. Coming out of hiding, coming on the run. Coming for nobody but you.

[HARVEY MILK GIVING SPEECH]

Difficult as it is, you must tell your immediate family. You must 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 in the stores you shop in

[CHEERING AND APPLAUDING]

[MUSIC PLAYING]

(SINGING)

Coming out of hiding. oh, la-la-la.

[HARVEY SPEAKING]

Once they realize that we are indeed their children. And we are indeed everywhere. Every myth, every lie, every innuendo will be destroyed once and all.

And I ask, I asked people all over this country to do one thing. Come out. Come out America. Come out.

[CROWD CHEERING]

[CROWD CHANTING]

What do we want?

Gay Rights.

When do we want?

Now.

What do we want?

[LAUGHTER]

Gay Rights.

BUDDY Girl?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY I think we've played that about 5,000 times.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY That tape is sick.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Every opening of the show, you did that live. It was not on tape, you were here, there were carts flying around. It's incredible.

[LAUGHTER]

BUDDY I tell you what we'll do, Jimmy.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY When's the next marathon?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: It's coming up in October, the first couple of weeks in October.

BUDDY OK. So here's what we'll do.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yeah.

BUDDY And kids, you got to start saving your money because you have to support this show, not only just to let Jimmy
JOHNSTON: and the gang there know that you care about it, but to let Pacifica and the folks at KPFT know that you care about it.

And it just helps out. You don't realize how many people this show-- I know even almost 15 years later, --how many people's lives it touched. I can't even begin to imagine. But Jimmy, what we'll do is we will put that on a see on a CD--

JIMMY: Oh.

BUDDY --along with some other things I'll send you a CD right away, girl.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: OK.

BUDDY You need a new one.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY We'll put that on a CD and then we'll also include, there's an artist in San Francisco. His name is Jim Left. And
JOHNSTON: Jim, put Harvey Milk on a postage stamp.

JIMMY: Oh.

BUDDY And it's a fabulous, fabulous card. I'll send you one so you get an idea of what we're talking about. Well, we'll put
JOHNSTON: that and the CD and a couple of other things together for a special premium.

JIMMY: Oh, that would be wonderful.

BUDDY That'll be coming up in October.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: OK.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: But again, honey, I just wanted to call and say, hang in there. I'm so proud of you for what's happened over the last 14 years.

JIMMY: You were talking about when you had to do the Memorial for Mark Schmidt. And the one thing that I think that I've carried over from the very beginning is that *After Hours* brings you three Hours of queer life every week.

And with that, it means we have a good time. We talk about some serious subjects and sometimes we have to do memorials, but that's part of queer life.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: That's part of it.

JIMMY: Yeah.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: And unfortunately, there are a lot of young, gay and lesbian, and transgender people who are still living in hell, who Harvey talked about 30 years ago. They're not only in Houston and Las Vegas, they're actually right here walking around in the streets of the Castro.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: So as a community, we have to care about each other. We can't let our guard down. It really scares me a lot when the economy is going to hell because it seems like the first time society wants to turn on anyone and pick on anyone, they pick on us.

JIMMY: Yep.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: So we all have to stand together and care about each other and really become the family that we truly are. I know we can do that because more than ever, we're living in war time.

And we've lost so many warriors. We've lost so much talent. We've lost so many beautiful men and women over the last 20 years. It really frightens me.

I picked up *The San Francisco Chronicle* this morning and it said that a lot of the HIV medication that we're using now, if they don't find other medications by the year 2005, that everything's going to blow up in our face.

And we're going to have the same problems that we had 15 and 20 years ago. And it's very, very frightening. And I also get very angry when I hear about STD cases among gay men rising.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY JOHNSTON: Not only HIV, but syphilis and gonorrhea because you young kids, you've got to remember we were there, honey, when people were dropping dead left and right. And we don't want to have to deal with that again. So you have to take care of yourself.

You have to be responsible, not only for yourself, but for the people that you're with and just have a great queer life, but please be careful out there.

JIMMY: Yes. And most of the people who have taken responsibility for their own lives, who have stood up and said, this is what I am and I'm proud of what I am, they have that pride within themselves.

BUDDY Absolutely.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: And they can have safe sex. And it's the people I think that really don't like themselves very much.

BUDDY Well, have you been watching-- and I know you have, but have you been watching the *Queer as Folk* thing on

JOHNSTON: Showtime?

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY The very first thing that Brian Kenny-- and we all hate Brian Kenny. [LAUGHTER] Because we all know so many

JOHNSTON: Brian Kenny's, but the first thing that Brian Kenny said, or maybe Michael said, I can't remember.

But one of the characters said, it's all about sex. And we used to play. In fact, you just heard it a couple minutes ago, the woman screaming at the march on Washington when she said, "this is not about crotch politics." Well, I'll tell you what kids, it's everything about crotch politics.

They don't like us because what we do in the bedroom, no matter how much they love us and da-da-da, and accept us, it's what we do in the bedroom. They just can't accept that. But you know what? Screw that.

Get happy with your own life. Be proud of who and what you are. Don't pay any attention to those people. They haven't liked us in the past. And I can guarantee you, they're not going to like us in the future. Because as I said earlier, it's really war.

JIMMY: Yes.

BUDDY And don't let your guard down. If you can't come out and march, get your checkbooks out of the closet and send

JOHNSTON: some money to KPFT. Send some money to the Colt 45s.

There's a million places you can send money and help if you can't get out there physically and do it. And then, Jimmy and these folks at KPFT are going to need some help answering those phones.

JIMMY: Yeah.

BUDDY It's the best way to get involved with the station. It's a great way to meet all the people that you listen to every

JOHNSTON: week, old, young, whatever, come down there because we've had it all show up and it was a hoot.

JIMMY: Yes. And it still is.

BUDDY Anyway, looking back on the past 14 years, it really just kind of blows me away. And I'll be done in a minute.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

Speaking of blowing me away.

[LAUGHTER]

[INAUDIBLE]

I've got some boys and some bushes on their way.

JIMMY: I see.

BUDDY Play one more song for me will you, honey?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: I got it on cue. I know which one it is.

BUDDY I'm very serious. You have to be alert and you have to be really in tune to what's going on around you because I

JOHNSTON: don't want to read about any more young kids.

And I don't see young, I don't mean 18. I mean, 18 to 80. I don't want to hear about any more gay, bisexual, or transgender people that are walking home from a 7-Eleven in the year 2001 and 2002, that are beaten to death, simply because of who and what they are. It has to stop. And it has to stop with us.

And with this guy in the White House, (SCREAMING)

[LAUGHTER]

What's his name? I don't want to say it because I'll go into a tirade.

[LAUGHTER]

But we just have to be vigilant and really, really care and pull in those wagons, circle those wagons.

JIMMY: Yep.

BUDDY So get your money together because Jimmy and I are going to put together this great premium for the show in

JOHNSTON: October. You'll hear more about that from Mr. Carper. Oh, I'm sorry, Ms. Carper.

[LAUGHTER]

Sorry, girl.

JIMMY: Well, it used to be Mary. Remember?

BUDDY Mary, I know honey.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

I'm just Mary out right now.

JIMMY: Yes. And Big Roy wanted to say Hello to you too. He had to go home early.

BUDDY Big Roy left?

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Big Roy had to leave.

BUDDY Oh, girl, can't you stay up late anymore?

JOHNSTON:

[INTERPOSING VOICES]

RADIO HOST 2: Well, unfortunately, see Big Roy spraying one of his tonsils. He won't tell us how it happened. But I--

BUDDY Yeah. I know. I know how it happened. The question is who. Oh, never mind.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

That's another show.

JIMMY: Yes, it is.

BUDDY Anyway, honey. Keep up the good work.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Thank you.

BUDDY Get out your shields baby, because we're living in war time.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Yeah.

BUDDY Take care Houston, I love you so much.

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: Bye, Buddy.

(SCREAMING)

BUDDY Ah. We're here

JOHNSTON:

JIMMY: And we're queer.

BUDDY And you're listening to *After Hours* on KPFT Houston to 90.1 FM. Thanks Marianne.

JOHNSTON:

[LAUGHTER]

JIMMY: Bye.

[MUSIC PLAYING]

BUDDY Bye.

JOHNSTON:

[MUSIC PLAYING]