



OUT IN THE MOTHER LODGE

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Coyote Grace to perform at Out in the Mother Lode's Pride Picnic

The story goes...Girl meets Girl. Girl becomes Boy. Girl and Boy become a band.

*Meet **COYOTE GRACE** at Out in the Mother Lode's Pride Picnic Celebration on Saturday, June 14 in Angels Camp.*

If you want a lesson in organic chemistry, take notes and watch the sparks fly between the acoustic downhome duo known as **COYOTE GRACE**. This old-timey salt & pepper shaker pair is comprised of **Joe Stevens**, a transman singer/songwriter from Northern California, backed up by **Ingrid Elizabeth** on vocals and upright bass, a sassy femme originally hailing from the hills of Southeastern Ohio. The two met while living in Seattle, and have been performing as a duo since December 2004, sharing the stage with bluegrass, old-time, folk rock, jazz, and cabarets alike.

Joe Stevens, who has been writing songs since the age of fifteen, comes from a lineage of studio singers and choral conductors, as well as old time rock & rollers. He received a Bachelor of Music from Cornish College of the Arts in 2004 with a focus on composition, while also composing music for modern dance & avant-garde theater.

Also heavily influenced by choral performance, Ingrid was steeped in the world of musical theater, which armed her with a signature sound of brassy soul. Since relocating to the west coast, Ingrid has been involved with vari-



ous musical ensembles, from bluegrass to psychedelic rock to choral groups, including eclectic acoustic string-band, *Captain Gravel*, and prairie bluegrass group, *The Mike & Amy Finders Band*.

Coyote Grace spent the entire year of 2007 touring the country in their 1978 Chevy RV, promoting their debut studio album. Aptly titled *"Boxes & Bags"*, the album pays homage to the trademarks of their nomadic troubadour lifestyle, while subtly hinting at the weightless yet

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Mardi Gras in June

Enjoy a Cajun Feast at the OML Pride Picnic Celebration. Thanks to Chef Dave Ingram and his crew of volunteer helpers, we're anticipating a mouthwatering barbeque buffet, Cajun style, at our pride celebration this year. The menu includes Hushpuppies w/ dipping sauce, Fried Shrimp, Jambalaya (Vegetarian), Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, Barbeque Roasted Pork Loin, fresh fruit, salads and deserts, plus a no-host beer & wine bar.

Proceeds from the Picnic benefit local HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis programs of Sierra HOPE. Tickets

are \$25 per person. Advance purchase is recommended, and RSVP is required by June 11, 2008.

Come on out and Join the Party! Enclosed with this special edition of OML News are two invitations to our Pride Picnic Celebration, one for you, the other to share with friends.

Out in the Mother Lode doesn't advertise its events, so the only way for folks to find out about them is to find their way onto our mailing or email list, or through word of mouth. Please, help spread the word by sharing the extra invitation with GLBIT friends.

Coyote Grace

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wearying baggage the soul bears everyday. **"Boxes & Bags"** features 12 original tracks of acoustic alt-folk sounds, weaving fabrics of upbeat folkgrass, front-porch blues, lovesick serenades, broody funk, and freight train folk rock into a curious tapestry conveying themes of transformation, introspection, and the impermanence of identity.

During their travels, you can find Coyote Grace wooing the crowds at colleges, festivals, conferences, coffeehouses, pubs, house concerts, farmers markets, and community centers alike. Most recently, they were the recipient of the Stonewall Society's *Pride In The Arts Award* for *"Favorite Trans Musician"*. Last April, their music was well-received at the FORGE Forward Conference in Milwaukee, the first FTM conference in the heartland. They were also honored to perform at events for Trans Day of Remembrance at both the Utah Pride Center (2006) and Brown University (2007). In addition, Coyote Grace performs and teaches workshops in the college circuit, including Brown University, Sarah Lawrence College, Pitzer College, University of Wisconsin, and Evergreen State College. They have been featured on the nationally syndicated program *Queer Heritage Radio*, and have also played live on numerous radio stations across the country. With their catchy signature sound, Coyote Grace's original works have been chosen to appear in the award-winning independent film, *"Mass Romantic"*, as well as a handful of compilation albums, all released in 2007.

In 2008, Coyote Grace has plans to release two new albums. The first being a live collection from their year on the road, *"The Harvey Tour"*, also featuring folk rock singer/songwriter, Courtney Robbins, set to be released in April. Following that will be their highly anticipated second studio release, due out in the fall of 2008.

OTHER RESOURCES

Amador County GLBTQQ Support Group - Amador County Behavioral Health - call Mary Pulskamp at 223-6412 for info.

Foothill Lesbians and Gays (F.L.A.G) Amador County:
Email flagamador@comcast.net for information.

PFLAG - Sonora/ Mother Lode Chapter. 533-1665 for meeting info and voice mail. www.pflagsonora.org

Stanislaus Pride Center, Telephone 209-567-3121,
email info@stanpride.org or visit online at www.stanpride.org

Men

Sierra Gay Men's Network, great newsletter, western Sierras,
www.sgmnet.org.

Western Slope Men's Social Group (El Dorado County) email
wsmmsg@ccservices.cc

Women

Leaping Lesbians: Monthly pot-luck socials, mostly in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties. Contact Jay at (209) 772-9702 or
Email: jaybigler@comcast.net for information.

Camping Women (lesbian friendly): meets 6:30 pm fourth Tuesdays at Pine Tree Restaurant in Sonora, or call Cheryl at (209) 928-1945.

Central Valley Chapter Bay Area Community of Women (BACW)
P.O. Box 578241 Modesto, CA 95357 cvcbacw@hotmail.com

Youth

Lambda Youth Groups—For Youth, By Youth Wednesday & Friday evenings at Lambda Community Center, 1927 L St., Sacramento. 916-442-0185 www.lambdasac.org

LYRIC: Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center, Youth Talk Line 800-246-PRIDE www.lyric.org

See also, Stanislaus Pride Center, above

Bisexual

Bay Area Bisexual Network—events, resources, support groups.
(415) 865-5627, www.babn.org.

Transgender

Sacramento Gender Association—support group, newsletter. (916) 482-7742, www.geocities.com/westhollywood/village/4409, sacgender@hotmail.com

Transgender San Francisco, large support group. (415) 564-3264,
www.tgsf.org, moody-deb@yahoo.com

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Health Opportunities, Programs and Education

- **Hepatitis C Support Group—2nd Thursdays at 6:30 P.M.**
- **HIV Support Group — 1st Thursdays. Call for info**

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