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Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Duration	Brief Description of Program
OUT Cast	06/28/21	13:00	30:00	The OUT Cast collective wrap up Pride Month with their own memories of Pride and community activism covering 50 years of our history. Dal, Dick, Sive, Alex, Stan and Steve have a far ranging conversation that takes up an early Christopher Street Liberation Day march in NYC to the Maine community's response to the tragic murder of Charlie Howard in Bangor in 1984 to the recent "rogue" Dyke March in Portland reported on by Dal. Don't miss Alex's story of a new Pride tradition in Kentucky and Dick's tale from Boston Pride in the 1970's.
OUT Cast	06/21/21	13:00	30:00	An interview with Will Green and Ophelia Hu Kinney, two queer faith leaders whose congregations have recently voted to leave the United Methodist Church because of that denomination's continued opposition to marriage equality and the ordination of LBGQTQ clergy. This interview is hosted by OUT Cast collective members Marvin Ellison and Tamara Torres McGovern.
OUT Cast	06/14/21	13:00	30:00	OUT Cast hosts Sive and Steve interview Ophelia Hu Kinney and Rich Waitzkin about the plans for the new Equality Community Center in Portland. Our Pride month shows continue with the exciting possibilities this newly purchased space will bring to the queer community in Portland as well as to the community at large. Ophelia Hu Kinney is Director of Communications for the Reconciling Ministries Network, which promotes LGBTQ justice and inclusion in The United Methodist Church. She is also the Worship Coordinator at Hope Gateway in Portland. Describing herself as a garden-variety queer woman who lives with her wife in Scarborough, she blogs about leaving Christian evangelicalism for the spiritual wilderness at QueeringTheKindom.com . Ophelia's story "Honeysuckle" recently won NYC Midnight's 100-word Micro-fiction Challenge.

OUT Cast	06/7/21	13:00	30:00	<p>OUT Cast's June shows will highlight different aspects of Pride.</p> <p>Lawrence Jackson, Artistic Director</p> <p>Larry has a bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst majoring in trumpet and minoring in voice. He also holds a master's degree in Music from the University of Southern Oregon in Ashland, Oregon.</p> <p>He has been teaching instrumental music in the public schools for 31 years working with students from grades 5 through 12 as a conductor of concert bands and jazz bands. Larry currently teaches instrumental music grades 5-8. He is the director of three 5th and 6th grade concert and jazz bands in Falmouth where he has over 200 band students. He founded the 6th grade band and choral festival in Maine district I. He has also been the guest band conductor at the district music festivals in Districts I, III and IV.</p> <p>Larry also has extensive choral training. He sang with the Portland Choral Art Society for 13 years where he performed with the Masterworks chorus, the Choral Art Singers and the Camerata singers. Larry also sang with Renaissance Voices for 10 years, as well as the St. Mary Schola. He served as one of the choir directors at Unity church in Windham for several years. Larry has served as artistic director for the Maine Gay Men's Chorus since they reformed in 2015.</p> <p>Steve Floyd, President of the Maine Gay Men's Chorus Board of Directors</p> <p>He is also Larry's husband and they have been together for 29 years. He is a retired Special Education Director and worked in the field for 33 years. He has been the president of MGMC since it was reformed in 2015 and was a past president. He sings bass in the chorus as well as a number of other "duties" each concert period. You may have seen him as "Pixie Beaver" as he called Bingo for one of the MGMC fundraisers.</p>
OUT Cast	05/31/21	13:00	30:00	<p>An interview about Women in Harmony with guests Kitty Beller-McKenna and Monica Fischbach, hosted by OUT Cast collective member Marvin Ellison.</p> <p>Founded in 1993 and based in southern Maine, Women in Harmony is a chorus of 60 women singers who perform in concert and promote social justice through music. "Our vision," the WIH website reads, is "a world where every voice is equal and valued."</p> <p>Catherine Beller-McKenna – better known as Kitty -- became the second music director of Women in Harmony in 1999, bringing to the group extensive experience in conducting both women's and mixed choruses in</p>

				<p>community and collegiate settings. A believer in the potential of music and language to effect social change, Kitty is strongly committed to Women in Harmony's tradition of singing out for equality and social justice.</p> <p>Monica Fischbach has been a member of Women in Harmony for over ten years, starting with a concert called "Sister, Carry On." A longtime lesbian feminist, she has been involved in many community causes. One of the things Monica enjoys most about Women in Harmony is the community of women, united in creating social justice and peace through the connection that shared music provides. In her words, "There is nothing like the moment when our voices blend to express what is in our hearts. Nothing like it."</p>
OUT Cast	05/24/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Latest LGBTQ+ news from around the world. Hosted by our own Daralyn (Dal) Maxwell.</p>
OUT Cast	05/17/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Guest commentator Alex Thompson joins OUT Cast hosts, Sive Neilan and Steve Bull to discuss the current racist assault on voting rights spearheaded by Republican led state legislatures across the country with a focus on Georgia. First and foremost, this offensive primarily targets black and brown voters as well as youth of all races. The queer community has a vested interest in beating back any attempts at dismantling democratic rights; an injury to one is an injury to all!</p> <p>OUT Cast stands in defense of all members of our diverse community in giving voice to efforts against this attempt to abridge this most fundamental right.</p>
OUT Cast	05/10/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Part 2 of a two-part conversation with guest-host Franklin Brooks and his guest Dan Crewe. Dan discusses his military career during the 1950's and 1960's-an extremely dangerous and homophobic era. Dan also discusses his current interests in supporting arts and music education in public schools and higher education as well as promoting LGBTQ-and HIV educational programming in Maine.</p> <p>Dan has been a prolific social justice and political activist in Maine over the past forty years. He is also a community-engaged philanthropist who has founded two foundations that support LGBTQ civil rights, arts organizations and children's medical services.</p> <p>Dan is a United States Naval Academy graduate and a retired captain of the United States Air Force. He is a passionate humanitarian and philanthropist; his leadership in the arts, education, and human rights, including LGBTQ support, has had an enormous impact on the lives of countless Mainers.</p>

OUT Cast	04/26/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Marpheen Chann, Cambodian queer activist and educator for justice, on “Queer Spirit”.</p> <p>Queer Spirit is a series of conversations exploring queer life and the power of the Sacred hosted by OUT Cast collective members, Rev. Marvin Ellison and Rev. Tamara Torres McGovern.</p> <p>Marpheen Chann is a Portland-based thinker, writer, educator, and speaker on social justice, equity, and inclusion. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Southern Maine and a law degree from the University of Maine School of Law. Currently, he’s on staff at Maine’s Holocaust and Human Rights Center. He also serves as co-president of the Cambodian Community Association of Maine.</p> <p>Marpheen has an intriguing personal journey as a gay man and first-generation Asian American, who was born in California to a Cambodian refugee family and later adopted by an evangelical, white working-class family in Maine. He uses a mix of storytelling and humor to help people view topics such as racism, xenophobia, and homophobia through an intersectional lens.</p>
OUT Cast	04/19/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview Elissa Miller, SAGE Program Assistant / Equality Maine.</p> <p>Elissa Miller (she/her/hers)</p> <p>"Elissa Miller is serving with Equality Maine as the SAGE Program Assistant through AmeriCorps VISTA.</p> <p>Originally from North Carolina, she graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications and Political Science. While at UNC Charlotte, Elissa was the Head of Speaker Coordination and one of the founding members of Sex Week UNC Charlotte, a student organization that creates programming related to sexual education. She was especially focused on creating programming related to LGBTQ+ identities as well as the impacts of religion on sexual health.</p> <p>Elissa has previously interned with the Charlotte nonprofits Safe Alliance and the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation.</p> <p>Elissa is excited to join the EQME team and support LGBTQ+ older adults through SAGE programming and in her spare time, she enjoys musical theater and good books."</p> <p>"Join SAGE Maine for Spring Awakening, our 3rd LGBTQ+ Aging Symposium! This important event, held every other year, will be virtual and</p>

				<p>take place on the platform Zoom. Together, we will explore several topics of interest to the community, from housing to self-care to state policy. Beyond that, this will be a space for us to gather as a community and uplift one another after a very long year. We are also excited to host a pre-event Happy Hour on the eve of the Symposium with the opportunity to connect with LGBTQ+ older adults all across the state."</p> <p>We are especially excited to announce that Dr. Nirav Shah, Director of Maine CDC, will be joining us for this event! Join us as we learn more about the future of COVID-19 prevention in Maine. Other speakers for the day include Aaron Tax, Director of Advocacy for SAGE USA, Jane Margesson, AARP Maine's Communications Director, and Susan Corbett, Director of the National Digital Equity Center.</p> <p>Stay tuned for a full schedule announcement next week! This event is FREE to attend and registration is required.</p> <p>Here's the Symposium registration page:</p>
OUT Cast	04/12/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Interviews John-Michael Albert (Mike).</p> <p>John-Michael Albert (Mike) moved from Houston to New Hampshire on Ground Hog Day in 1999. Since then he has been active in the poetry community, serving on the board of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, hosting monthly poetry readings throughout the Seacoast, giving readings, and supporting open mic and readings as an avid audience member.</p> <p>He edited the 2-volume anthology, The Poets' Guide to New Hampshire (2008, 2010), featuring 400 poems by 300 poets, about all aspects of the State, gathered from sources spanning the last 200 years.</p> <p>He also works with poets to help them get their work published. 10 volumes of his own poetry have been published, the most recent of which is Questions You Were Too Polite to Ask (Marble Kite Press, 2018).</p> <p>Mike served as the Portsmouth Poet Laureate from 2011 to 2013.</p> <p>He is a published composer (Yelton Rhodes Music), with a BA in music from The University of the South (1980, Sewanee TN) and 15 years of experience composing for and conducting the Gay Men's Chorus of Houston (1981-1995).</p>
OUT Cast	04/07/21	13:00	30:00	<p>Sive and Marvin and two of Maine's most seasoned political analysts discuss recent bills that have been introduced this season in the Maine legislature.</p> <p>Matt Moonen is Executive Director of Equality Maine, the oldest and largest statewide organization dedicated to creating a fair and just society for lesbian,</p>

				<p>gay, bisexual, and transgender Mainers. He previously served four terms in the Maine House of Representatives and sat on the Taxation Committee and the Judiciary Committee, as well as served as House Majority leader.</p> <p>Nicole Clegg is Senior Vice President of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England. PPNNE is the largest reproductive health care and sexuality education provider and advocate in northern New England with 21 health centers in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.</p>
Community Voices For Change	04/01/21	19:30	30:00	<p>Guest Representative Charlotte Warren who is the Chair of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee in the Maine State Legislature. Talks about the bills that she has introduced in the 130th legislative session and what she hopes can be accomplished this year especially regarding reducing funding for the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and redirecting that money to community based substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and the bill to end the Maine Information Analysis Center. She will also share her ideas regarding what should be done with the Long Creek youth prison in South Portland.</p>
Community Voices For Change	04/08/21	19:30	30:00	<p>Guest is Sonja Birthisel who is the director of the Wilson Center and a faculty associate with the University of Maine School of Forest Resources, Ecology and Environmental Sciences Program. She will talk about the No Coal No Gas Coalition which is working to shut down the Merrimack Coal fired power station which is located in Bow, New Hampshire.</p>
Community Voices For Change	04/15/21	19:30	30:00	<p>Guest is Aviva Chomsky, a professor of history and coordinator of Latin American Studies at the Salem State University in Massachusetts. She will talk about her new book Central America's Forgotten History: Revolution, Violence and the Roots of Migration. She will also provide a critique of President Biden's Immigration Plan for Central America.</p>
Community Voices For Change	04/22/21	19:30	30:00	<p>Guest is Gia Drew, the Program Director at Equality Maine. Gia oversees all Equality Maine's education, rural outreach, and youth</p>

				programming, as well as supporting the agency's advocacy work. The Program tonight will focus on LD 926 "an Act to Ban Biological males from participating in Women's sports. We will also talk about the latest law passed in Arkansas which prohibits doctors and other medical professionals from providing gender-affirming care such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy to youth under eighteen years of age.
Community Voices For Change	04/29/21	19:30	30:00	Guest are Peter Cole, Andrew Sandweiss and Joseph Leonard who are members of the Maine Rail Group. They will talk about the current effort to get the Maine State Legislature to pass LD227 which would provide \$300,000 to hire a consultancy which would conduct a feasibility study to determine whether passenger rail should be restored from Brunswick to Augusta, Waterville and Bangor. The study for this hundred mile corridor would be the first step in a multi-year process to obtain federal funds to help underwrite the cost of construction and to purchase equipment to start up the service. Mainers can help mitigate the effects of climate change.
Community Voices For Change	05/13/21	19:30	30:00	Guests are James Myall, Policy Analyst at the Maine Center for Economic Policy and Greg Payne, the Director of the Maine Housing Coalition. They discussed the current housing problems in the U.S. as well as in Maine and will talk about legislative proposals which deal with a range of housing issues that are currently being discussed by 130th Maine State Legislature.

Community Voices For Change	05/20/21	19:30	30:00	Guest are Skyle Gosselin, who was previously incarcerated at Long Creek Youth Prison and is currently a community organizer at Maine Youth Justice and Kasandra Tach, a Portland student. Skyle will first talk about her experiences at Long Creek and why she believes it should be shut down. Kasandra also testified at the legislative hearing last week on why LD1668 should pass. She will talk about why she supports this resolve to Develop a Plan To Close the Long Creek Youth Development Center by 2023 and Redirect Funding to Community Integration Services for Adjudicated Youth.
Community Voices For Change	05/27/21	19:30	30:00	Guest is Kate Sykes, a community organizer with People First Portland which is a grassroots effort to establish a Peoples First Charter Commission in Portland. The show will focus on the City Charter Commission election which is taking place on June 8. Portland voters will be asked to choose nine members of the commission which includes five district seats and four-at-large seats. Kate will talk about what's at stake regarding the charter commission election and the candidates that PFP is supporting.
Community Voices For Change	06/03/21	19:30	30:00	Guest is Maulian Dana, the Penobscot Nation Ambassador. Our show will focus on the ongoing effort to reinstate Wabanaki Nation sovereignty in Maine. The Maine Legislature has once again kick the can down the road so to speak on LD 2094. The passage of this act would implant the recommendations of the task force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act which were proposed last year.
Community Voices For Change	06/10/21	19:30	30:00	Guest is Grayson Lookner who is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives (District #37). As a member of the Criminal Justice Committee he has introduced several bills. The show will focus on LD1585 which would create clear boundaries on how the government can use facial recognition technology and how law enforcement officials can use the technology in investigations. We will also talk another bill LD 1668 that he has sponsored which if passed will shut down Long Creek Youth Prison in South Portland.

Community Voices For Change	06/17/21	19:30	30:00	Guest is Dr. Larissa Malone, an Assistant Professor of Undergraduate Teacher Education at the University of Southern Maine. The show was a focus on Critical Race Theory. What it is and the ongoing controversy whether it should be taught in public schools and colleges today.
Community Voices For Change	06/24/21	19:30	30:00	Guest is Patrick MacRoy, the Deputy Director, Defend Our Health which is a Maine -based nonprofit organization that works to create a world where all people are thriving, with equal access to safe food and drinking water. The show focused on the agency's effort to pass legislation to stop states and municipalities from using toxic bio-solids or sewage sludge as fertilizer on farm fields, where it contaminates food and feed crops with PFAS and other toxic chemicals. He will also talk about the current efforts to ban the use of PFAS in cosmetic products sold in Maine and all across the nation.

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