

Quarterly Issues Report

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Name of Program	Date (s) Aired	Time (s) Aired	Duration	Brief Description of Program
OUT Cast	06/27/22	13:00	30:00	<p>OUT Cast FINAL SHOW on Monday, June 27th. After 3 1/2 years and over 180 shows, we will close with a look back at the first Pride celebration in Maine.</p> <p>Sive Neilan, Skip Brushaber and Steven Bull chat with Michael Rossetti, the prime mover of that initial Pride march that stepped off the pavement in Portland on June 6th, 1987.</p> <p>We caught up with Michael as he returned to Portland 35 years later; a most fitting last hurrah for the OUT Cast collective.</p> <p>MICHAEL ROSSETTI</p> <p>Michael Rossetti hails from a large Italian family with deep roots in Maine. His grandmother built ships during WWII on the Portland waterfront. His grandfather ran the Imperial Italian restaurant just off Monument Square during the Depression. His whole family lived in the Italian quarter of Munjoy Hill.</p> <p>His activism with LGBTQ+ groups includes the Chiltern Mountain Club, the Lesbian and Gay Band of Boston and in 1986 he organized the “Cycle for Life”, an AIDS fundraiser. That same year Michael was the prime organizer of the first Pride March and celebration here in Maine. He was on the board of MLGPA (now Equality Maine) in the 1990’s and on the Northeast steering committee for the Stonewall International March on the U.N. in 1994.</p> <p>In 1998 Michael put together a touring photo exhibit of Lesbian and Gay Families that made 30 appearances around the state of Maine.</p> <p>Michael now lives outside of Orlando, Florida with a coterie of rescued dogs, cats, winged creatures and a possum!</p>
OUT Cast	06/20/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Carter Heyward on “Queer Spirit,” a series of conversations exploring queer life and the power of the Sacred hosted by OUT Cast collective members Marvin Ellison and Tamara Torres McGovern.</p> <p>Carter Heyward is an educator and widely published author, an Episcopal priest, liberation theologian, and justice advocate who for many years spent summer months on Deer Isle and now lives in retirement in western North Carolina after teaching for more than thirty years at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.</p>

OUT Cast	06/13/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Conversation with Chris O'Connor for an update on the present and future plans for the new and recently opened (June 1st) Equality Community Center in Portland. Chris O'Connor (he/him) joined the Equality Community Center team as their first-ever manager in February of 2022. He is no stranger to LGBTQ+ organizing in Maine as he worked for EqualityMaine as their Development Director for the past seven and a half years. He is one of the co-founders of Pride Portland, and also served as a co-chair for Governor Mills' Inaugural Ball in 2019.</p> <p>Prior to his professional work in the LGBTQ+ movement, Chris worked in student affairs at the USM for 16 years, Originally from the Jersey Shore, he moved to Maine several years after his undergrad years at UMass Amherst.</p>
OUT Cast	06/06/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Rev. Christina Cataldo on "Queer Spirit," a series of conversations exploring queer life and the power of the Sacred hosted by OUT Cast collective members Marvin Ellison and Tamara Torres McGovern. Chrissy Cataldo is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She is a native of East Tennessee, but followed her wife to Maine, where she serves a small but soulful and scrappy congregation in Winthrop.</p> <p>A graduate of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University and Chicago Theological Seminary, she serves on the Anti Racism Resource Team for the Maine Conference.</p> <p>Chrissy and sees her vocation as a call to both faith and action. She says, "I am called to be present and attentive to the needs of those considered to be the least of these. In my presence and my action, I hope to accompany those whom I serve on a journey towards deeper and more meaningful faith."</p>
OUT Cast	05/30/22	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Howard Solomon on "Queer Spirit," a series of conversations exploring queer life and the power of the Sacred hosted by OUT Cast collective members Marvin Ellison and Tamara Torres McGovern.</p> <p>Howard Solomon, an academic historian and community activist, is a specialist on European history, the history of sexuality, and the history of stereotyping. Among other projects, he's curated a traveling exhibition about Charlie Howard, the young gay man in Bangor who was murdered in the early 1980's by three high-school boys, entitled "Twenty Years Later: How Far Has Maine Come?" He's spoken throughout Maine on antisemitism and continues</p>

				<p>to publish on a range of topics, including the creation of Portland as Maine’s so-called “gay mecca.”</p> <p>Over the years Howard’s community engagements have included Merrymeeting Arts Center, the Maine Task Force on LGBT Youth, Maine Jewish Film Festival, Maine Initiatives, the Matlovitch Society, and the National Coalition Building Institute.</p> <p>In 2007 Equality Maine awarded Howard a lifetime achievement award. In recent years Howard has been devoting more time and energy to producing art, especially collage and found-object sculpture.</p>
OUT Cast	05/23/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Dr. Theo Greene, Professor of Sociology at Bowdoin College, for the 3rd in the series: The Intersection of the African American & Queer Experience. Alex will be leading a discussion on racism in the LGBT+ community.</p> <p>As professional gay black men, Alex & Theo will disclose their shared experiences at the intersection of their race, gender and orientation. Our listeners will be introduced to the sociological terms, Representational Racism, referencing the lack of diversity in the LGBT+ media and Sexual Racism, exploring racism in the selection of romantic or intimate partners. The pair has deemed this conversation less of an interview and more of a “fire-side chat” in which they casually and humorously talk many things gay and black. You, the listening audience, are treated to a rare opportunity to eavesdrop into their unfiltered experiences, opinions and even emotions. This will be one you don’t want to miss.</p>
OUT Cast	05/16/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Annella Linton, who comes from Northern Ireland about the reasons she chose to come to the US and settle in Portland, Maine. Annella is the Development Director at WMPG and is host of “Something for the Weekend” on Fridays at 1.30pm.</p> <p>Annella grew up in Northern Ireland during “the troubles”. She lived in Belfast and experienced firsthand, the problems of the conflict in her home country. She moved to London in the early 90’s where she completed her degree in Communications and Audio-Visual Production at Guildhall University. Partial to the London nightlife, Annella DJ’d in bars and clubs, ran live music and queer club nights and produced a couple of women’s music festivals.</p> <p>In London, Annella met her partner Holly who is from the U.S and they made the move to the US in 2013. They live in Portland, Maine with their dog Dylan and cats, Samson and Bama.</p>

				Annella serves on the board of directors at Portland Media Center and is on the organizing committee of Maine Women Fly Fishers. When not at the radio station, she can be found fly fishing on the Maine rivers, scooting about on her Stella scooter or machining wood projects with her friend Eve.
OUT Cast	05/09/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Alex Thompson, presents the 2nd in the series, The Intersection of the African American & Queer Experience.</p> <p>In this episode Alex will explore the intersection of white gay men and adoption of African-American children. Alex’s guest will be Randy & Paul Johnson-Campion who are educators, authors, trailblazers, philanthropist but most importantly, white same-gender parents of four African-American children.</p> <p>The couple met in 1991 and immediately began talking about their desire to be fathers. Within six months, Paul, a teacher, and Randy, a nurse, moved in with each other having their most significant bonding conversations revolve around their views on family.</p> <p>Over the course of the next decade, the couple worked to build their family. After many twists and turns in the complicated adoption process, in which their state did not favor same-sex couples, they were finally proud parents to twin black boys, and soon after, they welcomed a little girl into their lives. Four years later, they decided to be foster parents to a 7-year-old who Paul met through his work as a school counselor. Shortly after they became foster parents, they certified a final adoption of the child. Their happy family of six was now complete.</p> <p>Randy and Paul joined a federal lawsuit seeking respect for their 2008 California marriage and the marriages between same-sex couples legally performed in other states by their home state. In February 2014, they celebrated as the judge ruled in their favor, and although on November 6, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit ruled on the wrong side of history, they did not give up the fight and found themselves standing in front of the Supreme Court of the United States. In June, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in their favor, making same-sex marriage the law of the land.</p> <p>Randy & Paul join Alex to share their unique experiences as white gay men raising four black children in the early 90s into adulthood. They discuss the social and legal stereotypes of white gay parents with black children, the challenges of raising young black men during the era of the Black Lives Matter/pre & post Trump’s America as well as raising their teenage daughter following the shooting death of Breonna Taylor.</p>

OUT Cast	05/02/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Part one of Mary Holt’s conversation with Maine-based filmmaker and director, Elmer J. Howard about his new film Kings and Queens. This short film about drag culture is garnering awards at film festivals and was filmed in Portland in the midst of the COVID pandemic. Screenwriter and cast member, Melissa Martin and cinematographer, Brett Bays, also give their takes on the making of the film.</p> <p>Part 2 of the discussion happened on August 9 and included Elmer and some of the cast members.</p> <p>Elmer J. Howard: Award-winning independent filmmaker Elmer J. Howard is a Maine native. Changing the world one production at a time is his motto and how he chooses which films to bring to life. His first short, “Loving Martin,” is based on a true story of love, loss, and hope and won 15 awards. His current short, “Kings & Queens,” is about a lesbian down on her luck who finds solace in a local drag community while searching to find her authentic self. “Kings & Queens” has won over 40 awards so far in its festival run.</p> <p>Entertaining has been his passion since he was a teenager making short films wowing and exciting family and friends.</p> <p>Elmer got his baptism by fire into the entertainment world by landing his first job and first exposure by being a craft services assistant on the Disney film Flubber with Robin Williams. He was also an extra in the movie. After taking a 12-year detour, Elmer returned to filmmaking in 2010 when he got introduced to Phoenix’s independent filmmaking community, starting his production company Thrive Productions that year as well.</p> <p>Elmer has a passion and a gift for telling stories through a visual medium and positively impacting his audience by getting them to think and challenging their beliefs while entertaining them, which fuels his passion.</p>
OUT Cast	04/25/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview with Richard Waitzkin on “Queer Spirit,” a series of conversations exploring queer life and the power of the Sacred hosted by OUT Cast collective members Marvin Ellison and Tamara Torres McGovern.</p> <p>Rich Waitzkin is a psychotherapist, a pioneering community educator and advocate for people living with HIV and AIDS in Maine, and one of the founders of Portland’s Equality Community Center, which houses organizations serving the LBGTQ+ community as well as some of our diverse allies.</p>

OUT Cast	04/18/2022	19:30	30:00	<p>Daralyn (Dal) a devotee of alternative music since before her teens, has developed a love of radio. As the music scene evolved, so did Dal's musical tastes and today she finds herself very multi-dimensional in her appreciation for different genres.</p> <p>Among her credentials are radio stints in upstate New York, Vermont, and at WMPG here in Portland Maine. Although her affiliation with WMPG has not been constant owing to life and medical issues, the fire within still burns bright for alternative/community radio.</p> <p>As an out and proud trans woman, Dal currently brings to WMPG two things very close and important to her.....her life-long passion for contemporary Celtic music and timely LGB and especially T-centric news of the day from around the world.</p>
OUT Cast	04/11/2022	13:00	30:00	<p>Interview conversation with Peter Prizer. Peter lived in Portland, Maine from the early 1970s through the late 1990s. He discusses growing up in Pennsylvania, going to a private boys' school, and then to Penn State before moving to Maine. In Portland, he worked on the Portland Pier from 1971 to 1977.</p> <p>His first act of publicly coming out occurred at a panel event of local gay activists at Bowdoin College in the early 1970s. As a response to a homophobic comment by an audience member, he got up and joined the panelists on stage.</p> <p>He was a founding member of the Gay Rights Organization of Portland (GRO) along with Tim Bouffard. He also helped organize a protest of the Freedom Train (1976 – bicentennial commemoration of the nation's founding) in Portland.</p> <p>He was centrally involved with the Maine Gay Taskforce and helped produce their newsletter. The newsletter later became "Mainely Gay" which he worked on with Stan Fortuna, among others.</p> <p>In 1977, along with Lois Reckitt, Nan Stone, StephenLeo, Richard Steinman and Susan Henderson, he worked on an outline for what would be the first gay rights bill submitted to the legislature in Maine. He also served as a lobbyist, together with Stephen Leo and Nan Stone, to try to secure passage of the bill after it was introduced by Gerald Talbot (D-Portland) and Larry Connolly (D-Portland). The proposed law, one of the first in the country, was defeated – though it received significant support.</p> <p>Peter now lives in Bisbee, Arizona.</p>

OUT Cast	04/4/2022	19:30	30:00	<p>Part 1 of the conversation with Peter Prizer.</p> <p>Peter lived in Portland, Maine from the early 1970s through the late 1990s. He discusses growing up in Pennsylvania, going to a private boys' school, and then to Penn State before moving to Maine. In Portland, he worked on the Portland Pier from 1971 to 1977.</p> <p>His first act of publicly coming out occurred at a panel event of local gay activists at Bowdoin College in the early 1970s. As a response to a homophobic comment by an audience member, he got up and joined the panelists on stage.</p> <p>He was a founding member of the Gay Rights Organization of Portland (GRO) along with Tim Bouffard. He also helped organize a protest of the Freedom Train (1976 – bicentennial commemoration of the nation's founding) in Portland.</p> <p>He was centrally involved with the Maine Gay Taskforce and helped produce their newsletter. The newsletter later became "Mainely Gay" which he worked on with Stan Fortuna, among others.</p> <p>In 1977, along with Lois Reckitt, Nan Stone, StephenLeo, Richard Steinman and Susan Henderson, he worked on an outline for what would be the first gay rights bill submitted to the legislature in Maine. He also served as a lobbyist, together with Stephen Leo and Nan Stone, to try to secure passage of the bill after it was introduced by Gerald Talbot (D-Portland) and Larry Connolly (D-Portland). The proposed law, one of the first in the country, was defeated – though it received significant support.</p>
Amjambo Time	6/10/2022	19:00	30:00	<p>Topics : Election news, Systemic racism, The treatment of refugees.</p> <p>Guest: Betsy Sweet, Safia Khalid, Lisa Parisio of ILAP and Baba Ly</p>
Amjambo Time	5/13/2022	19:30	30:00	<p>Renowned Burundi human rights activist Maggie Barankitse was in Maine to speak to the diaspora, she shared her message of civic engagement.</p> <p>Gayle Smith of One Campaign urged influential leaders of the African Diaspora in Maine to make their voices heard loudly in Washington.</p>

				Coco McCracken and Marpheen Chann discuss Asian American Heritage month and Moonglade, a new Amjambo monthly feature.
Amjambo Time	4/8/2022	19:30	30:00	<p>Amjambo Africa's Georges Bugadu talks with Congresswoman Chellie Pingree about the asylum seeking process and the federal rule about waiting for work permits.</p> <p>The Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition and partners are feeding more than 250 immigrants housed in motels in Maine on a daily basis. Many of them do not have access to stoves for cooking. Madeleine Saucier of MIRC talks to us on Amjambo Time.</p>
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	06/23/2022	19:00	30:00	This episode's content was created in 2020, and we revisit this pandemic thick archive, to remember the life of Nicole Mokeme of Rise and Shine Youth Retreat . Currently, her death is being labeled a hit and run, however, the suspected driver is a known love interest of hers. My condolences to her family and friends. This episode is part one of a two part series. In this episode you hear her talk about making her retreats into a week long activity. It is beyond words that she succumbed during one her well received week long retreats.
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	6/16/2022	19:30	30:00	Guests Meet Godis who comes to Maine from Baton Rouge. She shares with us her inspiration for her consulting business, Gadfly Consulting , and how she is enjoying Maine.
In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	06/2/2022	19:30	30:00	This episode features rap artist and producer Shameek The God . A Mainer with deep hip hop roots. We talk about favorite hip hop artists, new horizons, his work with Gem City , and share a single off of Sleeping Giant called Change Lanes . For a lyricist, he sure knows how to drop a headbanger!

In The Pocket: Conversations with BIPOC Mainers	5/19/2022	19:30	30:00	Interview with Desiree Nicole Lester , a serial intrapreneur. She shared the inspiration for her podcast, Rapmantrameditation , which will soon begin production for its second season. She will also share her new venture, Artist Assignment , which will launch on Aug 2nd of 2022. And last, but not least, she shares how Black artists in Maine can find community through Black Artist Forum .
Community Voices For Change	4/7/2022	19:30	30:00	Interview with South African born Mohammad Shabangu, currently living in Portland, Maine, musical curator Mohammad. He explains how his set list explores how people relate to the Three R's, relationships, rituals and restrictions. The internet connection was spotty during our recording however this episode is still a gem.

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