

The RaYnbow Review

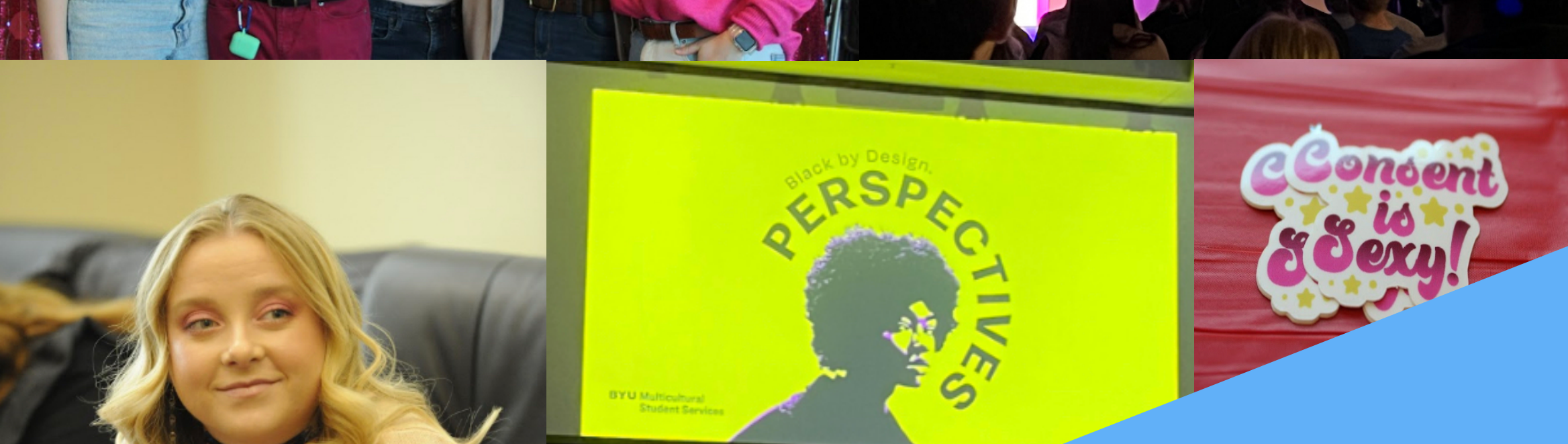
The Year Marches On...

Hello friends, and welcome to March! With the end of February comes the beginning of Women's History Month and the first day of spring, and we can say with certainty that we are excited for the warmer weather to start! Thank you to everyone who came to our consent training last Saturday; we had a blast learning about safe sex practices and all things consent!

Below you will find a recap of our consent event, some fun spotlights, and more! Stay tuned in the coming months for more amazing RaYnbow Collective events!



We're so grateful to have you as part of our community. Follow us on Instagram (@raynbowcollective) to stay in touch.



February in Review

February has come and gone, but not without a lot of hard work from the team here at RaYnbow Collective! On February 25, we were able to hold an event on Using Consent to Build Healthy Relationships, and it was a great success! Volunteers showed up dressed in pink to help educate the community on consent, what to do in cases of sexual assault, birth control, using protection, STI testing, and much more. We had great presentations from our own Rachel Billings and guest speaker Sabrina from Saprea, an organization dedicated to providing resources to prevent and heal from sexual abuse. Volunteers with specialized knowledge offered information, stickers, bubbles, and more. Thank you to everyone who attended the event, and a big thanks to all those who made this event possible! We look forward to seeing you at our future events!

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: COLOR THE CAMPUS

Color the Campus
Color the Campus is dedicated to support, protect, befriend, and love members of the LGBTQ+ community at all CES schools.

Rainbow Day
On March 3rd, Color the Campus will be hosting Rainbow Day! Wear rainbow to show your support for LGBTQ+ students and faculty at CES schools.



Visit website
<https://www.instagram.com/colorthecampus/?hl=en>

A Message for You This March:

CW: suicide, conversion therapy

I was recently reading a series of articles about LGBTQ historic sites in the USA and why they matter (from the National Park Service, go figure) which preserved those of the past. We discussed the importance of Stonewall and its riots in my last piece, so I wanted to turn my sights closer to home.

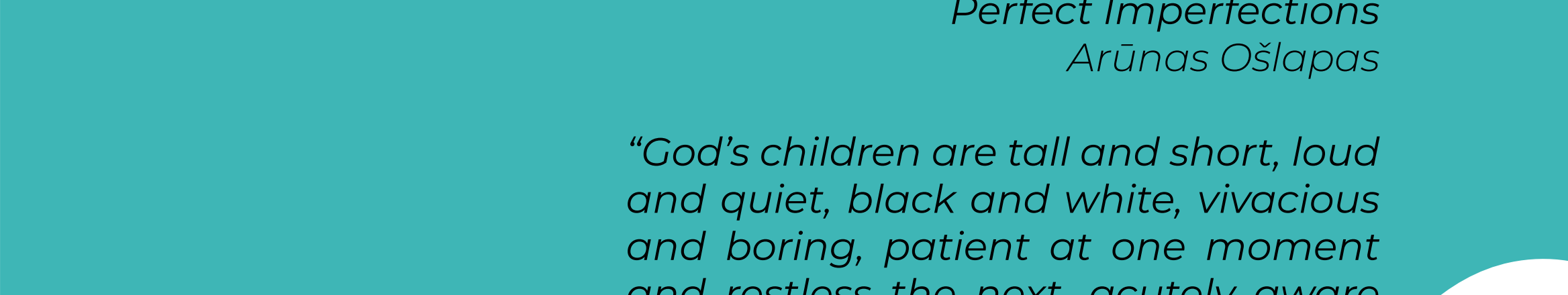
BYU doesn't have for its Queer students, at least not in a way that the RaYnbow Collective and other advocates believe would be best. It's hard not to look north and note the University of Utah's LGBTQ Resources Center with its funding and physical facilities, returning to consider BYU with a disapproving stare. Even counter to the idea of Queer history, BYU has historically been a hostile place towards members of the community. There is a plethora of resources online that can detail the long and difficult history of being Queer at BYU. It is exhausting to wade through the pages of personal accounts of the institution.

This brings me to the Harris Fine Arts Center or HFAC, which is now undergoing demolition after serving as the center for music and theater of BYU since 1964. The HFAC was an interesting combination of modern and Mormon architecture—a place that I went to for concerts and recitals all throughout my youth and teens while growing up in Provo near BYU Campus. Despite my many visits, it wasn't until this last year I learned of the building's darker history, specifically in regard to a number of students that died by suicide there after undergoing experimental electroshock conversion therapy in the 1970s (1). I'd know that there were instances of CT on campus back then but didn't realize its extent nor severity. It's one of those moments where you feel betrayed, like a "friend" knowingly withholding the truth from you; it was a gut punch.

I learned this when someone posted on Twitter (2) about those deaths while including a photo that brought a mix of emotions. It was taken of a memorial someone had set up in the lobby of the HFAC—a simple white cardboard poster that read "Honoring the Faceless: In Memory of the Lives We Lost" along with flowers and rainbow colors. It was poignant and powerful. This memory would not dissipate out of fear or propriety but persisted in quiet strength. It was honoring the departed in a culture and place that claims to do so but falls short more often than many would like to admit. While heart-wrenching, there was also a bit of hope that stuck with me. We won't go away, we won't be forgotten, and even if everything is bleak, we can choose to remember those who have gone before us and commit to making a world and community where their suffering will never be experienced again in any form.

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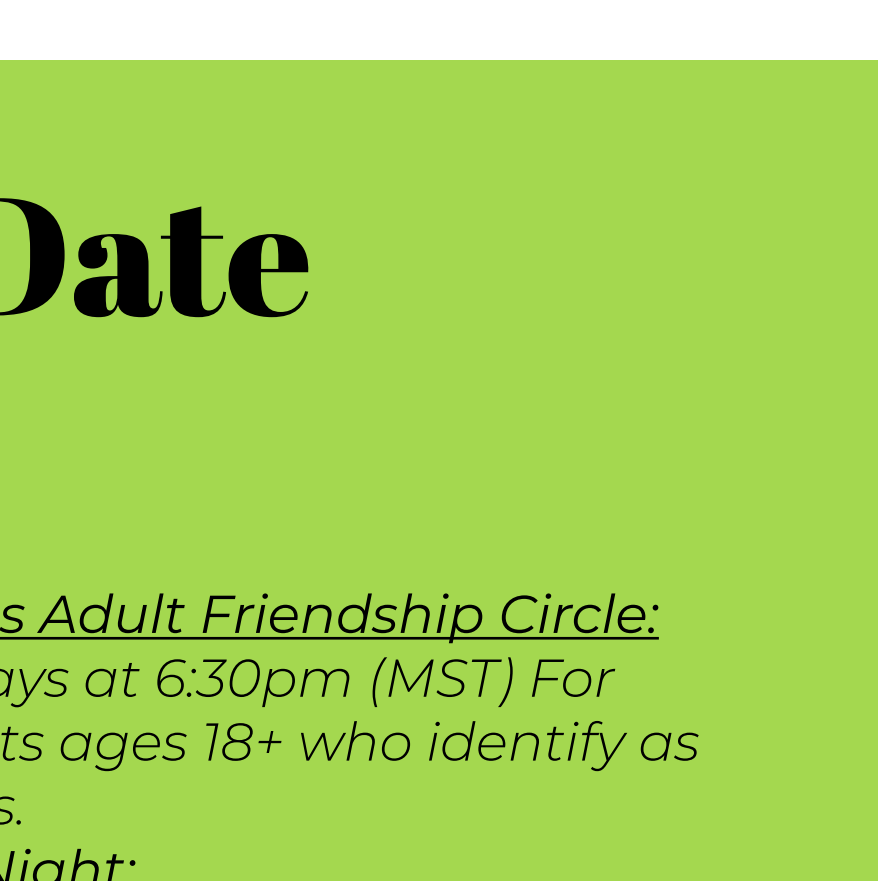
Art Spotlight.

Perfect Imperfections
Arūnas Ošlapas

"God's children are tall and short, loud and quiet, black and white, vivacious and boring, patient at one moment and restless the next, acutely aware yet often oblivious."

Meet Aubrey.

Aubrey (she/her) is proudly from the Pacific Northwest and misses the ocean and forests. She fills her time with science communications, quabball, creative portrait and production photography, poetry, and running the nonprofit Girls Lobby. She enjoys sleeping and volunteering with the RaYnbow Collective!



Save the Date

RAYNBOW COLLECTIVE
OUTspoken Training:
Thursday, March 2, 6-7pm; Virtual event; register at <https://www.raynbowcollective.org/event-details/outspoken-training>

COUGAR PRIDE
Snack Time:
Wednesdays 5-7pm; 669 E 800 N Provo
Safe Housing Project Mixer:
Wednesday, March 1; Campus Plaza Lounge 669 E 800 N St., Provo
Panda Express Fundraiser:
Friday, March 3, 5-11pm 1240 N. University Ave, Provo (more info on CPC insta)

ENCIRCLE
Provo Brunch:
Saturday, March 4, 10am-12pm
Lunch w/ Lisa:
Every Tuesday from 12-1:30pm
Bi/Pan Friendship Circle & Non-Binary Friendship Circle:
Tuesdays at 5:30pm (MST) For adults ages 18+ who identify as bisexual and pansexual.
Young Adult Friendship Circle:
Thursdays at 5:30pm (MST) For adults ages 18-25 who identify as LGBTQ+
QBIPOC Adult Friendship Circle:
Fridays at 5:30pm (MST) For adults ages 18+ who identify as queer black, indigenous, and people of color.

Trans Adult Friendship Circle:
Fridays at 6:30pm (MST) For adults ages 18+ who identify as trans.
Art Night:
Every Wednesday at Encircle from 7-8pm

FLOURISH
Young Adult Group Therapy:
Fridays at 6:30pm - 5:30pm held at Orem office
Thursdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm via Zoom
USGA
Weekly activity:
Thursdays 7pm; Provo Library (room 201) 550 N University Ave, Provo
Queer Poetry Night:
Wednesday, March 1, 6pm; Java Junkie 16 W Center St., Provo

COUGAR CAMP AND COUTURE
Rainbow Day Drag Show:
Saturday, March 4; shows at 7, 8, and 9pm in Provo; text (971)-998-9162 to get the address and RSVP
RAINBOW DAY
Friday, March 3, all day on all CES campuses (wear rainbow and show support on social media by sharing your rainbow with the hashtag #rainbowday!)