

Media Advisory



International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia and the International Family Equality Day in Nepal

The Blue Diamond Society and the United Nations in Nepal
Raise the LGBTIQ Rainbow Flag in UN House on 17 May 2017
Focus on: "Love makes a family"

This focus includes

- The role of families in the well-being of their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, Intersex and Queer/Questioning family members
- The respect of the rights of rainbow families
- Countering the reclaiming of 'family values' by conservatives.

To

- Increase the visibility and voice of LGBTIQ parents
- Increase the visibility and voice of Rainbow families for advances in recognition and rights
- Increase the visibility and voice of children of LGBTIQ parents, and possibly strengthen the structuring of their nascent movement
- Reclaim "family values" in a progressive understanding
- Facilitate alliances with progressive family organisations

Around the world, organisations, companies, governments, cities and individuals are getting ready to celebrate sexual and gender diversities. And now that LGBTIQ rights have been formally institutionalized into the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, in July 2016, the Blue Diamond Society and the UN Nepal will for the first time jointly raise the Rainbow Flag in UN House, on 17 May 2017.

THE LARAMIE PROJECT: TEN YEARS LATER

WITH STORIES FROM
THE NEPALI LGBTIQ COMMUNITY

To celebrate IDAHOT, and to underscore that “hate is not a Nepali value,” The Blue Diamond Society and One World Theatre, in collaboration with Save the Children, the Global Fund and UNAIDS, will be featuring “*The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later, with stories from the Nepal LGBTIQ community*”

After the very successful and well received production of the *Laramie Project* in March 2015, One World Theater is producing this docudrama created by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theatre Project, with additional stories from the Nepali publication *Pride Climbing Higher*.

The play, co-directed by Bruno Deceukelier and Rajkumar Pudasaini, under the guidance of Deborah Merola, is based on reactions within the Laramie community, following the hate crime that took the life of Matthew Shepard in October 1998. Matthew Shepard was an American student at the University of Wyoming who was beaten, tortured and left to die, because he happened to be gay. Shepard’s murder brought national and international attention to hate crime legislation at the state and federal levels in the United States of America.

An addition to “The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later” are LGBTIQ voices and experiences from Nepal. These stories are based on strong, personal narratives from LGBTIQ authors in *Pride Climbing Higher*, a writing project from [Creative Nepal](#), in collaboration with the Blue Diamond Society.

After the recognition of LGBTIQ rights in the new Constitution, the ongoing work to revise Nepal’s Civil and Criminal Codes provide Nepal with an excellent opportunity to ensure that the country’s progress on legislation related to LGBTIQ issues is fully reflected.

This play raises important questions of relevance to any society, including Nepal, about prejudice, hate, exclusion, and the way children are brought up. The Production provides an opportunity for audiences, students, journalists, and policymakers to reflect on and debate important social issues: HIV issues, LGBTIQ rights, anti-hate crimes legislation, the role of media, and how communities attempt to define themselves and write their future.

When

- Fri 19 May 5.30
- Sat 20 May 5.00 (Gala Fundraiser)
- Sun 21 May 5.30
- Wed 24 May 5.30
- Thu 25 May 5.30
- Fri 26 May 5.30
- Sat 27 May 12.30 & 5.30
- Sun 28 May 5.30

Venue | Nepal Tourism Board

Gala Fundraiser | Rs. 2,500 on Saturday 20 May 2017 at 5 pm

Tickets | Rs. 750 - Rs. 500 - Rs. 200

Ticket outlets | Siddhartha Art Gallery, Nina’s (Maharajgunj), Dhokaima Cafe

Reservations | 980 1192690

Info | www.facebook.com/OneWorldTheatre



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