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***Academy Award Winning “Milk” Screen Writer  
Joins LGBT Center Soiree;  
Dustin Lance Black to Attend Gala Event in SF***

SAN FRANCISCO – Academy Award-winning screen writer Dustin Lance Black will add Hollywood star power to Saturday night’s fundraising gala in San Francisco for the LGBT Community Center.

Black won the Oscar for Best Original Screenplay for “Milk,” the biopic that tells the story of Harvey Milk and his pioneering campaign for gay and lesbian rights. Black’s stirring acceptance speech, in which he talked about the importance of hope and equality for LGBT kids, was widely believed to be an emotional highlight of this year’s Academy Awards ceremony.

In addition to attending Saturday’s soiree, Black donated an autographed copy of the “Milk” screenplay for the Center’s fundraising auction that night.

Community Center Executive Director Rebecca Rolfe said Black’s support for the event would help ensure its success.

“Dustin Lance Black inspired millions of LGBT people around the world with his speech at the Academy Awards,” Rolfe said, “and we are thrilled he’ll be joining us for this important event. Harvey Milk talked about the importance of community and now, 30 years later, the Center is helping to build upon what he started so long ago. Mr. Black’s appearance at the gala will help us make that connection to our history.”

Black and actor Sean Penn, who also won an Academy Award for his portrayal of the slain Supervisor in “Milk,” recently joined a campaign to help win marriage rights for same sex couples.

Tickets for the soiree are still available for the gala and can be purchased for \$150 online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/55239](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/55239) or by phone at (800) 838-3006

The LGBT Center’s event celebrates its seventh anniversary. It promises to offer a sensual world of burlesque dancers, cabaret performers and more throughout the night. Three different stages will showcase gay burlesque troupe Boylesque, outrageous clown dance troupe Fou Fou Ha!, drag legend Glamamore, dark-cabaret maestro Vinsantos and many more.

In addition to Black’s Milk screenplay, guests can also bid on dozens of unique items in both silent and live auctions, including vacation packages in New York City, Hawaii, the Caribbean Islands, Paris, Italy and more. More than one dozen of San Francisco’s best restaurants will provide gourmet morsels and inventive cocktails to stimulate your senses.

Later in the evening, Soiree 7 shifts into party mode, paying tribute to San Francisco’s queer nightlife. Local celebrity DJs including DJ Bus Station John, Honey Soundsystem and Juanita MORE! will provide a late-night, high-energy soundtrack.

Soiree 7 will be hosted by San Francisco comics Lisa Geduldig and David Hawkins. The event is sponsored by Wachovia, AT&T, California Pacific Medical Center, Pacific Gas & Electric, Wells Fargo, Southwest Airlines, U.S. Bank, San Francisco’s SKYY Spirits, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Comcast Cable, Safeway, AAA, Kaiser Permanente, Safeway, Lennar, Hanson Bridgett, Greenleaf Produce, National Center for Lesbian Rights, RHI Office Team, Bechtel, Sunset Scavenger/Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling and Horizons Foundation and Betty’s List, Shorenstein Company, Sweet, Gloss Magazine, Energy 92.7 FM, San Francisco Marriott, 49ers Foundation, Morgan Stanley, Wald Law Group, Miller Lite and Peroni.

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The San Francisco LGBT Community Center provides space and programs that welcome and unite the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community and its allies. Every month, the Center welcomes over 9,000 visitors, hosts more than 400 events, and serves as a home to more than a dozen nonprofit organizations. For information about the programs and services offered at the Center, please visit [www.sfcenter.org](http://www.sfcenter.org).

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Event: San Francisco LGBT Community Center presents **Soiree 7**  
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2009  
Hours: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Location: Terra Gallery, 511 Harrison St. (@ 1<sup>st</sup> St.), San Francisco  
Featuring: Performances by Boylesque, Bus Station John, Candi Gurl, Fauxnique, Fou Fou Ha!, Glamamore, Hoku Mama, Honey Soundsystem, House of Salad, Juanita MORE!  
Plus live and silent auctions, DJs and dancing, drinks and gourmet morsels.  
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