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The San Francisco LGBT Community Center and Queer Cultural Center present a visual arts exhibition:

"Let's Meet" A Collection of Queer Stencils from the Past Year by Jeremy Novy

On Display: December 2, 2010 through January 18, 2011

Opening Reception: Thursday, December 2, 6:00-9:00 PM

At the San Francisco LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street (at Octavia)

San Francisco, CA, Nov. 22, 2010 — The San Francisco LGBT Community Center and Queer Cultural Center are honored to present "Let's Meet," a collection of queer stencils from the past year by Jeremy Novy. Novy is considered one of the up and coming street art celebrities of San Francisco and the street art world itself. His Koi fish stencils found throughout the city have gained him acceptance by not only the street art community but also compliments from the city's Department of Public Works. Yet this exhibit is about something much deeper than just adding beauty to urban blight; it is street art with a social message against homophobia. Novy states, "Street art itself is a dominantly male heterosexual community; being out of the closet is not accepted. Gay street artists have been assaulted, their art supplies stolen or damaged, and their works covered up."

Novy has made a limited edition print, signed and numbered, for 50 guests. Novy was recently commissioned by Joe Pabst, owner of the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee, WI, to stencil Koi around the mansion pool.

The exhibit will be on display during Center operating hours: Noon to 10:00PM, Monday through Thursday, Noon to 6:00PM on Fridays and 9:00AM to 6:00PM on Saturdays. The Center is closed on Sundays.

More about Jeremy Novy

For the past ten years, Jeremy Novy has utilized stenciled street art to explore social and political issues. Novy has an associate's degree in graphic design and a BFA in photography from Pecks School of the Arts, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Novy's intention is to bring gay

imagery into the homophobic subculture of street artists by covering hateful and distasteful graffiti in our communities. Novy wants the gay street artist community to flourish and not be bullied or afraid to express themselves with their artwork. He would like to see everyone's artwork—not just the heterosexual males who he feels dominates the street art subculture—have an opportunity to be seen and appreciated. His unique stencils of legendary drag queens, gay pulp and local talent and Koi fish have been spotted all over town and were responsible for netting him a showcase at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. He was also flown to Milwaukee to stencil the Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer mansion. Novy's stencils have benefited non-profit foundations, advocacy organizations, and community service programs, and have been featured in books, magazines, newspapers, museums, private collections and in film. To see more of his work, please visit his [website](#).

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Queer Cultural Center

Founded in 1993, Qcc is a multidisciplinary arts presenting, producing and community-building organization that conducts artistic and interpretive programs exploring queer identity issues. Our programs promote the careers of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender artists and foster the growth of queer artists and arts organizations. By presenting, exhibiting and screening queer artists' work Qcc contributes a multicultural perspective on the Lesbian/Gay/ Bisexual and Transgender experience. Visit [Qcc](#) to tour the virtual gallery or to learn about Qcc performances, screenings and shows exhibiting elsewhere.

San Francisco LGBT Community Center

The Center's mission is to connect our diverse community to opportunities, resources and each other to achieve our vision of a stronger, healthier, and more equitable world for LGBT people and our allies. The Center inspires and strengthens our community by: fostering greater opportunities for people to thrive; organizing for our future; celebrating our history and culture; and building resources to create a legacy for future generations. Our safety net programs serve the most vulnerable members of the community while providing a welcoming gathering place for all LGBT and allied people. Each month, the Center serves over 9,000 visitors and hosts more than 200 events. The Center is located at 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. Visit the [Center](#) or call us at 415-865-5555, to learn more.

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