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With Wanda Sykes on hand to lend her support and a trio of *Wicked* divas whose careers have taken off because of composer Stephen Schwartz's runaway smash-hit musical, the cast of the Los Angeles production of *Wicked* descended on West Hollywood hotspot the Factory Monday night to raise money for a slew of gay charities.



Jason Graae and Megan Hilty

Eden Espinosa and Shoshana Bean (two big-voiced, soulful belters who have alternately played

Elphaba on Broadway and in Los Angeles) were joined by big-voiced, busty blond Megan Hilty (Glinda in L.A. and on Broadway) and a slew of *Wicked* castmates for the one-night-only event.

Like the L.A. cast, *Wicked* casts in New York, Chicago, and Louisville also performed in their respective cities to raise money for Empire State Pride Agenda, Equality California, Garden State Equality, and Vermont Freedom to Marry -- four charities working to legislate equality and protect civil rights for gays and lesbians.

The event drew a unusual crowd to the Factory, typically WeHo's after-hours dance club. *Wicked* fanatics joined theater queens on what usually serves as the club's dance floor to enjoy two hours of nonstop music, fun, and blow-the-roof-off vocals.

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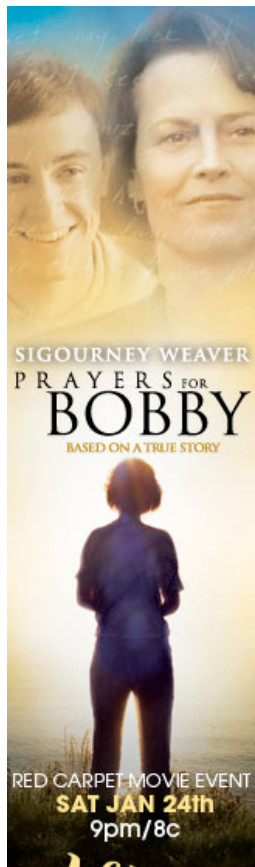
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Barack Obama's Inaugural Address

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WeHo Inauguration Day Central: The Abbey

WeHo hot spot the Abbey drew the crowds beginning at 7 a.m., drawing cheers for Barack Obama and boos for conservative pastor Rick Warren.

Paper Trail: How to Come Out

Celebrity publicist Howard Bragman has helped actors like Dick Sargent and athletes like Esera Tuaolo and John Amaechi come out of the closet. In an exclusive excerpt from his new book *Where's My Fifteen Minutes* (available this month from Penguin Press), he talks about how the process has changed over the years.

This House Is Clean

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Reverend V. Gene Robinson's Big Moment

Advocate.com's James Hattori sits down on camera with Reverend V. Gene Robinson on the eve on his pre-inauguration invocation for President-elect Barack Obama.

2003 Person of the Year: V. Gene Robinson

A look back at *The Advocate's* first ever interview with openly gay Rev. V. Gene Robinson, who will be delivering the invocation for President-elect Barack Obama this Sunday at a pre-inauguration event at the Lincoln Memorial.

Gay and Gayer

The Advocate's interview with Ewan McGregor and Jim Carrey on the set of their gay con man comedy *I Love You Phillip Morris* plus GLAAD's coverage of the film's premiere from the Sundance Film Festival.

Postcards to the President

An Advocate.com article on sending a postcard to President-elect Barack Obama urging the repeal of DOMA prompted a WeHo waiter to take action -- in a big way.

Growing Up Is Hard to Do

Acclaimed lesbian author Stacey D'Erasmus's third novel, *The Sky Below*, charts her antihero's metamorphosis into a post-gay man.

The Magic Flute

It's a trifle sad when the most praise a critic can muster after seeing a performance of Mozart's sublime masterpiece, *The Magic Flute*, is for the sets and costumes

New Year, Newly Out

It's a new year with a new president -- and a better reason than ever to join your gay brothers and sisters on the other side of the closet door.

Homophobic "Nike" Ad Causes Stir

A Nike print ad making the rounds on the Web is causing a stir for its homophobic copy -- except it's not a Nike-commissioned ad. It's part of a student project for *CMYK Magazine*.

And the Winner Is ... *Milk*

When director Stanley Kramer made *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, interracial marriage was

still illegal in 16 states. Now his widow explains why she chose the similarly influential *Milk* to receive this year's Stanley Kramer Award.

Same Fight, Different Approach

Prop. 8 opponents Gloria Allred and Jerry Brown don't quite see eye to eye on the next step in the fight for marriage equality.

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Paper Trail: Information Overload

World-renowned author Daniel Tammet, in his second book, *Embracing the Wide Sky*, explores the human mind as only someone with his unique gifts can.

From Pub to Pub

Letters threatening to spread poison throughout Seattle's gay bars prompted Capitol Hill residents to stand up and play host to a pub crawl.

Gay Man to Be Tapped As Deputy Director of Obama's Public Liaison Office

Advocate.com has confirmed that Brian Bond, a 25-year political veteran, will be named by President-elect Barack Obama as deputy director of the Office of Public Liaison.

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