

Steven Reigns

Artist Profile

Part of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival

Name: Steven Reigns

City of Residence: West Hollywood

Age: 37



Steven Reigns, photo by Mark Oberlin

1) Who are you, where do you live, and what kind of art do you make?

Steven Reigns, Poet & Workshop Leader.

I write poetry. Most of my work has been autobiographical.

2) How old were you when you came out, and what is your coming out story?

My life as a writer and as a gay man is intricately connected for me. I had sex with a guy for the first time at age 16 in a car. I wrote about it in my journal and two days later read the passage to my friend. She said I should be a writer and I followed that advice.

3) How does being queer affect your artwork?

Everything I do has a queer sensibility, even the poems that don't reference gayness. Growing up with same sex desires in our repressive culture dramatically altered my perception. At the age of 16, with the help of a fake-ID, I entered into the gay bars and the gay community. So, at a very early age I knew I was different and became socialized in the gay community. I see any output I have as being gay influenced.

4) In your mind, what is gay pride and how do you celebrate it?

For me, being gay is easy. To be proudly gay in all moments is something to aspire to. Los Angeles can be such an accepting city that it allows me the luxury to focus on the nuances of homophobia. I feel deeply for those living in dangerous cities or homes. To them, gay pride and homophobia looks different than a man like myself living in the heart of West Hollywood.

5) Where can we see your artwork during the One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival this year?

Name of event: Stolen and Forbidden

Date of event: May 18, 2013

Time: 3 PM

Location: City Council Chambers, 625 N. San Vicente

Admission charge, if any: none

For more info please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/447079348710261/>

Name of event: My Ink is White: Gay Writers Read Their Erotic Work

Date of event: June 6, 2013

Time: 7:30 PM

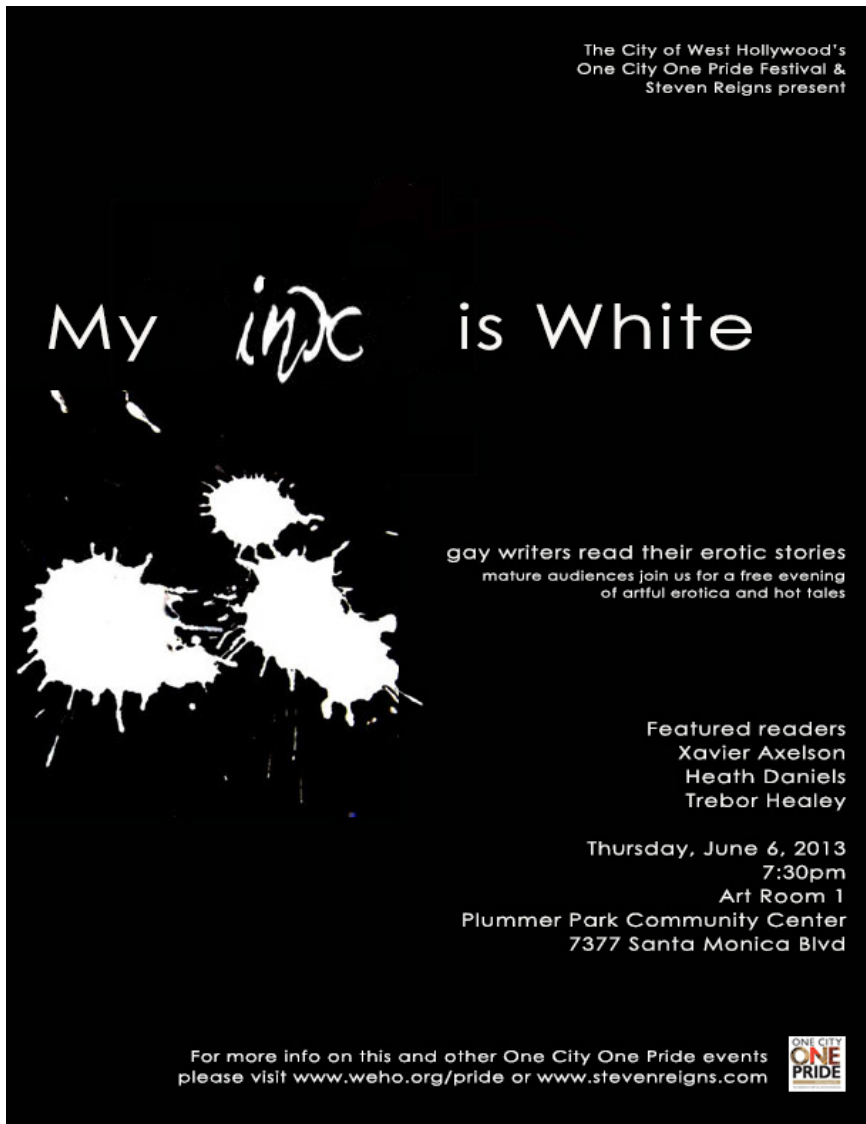
Location: Plummer Park

Admission charge, if any:

For more info please visit

www.weho.org/pride or www.stevenreigns.com

Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/434212173337374/>



The City of West Hollywood's
One City One Pride Festival &
Steven Reigns present

My *ink* is White

gay writers read their erotic stories
mature audiences join us for a free evening
of artful erotica and hot tales

Featured readers
Xavier Axelson
Heath Daniels
Trebor Healey

Thursday, June 6, 2013
7:30pm
Art Room 1
Plummer Park Community Center
7377 Santa Monica Blvd

For more info on this and other One City One Pride events
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The City of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Festival & Steven Reigns present:



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Saturday, May 18 @ 3pm

City Council Chambers at the West Hollywood Library
625. N. San Vicente Blvd.

Before the internet, pilferage and privacy breaking of books and magazines was common for young gay men looking for answers and others like themselves. Sneak reading and the length one goes to do it is often comical. Join us for a reading featuring:



Clint Catalyst



Bernard Cooper



Jonny McGovern



Steven Reigns



Bruce Vilanch

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