



Turning Away

As I sit across the table
My eyes and thoughts begin to drift.

The enthusiasm isn't there as it
used to be.

My thoughts are those that are
thinking this is a waste.

Yet the conversation continues
even though it is
uncomfortable.

Why? I can't answer that.

Maybe it's just the way I feel is
not the same way you do.

But yet you seem to dwell on
the past.

Trying to grasp at the air.

Or is it broken promises.

Not giving the present and the
future

A chance to be heard....To be
held.

Do not linger on what you think
you can get.

Let the feeling control your
actions.

But do not act out of your
emotions

For that is the worse.

My eyes try to shift from place
to place.

Sometimes hoping to see your
eyes, and

Sometimes....Turning Away.

—JK

Update on KhushDC

The KhushDC organization has continued to make remarkable progress in less than a year. This past month members of the board met to discuss what we had accomplished and where to go from here.

Our Webmaster continuously updates our site with events and links to sites of interest. The website has been an excellent vehicle to reach the community and get out our message. Although Ninad has done a phenomenal job, we would like to see a few additions. We have had a multitude of requests for pictures from past events or parties. Likewise, past editions of the newsletter in pdf format will soon be making their appearance. If you want your site or an event listed, e-mail us and we'll get it up there!

Our monthly Chutney Fridays and newsletters are becoming increasingly popular. New faces keep showing up, and familiar ones keep coming back for more!

So as we begin our second year, we hope to bring you a load of fun. Here's what we have in mind.

Spring barbecue/picnic. With the warmer weather approaching what better way to enjoy it than grilling some Tandoori chicken (or veggie koftas for the non-meat eaters) with your favorite Khushies. Hopefully this nonbar

associated activity will bring out a few lost souls in a more healthy recreational setting.

Summer Trips. Since so many of us make the June pilgrimage to New York for the Pride march, why not make a road trip out of it? Pack your heels and saris and head up with the whole gang. We might even spot a few stragglers at the rest areas who want to join in.

What's a summer in nation's capital without a weekend (or two) in Rhehobeth? All in favor, say "Haiñ-ji!"

API event. In the past we've collaborated with the other queer Asian groups in the area to co-sponsor a spring function. Last year, a panel of queer activists shared their experiences and stories. This year we hope to have more of a cultural presentation where we can share the richness of our cultural diversity with the entire community.

Of course, we can't accomplish these events without your help. Anyone can get involved. Starting in April, the format for Chutney Fridays will change. Board members will show up at 7:00 for a brief half hour meeting. These meetings are open to all, so if you want to be part of the board team and help plan these events to make them happen, show up at 7 at Hamburger Mary's and we'll take it from there. Happy hours will then commence at 7:30.

Next month in Khush Khush Hota Hai...

- *Aunty Helen brings back new wisdom from India...*
- *A new tasty recipe...*
- *And, what would our newsletter be without another poem by JK...*

If you'd like to contribute to KKHH, send your article, comments or questions to: KhushDCKKHH@hotmail.com

Spend an evening with your special Honey eating this sweet but spicy chicken dish. He'll be licking more than his fingers after this meal.

Chicken with Honey

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
1 T. minced ginger
2 cloves minced garlic
2 T. lemon juice
4 T. runny honey
1 T. paprika
1 t. chili powder
1 T. cornstarch
½ t. salt
1 T. butter
cilantro for garnish

Blend ginger and next eight ingredients in blender to form a thick paste. With a sharp knife prick (be careful, now!) chicken, and marinate with paste for at least one hour or overnight in refrigerator. In ovenproof dish, lay chicken flat and bake uncovered in tandoor oven at 400°F for 45 minutes until cooked. Garnish with cilantro.

Share your favorite recipes with your favorite Khushies. Send your tasty recipes to *Khush in the Kitchen* at KhushDCKKHH@hotmail.com.

Visit our website at:
www.khushdc.org

New information is being added all the time. Stop by often and tell all your friends!!!

Upcoming Events

KhushDC Board meeting

Friday, April 5, 2002 • 7:00 p.m.

We need you!!! Get involved with KhushDC. Help us plan events like DC Pride 2002, Summer road trips, fall outings and more. Join us as we talk about Khush's future. Hamburger Mary's (on the corner of 14th and Rhode Island). 1337 14th St, NW (202) 232-7010. For a map, visit: www.khushdc.org

Do you have an event you'd like to have listed in "Upcoming Events?"

E-mail it to: KhushDCKKHH@hotmail.com

Chutney Fridays

Friday, April 5, 2002 • 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME!!! Get into the Spring Spirit and join your favorite Khushies for libations at Titan's—upstairs from Hamburger Mary's (on the corner of 14th and Rhode Island). 1337 14th St, NW (202) 232-7010. For a map, visit: www.khushdc.org

Satyajit Ray Film Series

"A Bengali intellectual sensitive to tradition yet well-versed in Western culture; a poet of the simple life who professed to have 'learned everything I know about the craft of film from American movies; a visual storyteller of remarkable nuance who wished to 'represent the universe in a drop of dew'—Satyajit Ray (1921-1992) is Indian cinema's best-known director and one of the most admired filmmakers of the twentieth century."

The Smithsonian Institutes have put together a collection of his films accompanied with a panel discussion for the months of March and April. Venues include the Freer Gallery of Art (FGA), National Gallery of Art (NGA), National Geographic (NG), National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA), Library of Congress (LC), and National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) All events are free, but events at the Freer require tickets (up to two per person) and are distributed one hour before show time. For complete information about the film festival visit: www.asia.si.edu/programs/film.htm

A partial schedule for March is listed below. For a complete list, please visit the website listed above.

*Kanchenjunga ('62)
Rabindrath Tagore ('61)
Friday, March 1, 2 P.M. at NGA

*Jalsaghar/The Music Room ('58)
Friday, March 1, 7 P.M. at FGA

Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne/Adventures of Goopy and Bagha ('68)
Saturday, March 2, 2 P.M. at FGA

*Pather Panchali/Song of the Road ('55)
Friday, March 8, 12:30 P.M. at NGA

*Aparajito/Unvanquished ('56)
Friday, March 8, 3 P.M. at NGA

*Apur Sansar/The World of Apu ('59)
Friday, March 15, 3 P.M. at NGA

*Ashani Sanket/Distant Thunder ('73)
Friday, March 15, 7 P.M. at FGA

Aranyer Din Ratri/Days and Nights of the Forest ('69)
Sunday, March 17, 2 P.M. at FGA

Parash Pathar/Philosopher's Stone ('58)
Saturday, March 23, 12:30 P.M. at NGA

*Sonar Kella/The Golden Fortress ('74)
Saturday, March 23, 3 P.M. at NGA

Hirak Rajar Deshe/The Kingdom of Diamonds ('80)
Sunday, March 24, 2 P.M. at FGA

Sadgati/Deliverance ('81)
Tuesday, March 26, 12 P.M. at NG

Pratidwandi/The Adversary ('70)
Two ('64)
Thursday, March 28, 7 P.M. at LC

Joli Baba Felunath/The Elephant God ('78)
Friday, March 29, 3 P.M. at NGA

*Mahanagar/The Big City ('63)
Sunday, March 31, 4 P.M. at NGA

**denotes editor's favorites*