



Distance

**Even though the miles may
separate us,
We always find the time to
talk and discuss.**

**Sometimes it's school,
sometimes it's work.
Or maybe it's just that guy
who's chasing you and being
a jerk.**

**But even though we cross
each others thoughts,
It's usually never about the
way we fought.**

**We remembered the good
and the bad.
And all the fun times
we had.**

**But what I miss most of all
are the little talks we had.
For you helped me
open my soul,
And bare my feelings that I
had hidden inside.**

**You will always be a
part of me.
A part of my ever intriguing
history.**

**So let us part as good
friends with persistence,
Knowing that when we need
each other, our love will
cover the distance.**

—JK

Lobbying for a liberalization of India's laws on homosexuality

from PlanetOut.com

DELHI, India - Last January, judges from South Africa and Australia came to India to lobby for a liberalization of the country's laws on homosexuality. Currently, gay sex is a criminal offense.

Australian Justice Michael Kirby and Justice Edwin Cameron of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa attempted to sensitize Indians about the rights of sexual minorities.

The jurists met with gay rights advocates across the country. "Australia had rules similar to the ones in India," Justice Kirby said, noting that statutory reforms were carried out following public campaigns, and added that India needs a similar public mobilization drive.

"When I was a boy, the fact that I was gay was to be kept a deep, dark secret. We need to blow away that spell cast on people to keep

quiet about their sexual identities," Justice Kirby said.

Justice Cameron said that even when homosexual acts are decriminalized there is still much to do." For instance in Australia, Justice Kirby is trying to ensure that his partner of 33 years will get a pension in case of any unforeseen eventuality.

"In South Africa, however, the constitution ensures that its citizens are protected from any discrimination on the basis of their sexual orientation. The constitutional court has, in fact, also recognized the rights of gays and lesbians to a family life."

In India, the Lawyers' Collective, a group of social activists in the legal profession, has filed a petition in the Delhi high court challenging the criminalization of homosexuality, arguing that it violates the Indian constitution, which guarantees equality.

Next month in Khush Khush Hota Hai...

- Will Aunty Helen answer more questions? Find out next month...
- Khush in the Kitchen reopens the pantry for more tasty ideas...
- More poems of love and loss from JK...

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comments or questions to: KhushDCKKHH@hotmail.com*

Upcoming Events

Youth Pride University

Saturday, April 6, 2002 • 10:00 a.m.

Youth Pride University is an exciting Saturday conference just for glbt and straight allied young people, sponsored by the Youth Pride Alliance.

Who: Over 100 young people from the greater Washington, DC area.

What: A daylong leadership training program for young people under 25. Sessions include workshops on gender expression, families, racism in the queer community, and self concept/identity. The program is free and includes lunch.

When: Saturday, April 6th, 2002, from 10am until 5:30pm.

Where: Ward Circle Building (Terrace Level), Main Campus, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC.

Register online at:

www.youthpridedc.org/university/

For more information, please contact the Youth Pride Alliance at:

(202)546-5940 x.150 or

ypaoffice@youthpridedc.org.

Youth Pride Day

Saturday, April 13, 2002

www.youthpridedc.org

KhushDC Board meeting

Friday, May 3, 2002 • 6:30 p.m.

Come plan DC Pride & more Khush fun.

Chutney Fridays

Friday, May 3, 2002 • 7:00 p.m.

Come and watch the May flowers bloom while joining your favorite Khushies for refreshments at Titan's—upstairs from Hamburger Mary's, 1337 14th St, NW (202) 232-7010. For a map, visit: www.khushdc.org

International Retreat for LGBTQ Muslims May 24 - 27, 2002

Al-Fatiha will be holding its 3rd International Retreat for LGBTQ Muslims & their Friends in Washington, DC. Invited guests include Surina Khan, Joo-Hyun Kang, Asma Gull Hasan, and Rabbi Steven Greenberg. We are also expecting several delegates from Islamic countries to be in attendance (from Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Pakistan). E-mail mfaisalalam@yahoo.com for more information.

Satyajit Ray Film Series

Satyajit Ray Film Series continues. 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 visit:

<http://www.asia.si.edu/programs/film.htm>

Devi/The Goddess (1960)

Wednesday, April 3 & 14, 7 p.m.,

NMWA

Mahanagar/The Big City (1963)

Friday, April 5, 2:30 p.m. NGA

Seemabaddha/Company Limited (1971)

Friday, April 5, 7 p.m. FGA

Teen Kanya/Three Daughters (1960)

Sunday, April 7, 2 p.m. FGA

Chiriakhana/The Zoo (1967)

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m. LC

Shatranj Ki Khikari/

The Chess Players (1977)

Friday, April 12, 3 p.m. NGA

Jana Aranya/The Middleman (1975)

Friday, April 12, 7 p.m. FGA

The Inner Eye (1972)

Bala (1976)

Shakha Proshaka/

The Branches of the Tree (1990)

Saturday, April 13, 3 p.m. NGA

Aranyer Din Ratri/

Days and Nights of the Forest (1969)

Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. FGA

Special Guest: Sharmila Tagore

Nayak/The Hero (1966)

Monday, April 6 & 15, 3 & 2 PM. NGA

Special guest: Sharmila Tagore

(15th only)

Author Appearance-Suranjan Ganguly

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. FGA

Kapurush/The Coward (1965)

Mahapurush/The Holy Man (1965)

Friday, April 19, 3 p.m. NGA

Charulata/The Lonely Wife (1964)

Sunday, April 21, 2 p.m. FGA

Abhijian/The Expedition (1962)

Sunday, April 21, 5 p.m. NGA

Ghare Baire/

Home and the World (1984)

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m.

NMWA

Ganashatru

The Enemy of the People (1989)

Friday, April 26, 3 p.m. NGA

Panel Discussion

Friday, April 26, 7 p.m. FGA

Satyajit Ray (dir. Shyam Benegal)

Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m.

NMNH

Agantuk/The Stranger (1991)

Sunday, April 28, 2 p.m. FGA

Join the discussion...

A new discussion group is starting up. The main topic: "What does it mean to be gay/bi and desi?"

Open only to self-identified queer/gay/bi/desi/south asian guys.

**For more information, contact
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Khush in the Kitchen

Khush in the Kitchen's on Spring Break, but will return soon with more tasty recipes to entice your palettes.

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