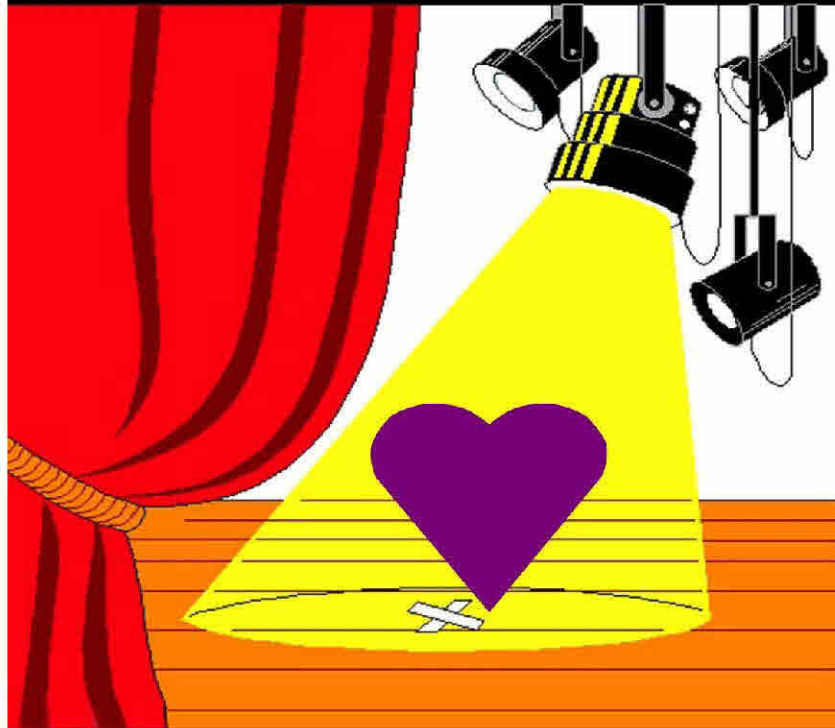


# Dreams of Hope

A Queer Youth Performing Arts Troupe



**Out at Work Out at School**

**January 27, 2008 • 4 pm**

Black Box Theater • CAPA High School  
111 9th St., Downtown Pittsburgh

**Free reception to follow**

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**Double Life**  
by Angelito Aya

Come and I will show you a double life  
A life of skirts to collared shirts  
A life of hiding for safety  
A way of saying hello in two worlds  
Makeup to cologne  
Cammies to wife-beaters  
Two-pieces to trunks  
Periods to dramatic voice change  
Heels to sneakers  
Tight flairs to baggy jeans  
PINK to BLUE  
It's no easy transition  
But a lot of rejection and not enough great reactions  
I've been rejected from churches  
Youth groups and parties, bathrooms, and sports  
No it's not like AIDS, it's sometimes even worse!  
It might not kill you by itself,  
But it will drive you to deadly suicide  
With one look from another eye  
You could be a girl or a guy  
Never sure which one to go by  
But for transgender people, life is just another word for SUFFER  
It's not a choice to be trapped in the wrong skin  
But it's a blessing to see two worlds at the same time  
But to me it's a different way of life

## Gender Identity

by Dreams of Hope with Ted Hoover

### Characters

Kaity  
Joe

Renee  
Lora/Jordan

Claire

*Back story: Two neighborhood teams play a basketball game. LORA is new to the street and this is her first game. The teams play and LORA has scored the winning point. The scene starts immediately following the game.*

*Team enters enthusiastically, Stage Left.*

KAITY: We creamed them.

RENEE: Yeah, we crushed them.

CLAIRE (*to JORDAN*): Great shot!

JOE (*to JORDAN*): That was a nice pass.

RENEE (*to JORDAN*): They couldn't block you.

KAITY: Jordan, you're a beast!

RAYNA: I'm so glad you're on our team.

CLAIRE: I'm so glad you moved here!

ALL: Yeah!

JOE: (*to JORDAN*) I saw you checking out that Robinson girl!

LORA: Yeah, she's hot!

ALL: Ooh!!

RENEE: Hey, let's get something to eat.

ALL: Yeah.

LORA: Hey, I need to go to the bathroom first.

JOE: The bathroom's that way.

*Crosses Downstage.*

LORA: No, it's this way.

JOE (*points to girls' room*): That's the girls' bathroom.

LORA: Yeah. I know.

JOE (*turns to face JORDAN*): Well, then why are you going there?

LORA: I'm a girl.

*Everyone looks at JORDAN.*

RAYNA: You're a girl?

LORA: Yeah.

KAITY: But, you look like a guy.

LORA: I'm a girl.

CLAIRE: But, you act like a guy.

LORA: So?

RENEE: What about your clothes?

LORA: I LIKE MY CLOTHES.  
JOE: What about the Robinson girl?  
LORA: What about her?  
JOE: You said she was hot.  
LORA: She is.  
JOE: So . . .  
LORA: I'm a lesbian.  
RAYNA: You're gay?  
CLAIRE: That's nasty!  
KAITY: You need therapy!  
RENEE: You're going to hell!  
JOE (*to others*): Come on, let's go.  
ALL: Yeah, let get out of here . . .  
LORA (*as all others leave*): I'm still me.

## Homo High in Homoville, PA

by Dreams of Hope with Ted Hoover

### Characters

Students                      New Straight Girl

*Setting: School lunchroom.*

*All get food and sit around talking.*

*There is news of a new student who is heterosexual.*

STUDENT: This food sucks

STUDENT: I swear I just saw something move

STUDENT: Did you hear?

STUDENT: What?

STUDENT: About the new girl?

STUDENT: What about her

STUDENT: She's straight!

*Big gasp from everyone.*

STUDENT: That's disgusting

STUDENT: They let someone like that in Homo High?

STUDENT: This isn't Hetero High!

*All laugh.*

STUDENT: She better not sit here.

*She comes over and everyone is quiet, all look at her.*

NEW STRAIGHT GIRL: Hi.

ALL STUDENTS (*halfheartedly*): Hi.

STUDENTS: Is it true?

NEW STRAIGHT GIRL: Is what true?

STUDENT: That you are straight

NEW STRAIGHT GIRL: Yes

STUDENT: What does your family think?

STUDENT: Does your Mamma know you're straight?

STUDENT: Are your parents heterosexual?

STUDENT: What's it like being straight?

STUDENT: You don't like girls?

STUDENT: You need a therapist?

STUDENT: You know you're going to Hell?

STUDENT: This isn't Hetero High

STUDENT: Is it contagious?

STUDENT: We need to get you some butch clothes. You could be really handsome.

