

Halifax Sexual Health Centre's Not so Serious Side of Sex #2!

Name the first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time television.

What is the average amount of time spent kissing in a lifetime?

What animal has 30-minute orgasms?

Those were just some of the questions that were asked of our "sexperts" by hilarious host Cory Bowles in **The Not So Serious Side of Sex! #2**, a fundraiser for the Halifax Sexual Health Centre. They tackled those questions – and many more – in the Ultimate Sex Quiz, one of several highlights at the lively evening April 26 at the McInnes Room. **Cory Bowles**, who was our MC for the evening, is an actor/dancer/musician you'll recognize from *Trailer Park Boys* and other projects. He enjoys video games and poutine -- and believes there should be an emperor of Halifax, a position he would gladly fill.

Sexperts included:

Maggie Haywood manages Venus Envy, an education-based sex shop and bookstore. Maggie loves her job because "people rarely shop for sex toys when they're grumpy."

Rachel Dodds is a weekly radio show guest on Q104 and owner/creator of Sexy Girl Inc., a Halifax-based home party service for women, which provides healthy sexual attitudes.

Hugo Dann has been a proudly out & queer actor and activist for more years than he cares to count. In addition to working with Halifax's 2b theatre company as an administrator, he chairs Halifax Pride's 20th anniversary celebration.

Rosie Porter is a Realtor with Royal Le Page Atlantic. She honed her negotiating skills at AIDS NS in the early '90's, where she tried to convince teenagers to use safer sex practices.

Charles Crosby is a novelist and playwright. His recent work ranges from "Porn Shoppe", a play set in an adult video store to "The Whores", a play about sex workers to "italics, mine", a novel about an obsessive compulsive who can only feel at ease in the world of S&M. His new novel "Backspin" is now in bookstores. In his other world he is spokesperson for Dalhousie University.

Richard Wassersug is an anatomist and sexologist at Dalhousie University and part of CBC radio's Maritime Noon's science panel. He studies, among other things, the weird behaviors of lizards, tadpoles, and eunuchs.

Michael Best is a writer, actor and comedian from Halifax. He can be seen on CBC TV's Living Halifax decorating cakes, deep frying marshmallows, bedazzling t-shirts and being spanked with riding crops...among many other daytime adventures in and around our fine city.

Anne Pickard is HandyGirl, a multiple-media artist, teacher, clothing designer, puppet maker, builder, wet nurse and comedian. She works in art and design education at NSCAD University, and is as comfortable with a welding torch as she is with a sledgehammer, compostor or crochet hook.

Stephanie Domet is a writer-broadcaster, often heard on CBC radio. Her novel *Homing* was released by Invisible Publishing last year.

Along with the quiz, the evening featured lively acts by African Dancer Mufaro Chakabuda, swing dancers Meagan Lanchbery and Kathryn Duffy, a drag performance by Miss Vicky and a surprise performance by board member, Charles Hsuen. Then, Gypsophilia, Halifax's most outrageous party band entertained us with its' passionate, exciting and sophisticated sound!

If you were not able to make the event, but would like to make a financial contribution to The Halifax Sexual Health Centre, please visit the website at www.HalifaxSexualHealth.ca, or call 455-9656 ext 11.

Many fantastic prizes were auctioned off throughout the evening, including two return Comfort Sleeper Class tickets for travel between Halifax and Montreal on board VIA Rail. There was something for everyone!

Our generous auction donors included; Boston Pizza, Wooden Monkey, Gentle Touch, MLA Marilyn More, Twinings Tea, Colours, Drala Asian Books and Gifts, Biscuit, Kalapa Cha, My Mother's Bloomers, Margot Schenk, Tempest Restaurant, EMC, MacQuarrie's Jewellery, Kate Gillard, Mary Kay, Wish Salon and Day Spa, Charton Hobbs Wines, Kent Building Supplies, PMA Wines, Tango Nova, Sexy Girl, Nubody's, Century Computers, A & N Electronics, Bishop's Cellar, Stride Gum, Kathy Young, Neat and Tidy Housecleaning, The Computer Guy, Forest Hill Drug Mart, McKenzie Tae Kwon Do, Shambhala Centre, Plaid Place, Just Dressed Catering, Summit Day Spa and Wellness Clinic, author Lesley Choice, The Italian Gourmet, Please Mum, Charm Diamond Centres, Leslie and Allan Shaw, Danny Tam – dentist, Belindance Belly Dance Studio, Details Nail Salon, and Marla Cranston. Many thanks to these donors for making this a great fundraising event and please support these companies!

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See you next year at The Not so Serious Side of Sex #3!