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**2006 Tupilak, ILGCN, Humanist Awards Announced:**

## International Cultural Festival in Stockholm

*Stockholm* – Music, performances, photography, and lectures – as well as Nordic and international award presentations -- were part of the first **Moonbow Winter Solstice** cultural festival in the Swedish capital on December 21, 2006 at **Café Galleri Aguéli** – a favorite spot for rainbow events in the city.



Song, music and movement were provided by Sweden's **Anna Rosén** and **Gurdrun** of folk-music fame, and special presentations were made about rainbow cultural battles over the last year in **Turkey, Alaska, the Faroe Islands, and Eastern Europe**, as well about the world **Humanist** movement's support for rainbow rights. Photography was provided by **Vlad of Minsk** and Sweden's **Willi Reichhold** from his recent photo safari to Egypt. *(Continued on page 3)*

*Sweden's Anna Rosén*

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**Last Nordic region approves anti-discrimination law:**

## Faroe Island Activist Receives 2006 Thor's Hammer

*Torshavn* -- Faroes gay activist, **Rasmus Rasmussen**, has received **Tupilak's** annual men's award – **Thor's Hammer** for outstanding rainbow cultural and human rights contributions. The popular radio presenter was beaten up by homophobes and threatened with death after coming out -- incidents which helped launch a successful Nordic-wide campaign demanding that the Faroese parliament overcome earlier reluctance and adopt anti-discrimination legislation to bring the islands into line with the rest of the Nordic region.

The award motivation from the Nordic rainbow cultural organization is: "...for the courageous defense of rainbow rights and identity – especially sensitive when it involves a well-known and popular radio presenter or member of the vulnerable *(Cont. on page 3)*

*Visiting Swedish singer Johan Christensson (far left) has handed over the Tupilak diploma to Faroe islander Rasmus Rasmussen, joined by his father, Mortan, who has provided crucial support to his son.*

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## German, Swede and Canadian Honored with 2006 'Orfeos'

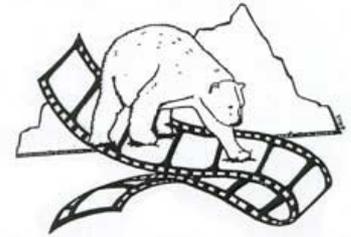
*Stockholm:* The winner of the **ILGCN 2006 'Orfeo Iris'** award for research and information on Nazi and neo Nazi persecution of homosexuals is **German** writer and historian, **Professor Günter Grau** of **Berlin** while the annual **ILGCN music award, 'Orfeo Musica'** has gone this year to **Gudrun** of *(continued on page 4)*

Cinamateket of Swedish Film Institute, Gothenberg Film Festival Honored:

## 2006 Polar Bears to Stockholm, Gothenberg

**Tupilak**, the organization of Nordic rainbow cultural workers, has given its annual **Polar Bear** award for outstanding rainbow film production and distribution jointly to **Cinamateket** of the **Swedish Film Institute** in Stockholm and to the west coast **Gothenberg Film Festival**, Sweden's official international event of its kind.

The motivation at the Stockholm ceremony for **Cinamateket** is: "...for year's long, enthusiastic and remarkable support of rainbow films and film makers -- confirming that these are a crucial part of global film identity and history (denied by Hollywood for half a century and still outlawed and oppressed in many parts of the world).



"... for not only screening films but bringing giants of rainbow film production to the premises of the **Swedish Film Institute** in Stockholm ... such as **Per Paolo Passolini** of Italy, **Vito Russo** of the USA and **Rosa von Praunheim** of Germany -- for an essential and mutually enriching dialogue with the audience and the press ... and for helping confirm that films are one of the most powerful weapons against destructive phobias of all kinds, and against intolerance and ignorance and for combating perhaps the most dangerous enemies of all -- silence and invisibility."

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The **Polar Bear** prize was born at the **Berlinale International Film Festival** -- where the first **Polar Bear** prizes were presented, along with the gay **Teddy Bear** (awarded to films -- not to individuals or festivals) and the Berlinale's own **gold** and **silver bears**.

Earlier **Polar Bear** award winners include the late **Manfred Salzgeber**, veteran of the Berlinale and pioneer distributor of AIDS and other films; American pioneer film director, **Barbara Hammer**; American directors **Rob Epstein/ Jeffrey Friedman** (known also for the documentary, "**Paragraph 175**," German pioneering director, **Rosa von Praunheim**; French film director, **Lionel Bernard**, whose work includes "**Homophobia, that painful problem**" and American director **Moises Kaufman** and **Tecto Theater Project**, behind the theater play and film "**The Laramie Project**," and to film directors **Irina Sizova** of Belarus and **Cecilia Neant-Falk, Mia Engberg** and the **Uppsala Short Film Festival** of Sweden.

**Polar Bears** have also been awarded to pioneering homo film festivals in **Iceland, Latvia, Estonia, Denmark** and **Sweden**. The festival in **Bucharest** was stopped by armed police with dogs.



### Freedom Photos

ILGCN Information Secretariat, Stockholm

**Vlad of Belarus** ... "concripts in the rainbow army of liberation in the last dictatorship of Eastern Europe"



### Willi Reichhold, Sweden

... "Over- the-rainbow images from Cairo, Guatemala City, Stockholm"

Sales: Festivals at Södra Teater & Galleri Aguéli, Stockholm,  
ILGCN world rainbow cultural conference (stage 1) - Vilnius, May 17, 2006

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(Nordic rainbow cultural workers)



## Faroe Island Activist Receives Thor's Hammer...

*(Continued from page 1)* .... mass media..... and for illustrating that the decision for to man the rainbow barricades -- even in the Nordic zone -- is often accompanied by intolerance, threats, brutality, violence and danger. ... and for launching an unprecedented debate at home and throughout the entire Nordic region, with many Nordic voices now demanding that the Faroese parliament pass anti-discrimination legislation and grant lesbians, gays and trans persons the same rights as all other citizens.

... and for helping pave the way for a different future at home -- and beyond -- since the battle for rainbow rights is never only local or even national, but is in integral part of a world-wide struggle involving friends and families, lovers and strangers ... and even those who still have to be convinced of the dignity and value of all human beings."

*Earlier Thor's Hammer awards have gone to outstanding artists, photographers, journalists, writers, actors, musicians & other gay cultural workers in the Nordic region -- from Iceland to Latvia, from Estonia to Sweden, from Norway to Finland to Denmark.*



## International Cultural Festival in Stockholm...

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during the event including



... **Tupilak** (*Nordic rainbow cultural workers*) awards presented the "2006 Polar Bear" going to the **Cinemateket** in Stockholm for both screening rainbow films and bringing giants of rainbow film making over the years to **Swedish Film Insititute** seminars. The award this year is shared with the **Gothenberg Film Festival**.

### *Danish & Swedish Chorographers, Turkish Publication Saluted*

The "Sowelu" award honoring outstanding women personalities of the Nordic rainbow cultural scene was shared by dance choreographers **Dorte Olesen** of Denmark and **Malin Hellkvist Sellén** of northern Sweden. Tupilak's "Heimdahl" award for mass communication went to Turkey's only LGBT publication "Kaos," whose editor faces a 3-year-prison sentence for spreading "pornography."

The Tupilak "Bifrost" -- for bridge-building between the hetero and homo worlds -- went to former *Swedish Left Party* leader and initiative of the new **Feminine Initiative Party**, **Guðrun Schyman**. Tupilak's homophobia or "Priapus Prize" went to the mayors of **Riga**, **Moscow** and **Chisenu** for banning Pride parades in 2006 and to the dictatorial president of **Belarus** for outlawing international rainbow contacts and arresting lesbian and gay activists.

### *Activists in Toronto, Jeruslaem Honored with Golden Tupilak*

This year's "Golden Tupilak" had already been presented to the giant, internationally-minded **Toronto Pride 2006**. The award is shared by **Jerusalem Open House** for its powerful efforts to combine and promote **Palestinian** and **Israeli** solidarity in the rainbow human rights struggle.

Among the ILGCN awards announced at the Stockholm event, this year's "Sappho in Paradise" -- awarded together by the **Paradise Press** in London and supporting literature, libraries and publishing -- is shared by the **Kyrgystan** lesbian publication, "Labrys" and the **Stockholm**-based lesbian publishing house, **Normal**.

"We're pleased with this more discrete, "moonglow" approach to the LGBT cultural scene and the much-needed moon light at this the darkest time of the Nordic year," says **Bill Schiller**, Tupilak Nordic secretary and secretary general of the **ILGCN Information Secretariat** in Stockholm. "Especially when the hot rainbow colors of the summer season sometimes overwhelm the scene. After all, **Moonbow** festivals started as alternatives to the then mostly commercial and provincially-minded **Stockholm Pride** -- and **Moonbow** energy has also traditionally been spread to our colleagues on the often more turbulent eastern side of the Baltic Sea."

Moonbow organizers include the **ILGCN Information Secretariat**, **Tupilak** (*Nordic rainbow cultural workers*), **Nordic Rainbow Council** and **Nordic Rainbow Humanists**.



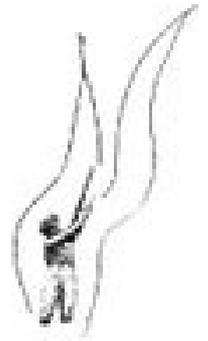
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ILGCN 'Orfeo Iris' Prize for Nazi epoch research, 'Ofeo Musica' Award:

**2006 Orfeos Honor German, Swede & Canadian...**

(from page 1) ... **Stockholm**, a highly-talented Swedish folk singer who has performed at a number of international events and Canadian chellist and composer, **Michael Gfroerer** of **Toronto**.

Professor Grau is the author of the highly-respected work, "**Hidden Holocaust**" and also participated in the ILGCN's first "**Nazi & neo Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals**" event in the Swedish capital. The Canadian musician has participated in a number of international events, has created the chello work '**Fires,**' and is presently working on a program together with the ILGCN for future inter national events.



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**ILGCN World Cultural Conferences 2007**



**Mauritius -- May**

**Vilnius - May**

**"Iran in Exile" (Toronto) - June**

**"Algeria in Exile" (Paris/Marseille) - October**

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**ILGCN Annual Awards:** *(Proposals welcomed at all Secretariats)*

**Rainbow Iceberg --** *(international work)*

**Clio's Silver Cup** *(LGBT history)*

**Orfeo Iris** *(research in Nazi & neo nazi persecution of homosexuals)*

**Grizzly Bear** *(work in ferocious homophobic situations)*

**Orfeo Musica** *(international musical co-operation)*

**Arco Nordica** *(Nordic co-operation)*

**Sappho in Paradise** *(libraries, publishing)*

**Orfeo Imago** *(graphic art & photography)*



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