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**THE NOVA SCOTIA BIG GAY WEDDING RECEPTION
GALA DINNER
SILENT AUCTION**

**Friday, November 26th, Pier 21, Halifax
Cocktails: 6:30pm Dinner: 7:30pm
Special MC featuring comedian Bette MacDonald
Keynote Guest Speaker NS NDP Leader, Darrell Dexter
A fundraiser in Support of the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project**

The people who brought you same-sex marriage are now throwing a “Big Gay Wedding Reception”.

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project is raising funds by throwing a gala dinner on Friday, November 26 at Pier 21 in Halifax.

Comedienne Bette MacDonald will host what promises to be an evening of celebration and good humour. Our keynote guest speaker will be the NS NDP Leader Darrell Dexter.

Tickets are \$75 apiece, or \$700 for a table of ten tickets. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact the Rainbow Action Project at 832-9100, or visit their website at www.nsrp.ca.

Following the evening is the **Happily Ever After Party** with your hostess starring **LuLu LaRude**, 10:30pm, **Club Vortex, 2215 Gottingen Street**. A celebration that will be delivered with an incredible line up of entertainment including **Katie Day, Somacorp, Karen Palmer & the Crash Patrol** is where everyone will be after the gala, to continue onward raising funds for NSRAP. This will be a spectacular evening with celebration in the hearts of everyone. Cover is \$5 at the door.

If you haven't already met NSRAP--allow us to introduce ourselves.

The Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project has been working since 1995 to advance the rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, two-spirited, transsexual, transgendered and queer people (a group that we like to refer to as “the Rainbow Community”—which, at the very least, rolls off the tongue a little more easily.)

We try to be a voice for the Rainbow Community in the press, and to carry our concerns to the government and the courts when required. On the political side, we've had the opportunity to work together with all three major parties, and to advise the government with respect to legislative changes which have been made to advance equality in Nova Scotia.

And of course, the issue that brings us here tonight—same-sex marriage. We're proud that we've been able to participate in, and build on, the accomplishments made on this front across Canada in the last few years. This particular struggle is not over, with a Supreme Court of Canada decision due soon and federal legislation to follow. But we like to think that we've contributed a lot to the struggle by bringing the national trend towards same-sex marriage home to Atlantic Canada.

As a non-profit organization, we operate by shamelessly exploiting the time and resources of dedicated volunteers. And, the wallets, purses, and pocketbooks of generous people like the ones attending tonight's event. We wholeheartedly appreciate your support, and we hope you continue to help us out in our work for equality in Nova Scotia.

Now that we've officially met, we hope you feel like getting to know us a little better!

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