

Introduction

At UC Riverside's performances of The Coming Out Monologues, we post huge, blank butcher-paper banners on the back walls and invite the audience to "sound off" during intermissions. Here is what they wrote in 2007 to 3 prompts.

COMING OUT MONOLOGUES 2007-AUDIENCE SOUND OFF – HOW DID PEOPLE REACT WHEN YOU CAME OUT TO THEM?

"WHAT!?"

We kind of already figured.

OMG...Can we have a 3-some?

DINAH VIRGIN!

MOM: IS MELISSA YOUR GILRFRIEND THEN?

LAUGHTER

MOM: "IT'S OK AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR GRADES UP."

THAT'S A RELIEF – I THOUGHT YOU WERE PREGNANT OR A
REPUBLICAN!!

DUH!!

"SO WHAT?"

"IF THE FAMILY REALLY KNOWS YOU THEY SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED" –
COUSIN LAURA.

"REALLY?'

"YOU ARE DEAD TO ME"

"IT'S OKAY HONEY. I KNEW, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO TAKE ME TO THERAPY
FOR THIS."

"I AM NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT IT"

"I THOUGHT SO."

"CAN I GO TO BED NOW?"

“ARE YOU SURE?”

I...I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT. YOU KNOW WHEN I MADE THOSE COMMENTS.
UH – SORRY?

“THAT'S IT? I THOUGHT YOU WERE DATING AN AXE MURDERER OR
SOMEONE ALREADY MARRIED?”

“YOU'RE GOING TO BE A PEDOPHILE AND MOVE TO SAN FRANCISCO,
AND GET AIDS.”

YOU'RE NOT GAY, REALLY, YOU'RE NOT.

YOU PLAYED FOOTBALL!!!

“I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT!! (SILLY DANCE)

HE HUGGED ME.

**COMING OUT MONOLOGUES 2007- AUDIENCE
SOUND OFF –
HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY?**

MEGA-QUEER

DINAH SHORE!

LIPSTICK LESBIAN (WITH DYKE HANDS!)

HOMO!

GAY!

LOVABLE

DYKE BITCH!

EXPERIMENTAL!

JURY'S STILL OUT!

BISEXUAL: (AND STILL A VIRGIN!)→I SECOND THE MOTION!... WAIT! ME
TOO!!

GAY!

QUEER AND DEAF!

QUEER

LESBIAN

IN LOVE WITH A WOMAN

ME

HELLO

BI

OMNISEXUAL

IT'S A SPECTRUM

PROUD

QUEER X3

HUMAN→ME TOO!

HELLA GAY

GENDER FUCK

HORNY!

Questioning the authority
Under which apparently
Everyone must love
Exactly the same...!
Refuse!!!!

LOUD!

BEAR!

COMPLETE!

INDEPENDENT

HAPPY!!

HOMOSESSUAL!

MOSTLY GAY!

LEBANESE

**COMING OUT MONOLOGUES 2007-AUDIENCE
SOUND OFF –
WHAT'S YOUR STORY-IN ONE SENTENCE?**

ON SUNDAY: MY MOM ASKED ME WHAT SHOW I'M WORKING ON AND I LIED. –A CREW MEMBER.

THIS IS MY STORY.

“ONE DAY AT A TIME”

MY NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR KISSED ME-AND I LOVED IT....

CLOSETED AEROSPACE LESBIAN WITH DYKE HANDS! (CURRENT SITUATION COME OUT 16YRS. AGO NOW WAY IN THE CLOSET!!)

TODAY WAS BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!

NO WORRIES.

I LOVE BARBIES!

FRIENDSTER, MYSPACE, I CHANGED MY PROFILE!!

I JUMPED MY SOFTBALL TEAMMATE AFTER A GAME!!!

I WOKE UP WITH A BONER AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF YOU!

ON THE DECK OF A CRUISE SHIP, AT 2 A.M., IN MY PJ'S.

IN THE BACK SEAT OF MY BLACK STATION WAGON WITH TINTED WINDOWS”

I SENT THE EMAIL FROM THE FIRST SCENE!!

I DON'T KNOW YET, IT'S JUST BEGUN....

I CAME OUT TO GET LAID!

PERPETUALLY EXPANDING MY HORIZONS.....