

**CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO PARTICIPATION OF A MINOR CHILD AT
OUTCASTING**

**OutCasting is a production of Media for the Public Good, Inc.,
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public media organization giving voice to
issues and perspectives underrepresented in the mainstream media**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

MFPG is pleased to be able to extend to your child an opportunity to participate in OutCasting, public radio's LGBTQ youth program, which investigates issues faced by lesbian, gay bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and by the LGBTQ community as a whole. We provide a forum for the open, honest, and respectful discussion of these issues while serving as a source of information and support for those in our audience who may be struggling to understand and deal with their own feelings of differentness or those of a friend, as well as for a general audience representative of the population as a whole.

The involvement of LGBTQ youth and their straight friends and allies in the creation of this program enables them to explore issues such as bullying, coming out, marriage equality, and hate crimes laws in the context of a regularly scheduled public radio program. The youths themselves write, produce, and host the show, with facilitation and guidance from MFPG. In the course of their participation, the youths receive training in areas such as operating the studio equipment, organizing a radio show, booking and interviewing guests, writing and speaking for broadcast, editing and assembling the program using analog and digital production techniques, and promoting the program. OutCasting attracts highly authoritative guests, and our young participants thus have the opportunity to talk personally with people who make a difference nationally and even globally.

The program is broadcast on more than 40 public radio stations across the country and is available online at MFPG.org and on iTunes. From time to time, other media do stories about OutCasting, including but not limited to television and printed and online publications, so information about the program extends to a larger public.

We recognize the sensitivity of this subject matter, which we believe is as important to straight people as it is to LGBTQ people, and we appreciate that a youth's involvement with such a program could lead to false assumptions about his or her sexuality or gender identity/expression. We therefore require all participants to use their first names only or pseudonyms on the air. Participants are also given the

option to participate in the program anonymously by, for example, having someone else read something they have written or participating only in the production aspects of the show.

More information about the program can be found at <http://mfpg.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Please indicate your consent to your child's participation in the program by completing and signing the attached form.

We appreciate your time and consideration, and we look forward to welcoming your child as a participant in this important program.

Sincerely,

Marc Sophos
Executive Director, MFPG
Executive Producer, OutCasting

Permission to Participate:

By signing this document, you are giving permission for _____ (the "~~participant~~Participant") to participate in the production of the radio program described above and related activities at MFPG (collectively, the "Program"). You are also representing that you are the parent or legal guardian of the ~~participant~~Participant and that you have the legal right to give this permission.

Release from Liability:

You and the ~~participant~~Participant hereby acknowledge that ~~the participant's~~ participation in the Program shall be at ~~your~~the sole risk of you and the Participant and, accordingly, you and the Participant hereby (i) waive and release MFPG and its directors, officers, employees, volunteers, legal representatives, agents and assigns (collectively, the "released persons") from any and all claims, causes of action, demands, liabilities, damages, costs or expenses of any nature, whether known or unknown (collectively, "claims"), arising from or relating to the ~~participant's~~Participant's participation in the Program (specifically including, but not limited to, claims arising from or relating to the negligence of the released persons), (ii) agree to indemnify, protect and hold harmless the released persons from and against any and all claims of third parties arising from or relating to the ~~participant's~~Participant's participation in the Program, and (iii) agree never to sue any of the released persons for or based upon any claim that is waived or released hereunder.

Media Release:

As the parent or guardian of the ~~participant~~Participant, you hereby grant MFPG and all other media involved in the production, dissemination, and promotion of the Program (the “~~related-Related media-~~Media”) the irrevocable, unconditional, and unrestricted right to record, ~~photograph, videotape,~~ and interview the participant and to use, publish, broadcast, and publicly display the participant’s first name ~~or a pseudonym (as indicated below)~~, voice, and any or all of the broadcast material in any of MFPG’s and the ~~related-Related media’s~~Media’s programming or publications, or the promotion thereof, as indicated in the check boxes below. In addition, you agree that the rights granted herein shall include the perpetual, worldwide right of MFPG and the ~~related-Related media~~Media to edit, broadcast, telecast, cablecast, rerun, record, publish, reproduce, use, syndicate, license, print, and distribute for any purpose, in any manner and in any medium or forum now known or devised in the future, the material or any portion thereof without payment of consideration.

Please indicate your media release permissions for MFPG and the ~~related-Related media~~Media by placing a check mark in the appropriate boxes below:

I hereby grant permission to MFPG and the ~~related-Related media~~Media for the use of my child’s

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| comments | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| voice | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| name | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | first name only | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | pseudonym | |

Participant Name	Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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