

# Performer to sing the blues at The Q

■ **Annette Murrell** honors two of the greatest female jazz singers, Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith.

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For the second year, Lincoln's "Queen of Blues" will be performing tonight at The Q, 226 S. Ninth St.

Annette Murrell will be performing the music of two great jazz performers, Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith, with such songs as "Do Your Duty" and "Do Nothing Till You Hear From Me."

Both Holiday and Smith, who are considered icons in the jazz world, were bisexual women who sang about love, heartache and life.

Both of the women had relationships with men and women, which is shown in some of the songs they performed, although not blatantly.

Murrell's performance, which not

only celebrates the music of the two women but also their sexuality, complements the Nebraska Gay/Lesbian Film Festival.

Murrell said although the film festival happens only during Gay History Month, education of gay, lesbian and bisexual rights should continue throughout the year.

"This country's policy on GLBT is one of discrimination and bigotry and oppression," she said. "As a community, we need to learn that gays are human beings who deserve equal rights and

should be able to walk down the street without being molested or killed even. They deserve access to health care and other benefits."

Murrell said she believes the festival, as well as the many events throughout the month, brings attention to the civil rights of gays in the community.

"This is something that has always been fought for," she said. "This is something we still fight for."

The concert begins at 9 p.m. and will continue until 11 p.m. There is no cover charge with a film festival pass.

## Concert Preview The Facts

What: Annette Murrell

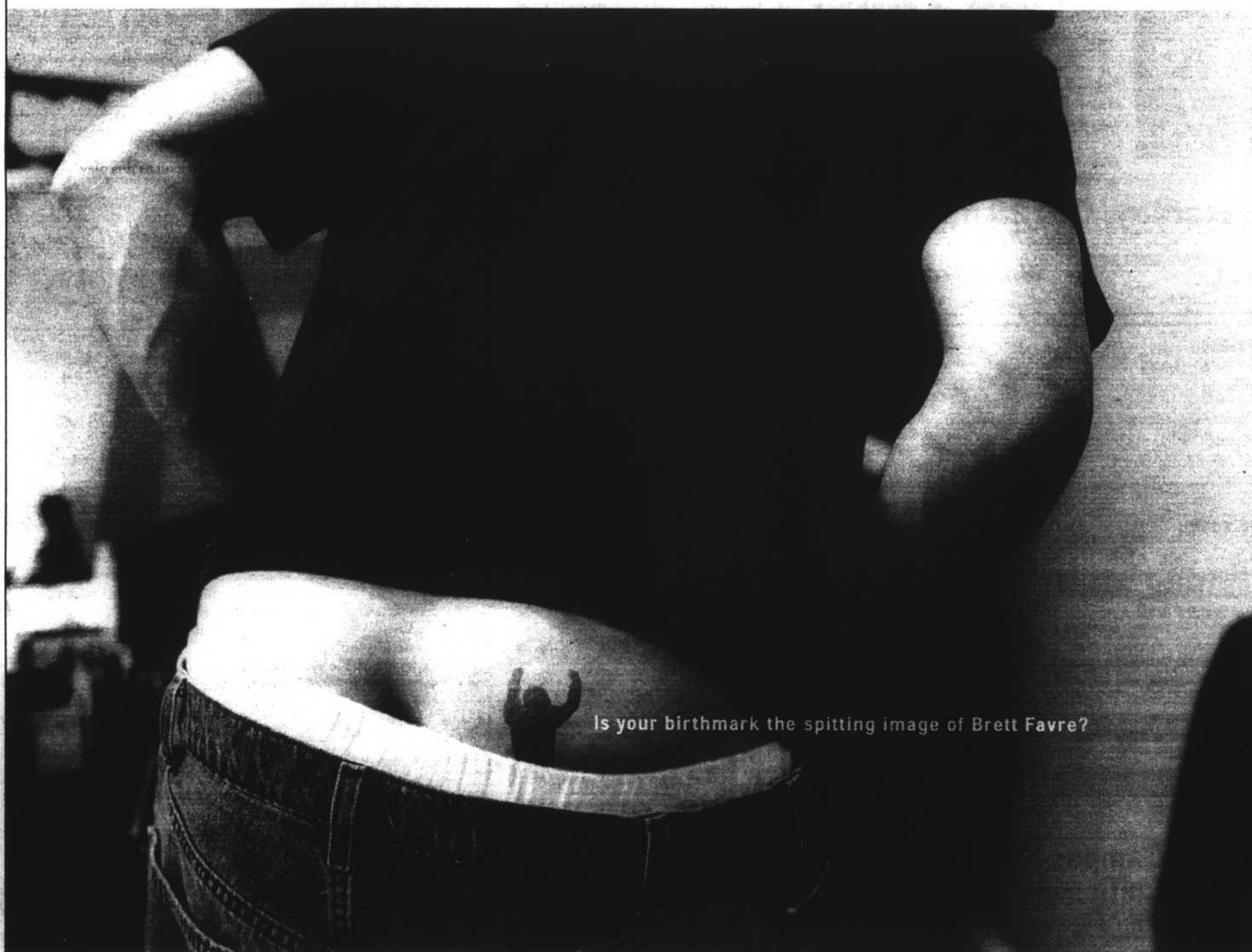
Where: The Q, 226 S. Ninth St.

When: Tonight at 9

Cost: No cover charge with a film festival pass

The Skinny: "Queen of Blues" performs music celebrating Billie Holiday and Bessie Smith.

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