

Hollywood actress complains her son turned out straight

Actress Camryn Manheim used a Human Rights Campaign awards dinner Sunday night to complain that her son turned out straight, telling the crowd she once thought she had a gay son "locked up."

Manheim, best known for her role on "The Practice," made the remarks while introducing longtime friend Marcia Gay Harden, who was receiving HRC's Ally for Equality Award, according to Fox News.

Harden has three children who identify as LGBTQ+, something Manheim joked had always made her jealous.

"I always wanted a gay son," she said.

Manheim then described the kind of mother she had imagined herself becoming.

"I love that relationship between gay sons and their mothers," she said. "I wanted to be the picket sign-holding mom who would beat the s* out of somebody for her kid."**

She then started listing all the reasons she once assumed her son, Milo, would be gay.

"I have photographs of my son in high heels, in full drag, he knows every word to every musical ever written," Manheim said, adding that his "fairy godfather" was sitting in the audience.

"I thought I had this f*ing thing locked up," she said. "But no, no, he's the only straight guy in his entire musical theater company."**

The crowd laughed.

Milo Manheim, 25, is an actor best known for starring in Disney Channel's "Zombies" franchise. He also appeared in the 2023 film "Journey to Bethlehem" and finished second on "Dancing with the Stars" in 2018.

Manheim was not done talking about other people's children and their sexuality.

She recalled Harden calling her roughly a decade ago to tell her that her son was gay.

“Oh my God, you are so f*ing lucky!” Manheim said she told her.**

That line drew applause.

Manheim said she later visited Harden’s home when a package arrived containing thigh-high patent leather boots.

“I thought, ‘Oh come on, now she is just showing off!’” she said.

The routine drew a much colder reception online.

Commentator Peachy Keenan wrote, “How do any straight males survive mothers like this? It’s a miracle some of them come out normal.”

Radio host Joe Pagliarulo responded, “These people are sick.”

Andy Froemel accused those involved of trying to “groom children,” while other critics focused on the obvious double standard of a parent openly celebrating one sexual orientation while expressing disappointment over another.

The Human Rights Campaign describes itself as the country’s largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization and says it works to elect candidates, mobilize voters and advance policies aligned with its agenda.

Its events program holds roughly 30 fundraising dinners each year and reaches more than 20,000 attendees, according to the organization.

HRC says those events help raise money, secure corporate sponsorships, promote candidates and keep activists engaged.

Neither HRC nor Manheim’s representatives had responded to criticism of the remarks at the time of the original report.