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Lesbians in spotlight

Couple marries at festival

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It was definitely third time's a charm for a San Francisco lesbian couple who enjoyed their first legal marriage at a Calgary theatre festival last night.

The ex-porn star/PhD sexologist and her sweetheart marked their third wedding at One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo, but it was their first legal union, as some U.S. states don't recognize same-sex marriage.

Annie Sprinkle and Elizabeth Stephens, a fellow artist and university professor, said their stop at Canadian

customs was emotional, given the philosophical shift it represented.

"We can't get married in California — what's so moving is to be treated as fully human in Canada," Stephens said.

"We're allowed to pay taxes in the United States, forced to fund that damn (Iraq) war, but cannot celebrate our love."

The marriage was celebrated at the Epcor Centre's Big Secret Theatre and included what the couple called a love-fest complete with more than a dozen performers from belly dancers to drag queens.

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