

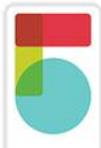
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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to extend best wishes to all attending Brooklyn Pride's 23rd Annual Pride Celebration this week.

For over twenty years, Brooklyn Pride has been dedicated to highlighting New York City's diverse and vibrant LGBTQIA+ communities. Since its inception, Brooklyn Pride has brought together thousands of local leaders, organizations, businesses and allies in honor of LGBTQIA+ Brooklynites. In addition, this year's Pride Week proceeds will be donated to LGBTQIA+ and civil rights advocacy groups across New York City.

Thank you to Brooklyn Pride for bringing us together this week to in celebration of our City's LGBTQIA+ communities. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.

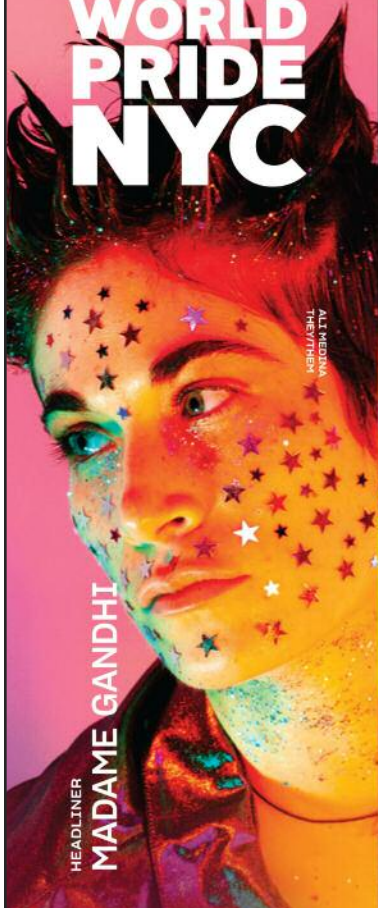
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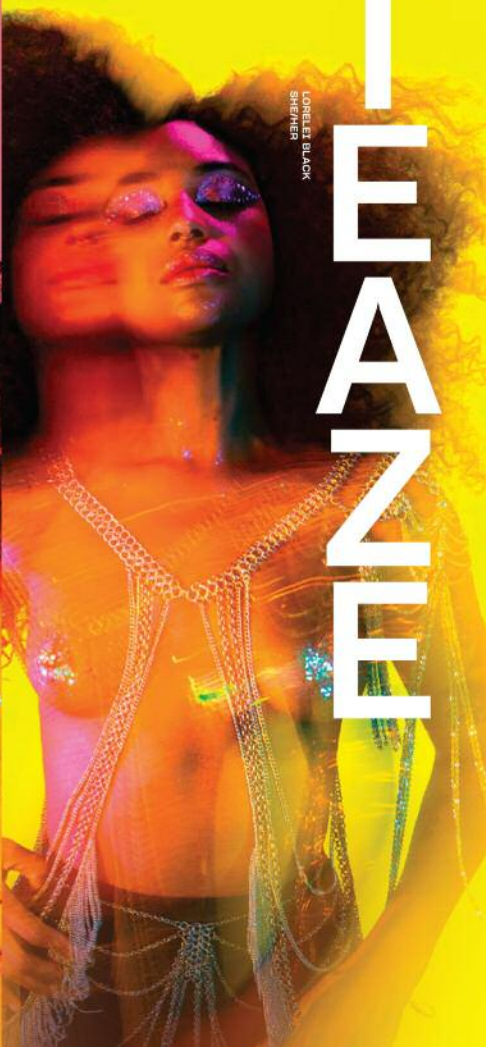


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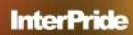
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Queer Liberation: The Legacy of Stonewall

by Paul Nocera

Late June 1969: disadvantaged gays rebelled against the rigged system of social control and condemnation in NYC. They demanded change from the NYPD, and by extension the city and the world.

Harkening back to the first march, the Christopher Street Gay Liberation Day March of 1970, the Reclaim Pride Coalition (RPC) calls for a Queer Liberation March on the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall, the last Sunday of June in 2019.

With "No Corporate Floats" & "No Police in Our March" as key components, the Queer Liberation March speaks to the authentic legacy of Stonewall. It stands as a stark contrast to the annual Pride Parade: a direct challenge to the corporation-saturated, police-directed, and sanitized event that runs over 9.5 hours.

The Queer Liberation March will reignite the legacy of Stonewall, centering our most marginalized communities and their members, and marking the struggles that faces us from lingering stigma and daily injustices. ▼

Rooted Theater Company

Rooted Theater Company was founded in the Fall of 2013 by Kareem Nemley and his husband Wilfredo Florrentino. Kareem, a native of East New York, Brooklyn, having always been involved and engaged in theater, noticed the lack of access to community theater in his community. Together with his husband, they conceived of a theater company whose mission it would be to produce socially relevant theater firmly rooted in the community's experiences.



Rooted's first production "A Lesson Before Dying" a play by Remulus Linney based on a novel by Ernest J. Gaines was produced to standing room only crowds at ARTs East New York in June of 2017. Since that production, Rooted has taken on a number of community-driven issues such as Female Empowerment, Gentrification, Colorism, Hyper-masculinity and arm chair activism.

Initially conceived as "Justice Theater Company" Rooted has become the premiere community theater in East New York, Brooklyn. Rooted is currently in their third year of seasonal programming. With the help of the Legal Aid Society, by the end of calendar year 2019, Rooted will be a 501c3 corporation. Rooted has also benefited immeasurably by the support of Brooklyn Arts Council and their occasional neighborhood collaborator ARTs East New York. Rooted envisions a season that not only including cutting edge theatre but, after school programs and programming for youth, elder-led productions, theater workshops, and much more!

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Jamie Farnam

Co-Chair

Jamie is a Jersey girl transplanted to Brooklyn 13 years ago. She currently resides in Park Slope and loves how eclectic the borough's neighborhoods are. She is a non-profit professional dedicated to LGBTQIA+ causes, and is so excited to have been able to merge these two passions by working with Brooklyn Pride for five years. It has been her tremendous honor to serve as co-chair of the board of Brooklyn Pride, Inc. for its 23rd year. She wishes to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and supporting partners. Without these folks, Pride simply does not happen. A giant XO to Jeana P. for all of her love, hard work, and support for Brooklyn Pride. You are the most amazing wife, gardener, and doggie mamma any flower could ask for!



Mickey Heller

Co-Chair

Mickey Heller, a Native New Yorker from the Bronx, has spent the last 35 years in Brooklyn. A graduate of the HS of Music & Art, Hunter College and Brooklyn Law School, Mickey has been practicing law for over 25 years. A founding board member of the Brooklyn Community Pride Center, Mickey has done volunteer work for a number of non-profit organizations, but says he is proudest of his work with Brooklyn Pride, Inc. He began with Brooklyn Pride, Inc. driving former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz' parade truck/float in 2007 and 2008. That led to volunteering in 2009 on the parade and 5K Run, and in 2010 he became, and currently serves, as the Parade Coordinator. Mickey became Co-Chair of Brooklyn Pride in 2012, Chair from 2013-2015 and is thrilled to be working with Jamie Farnam as Co-Chairs since 2016. Mickey also serves on the board of the Piper Theatre Company and has been proud to serve as the Fifth Avenue BID's "official" Park Slope Santa for the past five years.



Ariel Sanders

This Brooklyn native is super honored to be a part of Brooklyn Pride for another year! Being raised by her parents to always be warm, friendly, and helpful, coupled with strong community service values instilled by the Quaker High School education she received, Ariel could not be more excited to be volunteering for an organization that represents two of her biggest loves – Pride and Brooklyn! Ariel currently serves as Brooklyn Pride's Volunteer Coordinator. Editor's Note: – Ariel is a past, recipient of the VOTY - (Volunteer of the Year Award) for her amazing dedication and service to Brooklyn Pride!



Tyler Evertsen

Secretary

Tyler has led a very adventurous and eclectic life, and the road that has brought him to Brooklyn has been fraught with both highs and lows. While teaching at a local college part-time, his career in clinical social work keeps him engaged with many people throughout the boroughs. Additionally, he also serves on the NYU LGBTQ Alumni Network Board as well as contributing his time and energy to aid in keeping Brooklyn Pride a success. As if there weren't enough on the proverbial plate, he has resurrected his alter ego, the artist known as Tyler Alyxander (The By+ch of Brooklyn), and is currently rebuilding a brand that will both entertain and enthrall. The sky's the limit and the only way is up!



Mohammad Hamad

Prior to joining the board of Brooklyn Pride in 2015, Mohammad volunteered as a Stage Manager during the summer of 2014. He originally moved to New York from Boston to pursue graduate studies in sociology and remains invested in making quality education accessible to underserved people and communities. Aside from his



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involvement as a board member, Mohammad is the chair of our inaugural Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which aims to integrate and empower the most marginalized voices in the LGBTQIA+ community. Beyond Brooklyn Pride, he is an activist in the global movement for Palestinian human rights, enjoys the arts and plays the violin. ▼

COMMITTEE HEADS

Jess Kelly

Jessica, a recent Brooklyn Transplant, grew up in a volunteer family. From spending Christmas serving at a soup kitchen to tutoring at an orphanage, she was raised to believe you give back to communities you're a part of and believe it. When she landed in Brooklyn a year ago without knowing a soul, she immediately started searching for organizations she supported and could give a helping hand to. Brooklyn Pride took her in with open arms and granted her the opportunity to help bring the LGBTQIA+ community together.



Cam Moore

Cam migrated to New York from Florida. Since being in New York she participated in several groups that focused on planning events within the Lesbian community. Cam is currently the PR director for the S.W.A.G Enterprises meetup organization, where they host community events in NY and around the world. She also has a background in the theatre and spent many years working for Universal Studios Florida. This love for theatre brought her to volunteer with Brooklyn Pride as a Stage Manager in 2016. As of 2018, she accepted an invitation from the Brooklyn Pride Board and she will work on supporting many events with the Brooklyn Pride team. ▼



PARADE MC

Ron B

Ron B is a nationally known transgender actor and activist who sits on three national committees for SAG/AFTRA; executive producer and host of No Boundaries; Up Close and Personal on Spectrum Television; celebrity tribute artist (Tina Turner); and official MC of the Brooklyn Pride Parade. She served on the national LGBT Committee for nine years and currently serves on the national Native Americans Committee. Ron is the longtime host of the original LGBT Expo and was recently appointed to the SAG/AFTRA EEO and Diversity Committee. She is a former grand marshal for Staten Island Pride and Brooklyn Pride and the first transgender MC/Host for the City Council LGBT Pride Celebration. Most recently, Brooklyn Pride created the "Ron B, Simply the Best" Superlative Award in honor of Ron B, which celebrates a standout community group during its annual parade. Assisting RonB at the Parade Reviewing Stand will be Chip & Joseph John-Justin. ▼



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Alphonso B. David

Alphonso B. David is an attorney, law professor and policy advisor with significant litigation and management experience in the public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.



In 2015, Mr. David was appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo to serve as Counsel to the Governor. In this role, Mr. David functions as the Governor's chief counsel and principal legal advisor, and oversees all significant legal and policy deliberations affecting New York State including evaluating proposed legislation; implementing laws and policies; and formulating the State's posture in both affirmative and defensive litigation.

Prior to his appointment as the Governor's Chief Counsel, Mr. David served for four years in the Governor's cabinet as the Deputy Secretary and Counsel for Civil Rights, responsible for a full range of legal, policy, legislative, and operational matters affecting civil rights and labor throughout the State. Mr. David also previously served as Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights for the Office of the New York State Attorney General, and as Deputy Commissioner and Special Counselor at the New York State Division of Human Rights.

Mr. David served as a staff attorney at the Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund where he litigated precedent setting civil rights cases across the nation affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals as well as those living with HIV. He handled both affirmative and defensive matters relating to marriage, parenting rights, discrimination in schools, and access to health care. He began his legal career as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Clifford Scott Green in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

For the past decade, Mr. David has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law. He began his work in academia with Fordham University Law School and most recently with Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, teaching "Constitutional Law: Sexuality and the Law."

Mr. David is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Temple University School of Law. ▼

Desmond is Amazing & Mom Wendy Napoles

Desmond is Amazing (Desmond Napoles) is an 11-year old drag kid, LGBTQ+ advocate,



outspoken gay youth, editorial and runway model, public speaker, performer, designer, and founder of the first ever drag house for drag kids, Haus of Amazing. He is an inspiration to many and a representation of hope for the future to come.

Desmond first developed an interest in dressing up and impersonating characters when he was still a toddler. Soon, he discovered RuPaul and the rest was herstory. He made his professional "drag" debut in Jinkx Monsoon's video for the "Bacon Shake" when he was 7 years old. He continues to perform on stage and at events.

Desmond is an awarded LGBTQ+ advocate whose goal is to teach others how to be themselves and pay the haters no mind because they "will never be as fierce as you and I". He received the Marsha P. Johnson Don't Be Outraged Be Outrageous award from Heritage of Pride for his work in the community.

Additionally, he has slayed the runways at NYFW, including Gypsy Sport, The Blonds x DisneyVillians, and Nicopanda's MAC Cosmetics collaboration with Macy's. Desmond is breaking the age, identity, and gender boundaries of the fashion industry.

Desmond has recorded his first music single "We Are All Amazing" and recently completed writing a children's book for Macmillan Children's Publishing Group called "Be Amazing" to be released Spring 2020. Desmond's motto is "Be Yourself, Always". Wendy Napoles is Desmond's mom, costumer, biggest supporter, and Dragager (a Drag Momager). ▼



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Grand Marshals cont d

Kate Barnhart

Executive Director
New Alternatives
*Kate Barnhart, Executive Director,
New Alternatives*



Kate Barnhart is a long-time AIDS activist and member of ACT UP/NY who has been arrested multiple times for acts of civil disobedience, protesting issues related to AIDS, health care, and police brutality. She has worked with at-risk youth since 1994, including six years working with young felons at CASES, an alternative-to-incarceration program. Since 2001, she has worked with homeless LGBT youth. She spent five years serving as Director of Sylvia's Place, an emergency shelter for LGBT homeless youth, and is currently the Executive Director of New Alternatives for LGBT Homeless Youth, an organization she helped found in October 2008. In her free time, Ms. Barnhart rescues and rehabilitates stray cats.

5K RUN DIRECTOR

John Solano

John Solano, a native New Yorker who recently relocated to Brooklyn in 2016, is elated to join the Brooklyn Pride Committee as a Brooklyn Pride 5K Race Coordinator. An avid runner, John joins us after a two-year tenure as the Front Runners NY



Brooklyn Committee Chairperson, in which he successfully revived the Brooklyn Front Runners as a strong, eclectic group within the organization. He hopes to build upon the success of previous race directors' efforts to make the Brooklyn Pride 5K an exciting, inclusive, spectacular way to showcase all things Pride and Brooklyn. ▼

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Drag Queen

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Jamie
Farnam

What an honor to work with a group of people who have the passion to help Brooklyn Pride become an organization that serves all of Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ family. I see our volunteers and supporters increasing and helping us to bring new events to new parts of Brooklyn. We are hearing so many great perspectives on how to improve what we do even more.

This year's board has been burning their candles at multiple ends to make sure we are celebrating our proud past and working toward our prouder future. Jess, Cam, and John, I am so glad that you have joined us this year. Your energy and wisdom have made an immeasurable impact on the organization. Ariel, I am so happy to have your energy and enthusiasm as a part of this board and for all of our volunteers. Mohammad, your voice and and perspective are immeasurable as a part of our planning. Tyler, thank you for making the music happen. My co-chair, Mickey, your dedication and passion for this organization are inspiring. I love working with you in growing Brooklyn Pride.

There are some other key folks who have made this year's planning a little easier. Mark and Joanna from the 5th Avenue BID, Megan and all the folks at Brooklyn Works 159, Kim from Old Stone House, Eileen at Borough Hall, thank you all for making collaborating such a pleasure.

Lastly to our friends at Queens Pride, NYC Pride, and Staten Island Pride, thank you for all of your support on so many levels. Wishing you all a wonderful Pride season!



Mickey Heller

Looking at twelve years of involvement with Brooklyn Pride, I have had the honor to work with many incredible people, and establish some wonderful relationships. There are so many people to thank as we look back at year 23. To all of the sponsors and advertisers who have opened their hearts and purses to keep Brooklyn Pride afloat, your continued support enables Brooklyn Pride to continue to grow and expand its service to the community. To all of the volunteers; Pride could not go forward without the time you give. A special thank you and welcome to Cam and Jess for their work with the board, and John this year's 5K Run Director; your organizational leadership was incredible!

To the current board: thank you Tyler and Mohammad for another year. Ariel, you continue to grow as a leader, and your spirit and enthusiasm are incredible. My co-chair Jamie, thank you for your vision, patience and support as we continually strive for excellence.

Continued thanks to Michael, Marlene, and our entire AHF/OOC Family, Yvonne (TD Bank) Mark & Joanna (5th Avenue BID), Kim (Old Stone House), Jerry (78th Pct.), Rori (Pride Guide), Eileen (Borough Hall), and so many others; your support over the years has provided the foundation to keep us going. And of course to Queens Pride, NYC/ Heritage of Pride, Staten Island Pride, Bronx Pride, your guidance, support and generosity continue keep us all a Pride Family. And of course Lisa, Jackson and Oluyai, you mean the world to me.

To anyone I might have missed specifically, and to everyone who attends Pride, whether throughout the year or throughout Pride Week, thank you, thank you, thank you. I am humbled and honored to be able to serve this fantastic Brooklyn Pride Family!



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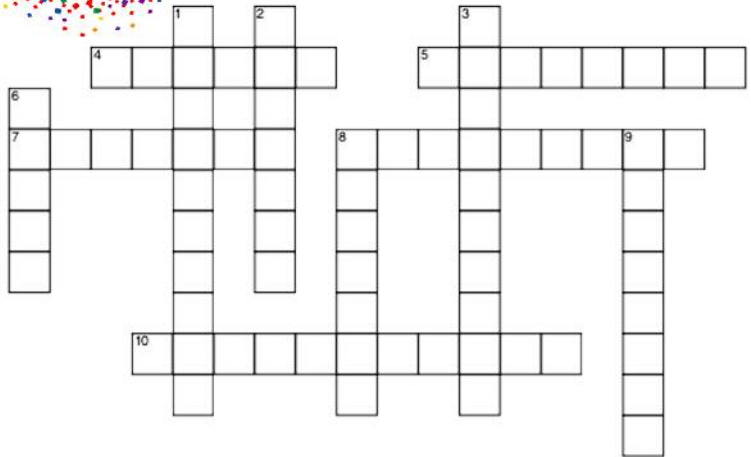
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- 4 Who was the first openly gay man elected to public office in the US?
- 5 The most populous Borough.
- 7 What is the first Latin American country to legalize gay marriage?
- 8 Historically gay neighborhood in Manhattan.
- 10 In 2001, what was the first country to legalize gay marriage?

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- 1 What was Brooklyn's name in the early 1600's?
- 2 Brooklyn's twin city.
- 3 Which neighborhood is considered "Little Poland"?
- 6 In what language is the Borough's motto in?
- 8 Who invented the gay flag?
- 9 Brooklyn's minor league baseball team.

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New Community Organizations



'Plug'd

HCC's LGBTQ socialization program – 'Plug'd' - is designed to educate, empower and provide a safe, supportive and affirming space, and improve the health and well-being of gay and bisexual young men of color, transgender and other gender non-conforming individuals throughout Brooklyn's diverse communities. Under the Plug'd program, we offer:

- Community Outreach & Social Activities
- PrEP & PEP Education and Linkage Services
- HIV Testing & referrals for STI screenings & counseling for cis-gender men and transgender individuals
- Mental Health Services
- Peer program that mobilizes young gay and bisexual men of color, men who have sex with men, and other gender conforming individuals to shape a healthy community of themselves, build positive social connectedness and support their friends and peers to live healthier lifestyles.

They are a part of the Haitian-American Community Coalition, Inc., and located at 3807-3809 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203.

You can find out more info at their Website: <http://www.hccinc.org/lgbqt>, Facebook: <https://Facebook.com/PlugdBrooklyn> and Instagram: <https://Instagram.com/PlugdBrooklyn> ▼

Aces NYC

Aces NYC is a group for people on the asexual spectrum to find community, educate others, and spread awareness of asexuality.

Asexual people do not usually experience sexual attraction to others and/or do not usually feel any desire to have sex. Not to be confused with celibacy, asexuality is not a choice, but an innate sexual orientation. Approximately 1% of the world's population is asexual. The majority of aces identify with other LGBTQ identities, with 34% identifying as trans/non-binary. Sometimes called "the invisible orientation," asexuality is largely unknown and prone to be misunderstood by the wider world, and so creating awareness and correcting misinformation is important to the asexual community. Here in NYC, we are the only group for aces to come together and discuss topics important to us, many of which overlap with other orientations in the queer community, such as fears concerning coming out, dealing with

family and friends who aren't supportive or don't understand, having trouble finding romantic partners, how their asexuality intersects with other marginalized identities, etc. By participating in Pride, we hope to bring greater awareness to asexuality and let other aces know they aren't alone. Find us at [meetup.com/aces-nyc](https://www.meetup.com/aces-nyc), [acesnyc.org](https://www.acesnyc.org), [@aces_nyc](https://www.instagram.com/aces_nyc) on Instagram, or [@acesnyc](https://twitter.com/acesnyc) on twitter! ▼

Do Bisexuals Exist?

Even in this enlightened age of gender fluidity and gay rights, in many ways bisexuals remain invisible in society and even within the queer community (despite having a representative letter in LGBTQ). Here's a quick FAQ that demystifies some misconceptions about what it means to be bi.

Who is bisexual?

Anyone who is attracted to more than one gender.

Aren't bisexuals just indecisive about being gay or straight?

No, they are neither gay or straight. They are bi.

Are bisexuals greedy sluts?

Not any more than anyone else. Being attracted to more than one gender doesn't mean being attracted to everyone.

Is bisexuality just a phase?

This question deserves another: Is being gay or straight just a phase?

Are bisexuals attracted to men and women equally and in the same way?

It depends on the individual and usually varies over time. Preferring salad over steak for dinner doesn't make someone vegetarian, right?

Is there a correct way to be bi?

Of course not. It's up to the person. Some prefer the terms pansexual, omnisequal, gender fluid, queer, or even bi-curious.

So, yes, bisexuals are real, and they're probably more common than you might think!

For more information and to get involved, look for BiRequest on Meetup.com, and check out [birequest.org](https://www.birequest.org) and the New York Area Bisexual Network ([nyabn.org](https://www.nyabn.org)). ▼



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TUESDAY JUNE 4th • 6:30 PM – The Queer Question – A Panel Discussion

Public Library – 431 Sixth Avenue (8th Street)

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Everything was a lesson

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Heartbreak, heart attack, heart full
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And my first girlfriends' kisses

- JP Howard

JP Howard is the author of SAY/MIRROR, a Lambda Literary finalist, bury your love poems here and co-editor of Sinister Wisdom's Black Lesbians--We Are the Revolution! JP curates Women Writers in Bloom Poetry Salon, a NY-based forum, offering writers a monthly venue to collaborate. <http://www.jp-howard.com>
Ed. Note: JP Howard was also a 2018 Brooklyn Pride Grand Marshal



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Ambri

Ambri is an R&B singer/songwriter from Brooklyn, NY. Being passionate about empowering women, she uses her gift to uplift, to tell a story and to inspire. Ambri has been influenced by some of the greats throughout music history from Brandy, Beyoncé, Janet Jackson, Anita Baker, Aaliyah & the list goes on. She's had the privilege of collaborating with Grammy-winning writers such as Claude Kelly & Chuck Harmony (credits Rihanna, Michael Jackson), JFK (Beyoncé, etc.). Her music can resonate with even the most scrutinizing audience. Through her gift, opens a creative outlet for her self expression. She hopes to continue inspiring women to wear their crowns strongly but proudly.



Brian Falduto
 Brian Falduto (Country/Pop/Folk) is an Actor & Songwriter as well as an LGBT Life Coach & Advocate. He is best known for his role in the 2003 film School of Rock. In June 2018, Pridelife Magazine named Brian one of "20 most influential, outspoken, & optimistic individuals on the planet." His 1st ever studio album "Stage Two" is out now & available digitally everywhere. www.brianfalduto.com @brianfalduto #loveyourself #loveoneanother #lovelife



Arik Cavalli

Arik Cavalli is the reigning Mr. Starlite Royalty 2019 and the new Virginia All American Gent 2020. He is from San Marcos, TX now stationed in Staten Island, NY. Arik is currently serving the country in the United States Coast Guard. He has been a male entertainer since 2014 and has been able to perform across the country. Let's wish him well as he makes his journey to All American Gent 2020 in Daytona Beach, FL.



Bry Nt

BryNt began his career with the release of his controversial mixtapes "Porn Star" and "Porn Star II: The Director's Cut". He has also had the privilege to perform nationally and internationally opening for artists such as Fantasia, Lil' Kim, Teairra Mari, Tweet, Dawn Richard, RuPaul, and Young MA. His efforts in music have put the OUTMusic Award nominee at the forefront of an underground movement known as "Out Hip-Hop" consisting of open LGBTQ artists.



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Chanel International
 The Mother, The Advocate, The Activist, The Public Figure; an advocate & activist for the Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Community for the past 14 years, she has done plus size modeling as well as some acting. Chanel International is a well-known public figure with numerous documentaries, two certificates of merit from the Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. She is also Miss Long Island 2010 and Miss Fame Magazine 2016/17. Chanel is the Transgender Community Liaison to the NYC Commission on Human Rights, making her the only openly Trans Woman of Color working in City government. Chanel's aspirations are to run for either New York City Council Speaker or Public Advocate.



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Chix Appeal
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You can find us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/Chixappeal/>

Chris Sabatino

Chris Sabatino is a singer-songwriter from Ohio and has released 3 EPs which are available on iTunes, Spotify, and all online music platforms. His first single "Rockstar" reached number 55 on The FMQB Adult Contemporary Charts and was played on over 250 radio stations worldwide. Chris has done several live performances including the Ohio State Fair and he is extremely excited to be performing at Brooklyn Pride. More information can be found at ChrisSabatinoMusic.com.



Destiny Devine

Destiny Devine began her career in 2009 when she landed a starring role in a show called "ICONS" where she impersonated Beyoncé Knowles, Janet Jackson, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston, RuPaul and Nicki Minaj. The show ran in Provincetown Massachusetts in the summers of 2009; additionally, the 2010 show ICONS hit the off-Broadway stage at the Snapple Center in New York City. She has an extensive array of performing credits as well as in 2012 Destiny wrote, produced and performed two critically acclaimed shows: "2012, The Year of Love," and "The Emancipation of Dennis and Destiny." Destiny originated and teaches a Beyoncé Dance Workshop. Destiny has a cosmetic line.



Dollhouse

Latasha (Pound Cake)
Octavia (Tavi Baby)
Monica (Gorgeous Mo)
& Alicia (Leash) are 4 young ladies from Cleveland, Ohio, known as Dollhouse. They are vi-



brant, energetic and beautiful, writing their own songs and choreographing most of their dance moves. This year will mark 10 years with Cleveland Pride in their home town. They will be touring Brooklyn NY, Washington DC and Youngstown Ohio. Dollhouse has been one of several acts to open for major acts at other festivals in and out of their hometown such as Angela Winbush, Avery Sunshine, Najee, The Ojays, Trina, Party for Cat Washington of "Bad Girls Club" season 6 and many more.

Dolly Trolly

2019 has been exciting for Dolly Trolly! Their new album, "Dolly Trolly Does David Bowie,



Gospel of the Serious Moonlight" is a collection of obscure tunes from the late 60's recreated in a style unique to Dolly Trolly, (available at dollytrolly.rocks) These Brooklyn based queers are now working on their 4th studio album of original music celebrating their life & friendship through their signature blend of driving guitars, vocal harmonies & rockin' beats. They are thrilled to be back this year!

Freddie Cosmo

Freddie Cosmo is a singer/activist for LGBTQ homelessness from Bronx, NY. Cosmo is a regular performer at the world-famous Stonewall Inn since 2015. He's been featured in various blogs including gaystarnews.com. Cosmo hosts the weekly nightlife vlog Cult Con TV Weekly at www.cultureconciergeonline.com. He'll be performing tracks from his latest EP titled 'Elixir' available June 7th on all digital For more visit www.soundcloud.com/freddiecosmo and follow @freddiecosmo on Instagram.



Gary Ariel
Washington
Gary Ariel Washington

Is a proud native of Spanish Harlem, NY and graduate of Bowling Green State University with a bachelor and two graduate degrees. Currently, Gary works as an Independent contractor, freelance pageant coach of TEAM ICONS, Male Lead Entertainer, Stylist and Contributing writer for Rochester Women's Magazine as the Pageant guru. Also holding a very solid pageant career spanning 13 yrs, He is a 16-time titleholder in male contests; currently Mr. Florida ICON Continental, Mid-Atlantic All American Gent, Mr. Gay Pennsylvania America, Florida All American Gent, & New England Perfect Man.



Goldenchild
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Jesse Vega
Bronx resident Jesse Vega, born on Jan 10, 1990, is an American Actor/Dancer/Recording Artist and Talk Show Host. His music styles of Pop and Dance give audiences high energy, with catchy lyrics and sick infectious beats that will make you dance the night away. His latest single "Let Me" is an island Latin/Pop track on love at first sight and being in the moment that let your truest fantasies and desires take over your body. His LGBT anthem track "Beat Your Face" is song on the empowerment of makeup and how it can transform you into a brand new you. Jesse Vega can be found on Twitter/ Instagram @JesseV3ga for all updates on all his upcoming projects.



JoRa
We are the glitter-infused birth of gay love and transgender fury. We are punk rock and space vibrations, spreading the queer agenda through homemade guitars, drums, and screamo. Based in Manhattan, formed in 2016 consisting of Joanne Spataro on drums and vocals and Lara Americo on guitar and vocals.



Joshy
Born and raised in Germany, Joshy has had influence from all kinds of music, starting with gospel and jazz inspirations, and as dance and techno were becoming more a part of Hip-Hop and Pop, Joshy took those and explored his voice without limiting it to the confines of genres. Rapper, singer-songwriter, producer, actor, and an advocate for change and representation, Joshy is just getting started and may just be exactly what the world needs.



Kool Breed
Born in 1991. Kool Breed is an artist that really brings new meaning to the word diverse. As one of Indianapolis' favorites, she's been rewarded for her work in the studio and behind the decks, but Kool Breed's talents don't stop there. With her upcoming mixtape "Virgin Ears" hosted by Dj Gabby Love just around the corner, the anticipation created from the release of the first three singles from the Mixtape has been impressive. Reaching the top 3 in the ReverbNation local RnB charts, Kool Breed has built a stellar reputation. As she continues to grow as a musician with the support of her "Breed Bangin Wit Da Hitz" team the future is looking very exciting.

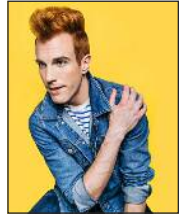


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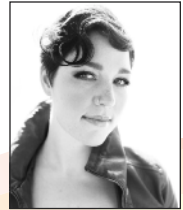
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Emi Grate

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Emi Grate is a Brooklyn-based drag artist and event producer, originally from Mandalay, Burma. She is the current-former-reigning Mr(s) BK. The influences on her work range from arts, crafts, folklore and mythology from East and Southeast Asia to Richard Wagner, Bertolt Brecht and John Cage. She is widely known for her community organization and identity politics, her interpretations of Celine Dion's music, her mischievous sense of humour and for not lipsyncing in some of her signature acts.

You can find her across all social media, including Venmo: @emigrate_drag.



Lailah Lancing
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Out, Loud, and Proud Transwoman, Singer/Songwriter, and nightlife personality Lailah Lancing has been a staple in NYC for nearly 3 decades! In her career she's been a part of all things fabulous from The 90's club scene, Legendary NYC Drag staple Lucky Cheng's, The Burlesque craze, and the cabaret circuit. She currently has a bi-monthly cabaret/comedy show at Park Slope's very own, New York Times acclaimed,



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she decided to move to New York to pursue her music career. Since then, she has performed with acts such as Substantial, Bop Alloy, QN5 Music, Tish Hyman, and KIN4LIFE. In February, Stephanie released her debut LP, "Songs About V"; it is currently available on all major streaming platforms.

TYM MOSS

TYM MOSS is a dynamic New York City performer. He is a Singer/Songwriter, Actor/Writer, Stage & Radio Host, Producer, etc. He has performed on stages around the country and appeared in film, TV and theater. He is the star

of the new musical feature film JUNK. Tym's Cabaret Show was a critically acclaimed success and he has taken it out on the road across the country. Hear him on his weekly internet radio show Artists Exposed with TYM MOSS. Find him on all social media Tym Moss... T-Y-M M-O-S-S



Vero G

Veronica Gonzalez AKA Vero G. is a 34 year-old, Latina, born and raised in the Lower East Side.

A Singer/Songwriter/Model/Actress/Poet/Host/Screenwriter in the genre of R&B mixed with Soul, and has just released her first single "Addicted". Vero G. has received awards and recognition for her hard work including the Medal of Courage from the Domestic Violence Unmasked

the Truth Event, recognition award for her performance at the LDM Women's Empowerment showcase, 2018 nominee for the LDM award show for POP and LATIN category and more to come. She also models, acts, hosts and does poems in her spare time



COMEDY SHOW LINE UP

Alysia Hush

Alysia is a San Antonio native that performs regularly at clubs all over the city. She cohost a popular Stand Up comedy strip tease show called Comedy Ugly and she has competed in festivals and competitions through the US. In her personal life, she owns two fish, Laura and Mary. Laura's a real asshole.



Justin Covington

Justin Covington is out, ripped, and nerdy, and he's gonna tell you all about it.

The Detroit native moved to New York City in 2017 and has been a steadily rising force in the comedy scene ever since. He was a featured performer in the Limestone Comedy Festival and was in Season 2 of the Netflix original, "Easy". Justin's easy-going and likable demeanor lets him tell even the most eyebrow-raising stories and bring down the house everywhere he goes.



Lois Thompson

(Host & Producer)

A founding member of Comic Diversity, Lois has performed at Caroline's, Gotham Comedy Club, Broadway Comedy, & Stand-Up NY to name just a few. She currently is the Producer & Host of Blacklight Comedy Show at the Brooklyn Moon in Fort Greene, presenting the best in All-Female line-ups for 6 years running. She is looking forward to, for the 5th year in a row, producing & hosting the Brooklyn Pride Celebration Comedy Show.

When not sharing the gift of spontaneous laughter, Lois helps people create the dream of home ownership as a top selling broker.



Nikki Carr

(Headliner)

Nikki Carr is a 20 year veteran of the Comedy World. She has performed all over the world, including a great many shows for our troops in Kuwait, Baghdad, Iraq and at Commands all over the US. She has been featured on several TV shows such as; Martin Lawrence's first Amendment Stand Up, BET's One Mic Stand w/Kevin Hart, Showtime Presents Stand Up for Family, Charlie Murphy's Crash Comedy series and most recently, NBS's Last Comic Standing.

Her brand of comedy crosses all age barriers and demographic. She vows to make anyone, of any age, anywhere at any time have a good time and a hearty laugh when she performs! From Rough-necks to Clergy! From Urban to suburban, she reaches all with her unique and hilarious outlook on life!



Reece Cotton

Reece Cotton is a Tufts University alumna who effortlessly fuses humor with controversy and is one of the most sought-after emerging comedians hailing from Boston, Massachusetts. Cotton became a stand-up comedian as a means to cope with the loss of her younger brother. She founded the Javonee Cotton Scholarship for Cinematic Excellence in honor of his memory. She made her TV debut on Comedy Central's Kevin Hart Presents: Hart of the City 2. She made her international stand-up comedy debut at the Hong Kong International Comedy Festival. Cotton recently delivered her first collegiate motivational speech and will be featured as a Rising Star

Her 3rd Stand Up Special, Gina Yashere: Ticking Boxes, filmed at the iconic O2 Brixton Academy, London, in front of over 2000 of her fans, was sold to NBC owned, Seeso TV in the US, in 2017, and she has since shot a 4th stand up Special for Netflix, which is currently garnering rave reviews on the network.



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COMEDY SHOW LINE UP

Sydnee Washington Originally from New York City but raised in Oakland, California. A part of Comedy Central's Clusterfest UpNext '18. Vulture's "Comedians You Should Know". Co-Hosts "The UnOfficial Expert" Podcast on Forever Dog network. Also co-hosts a very popular weekly comedy show at Knitting Factory with Marie Faustin & Aminah Imani called "Comedy The Knit". Has appeared in TruTV "Laff Mobb's Laff Tracks" and various YouTube videos for GQ and Elite Daily. ▼



SPECIAL PRE-PARADE CONCERT

Vicki Kristina Barcelona Vicki Kristina Barcelona is Rachelle Garniez, Amanda Homi and Terry Radigan, a power trio of music veterans dedicated to re-imagining the songs of Tom Waits via inventive three-part harmonies and a treasure trove of instruments including banjos, bottles, squeezebox and zills. They create a world of sound at once powerful, playful and poignant. Seasoned singers and songwriters, each a hybrid story-teller and multi-instrumentalist in her own right, join forces to salute the tragicomic lyrical genius of the Waits songbook. Picture the Triplets of Belleville disguised as Depression Era hobos riding the rails across America stopping to play dance parties and funerals along the road to nowhere. ▼



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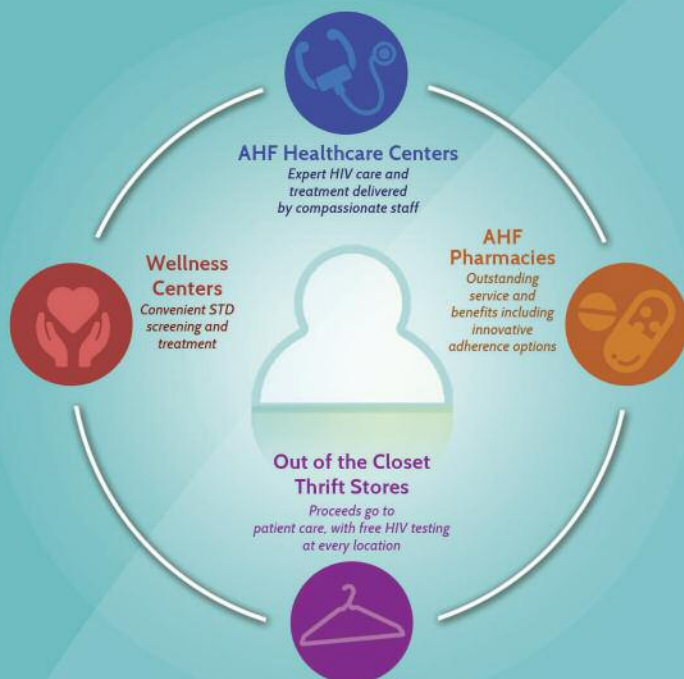
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