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June 12, 2021

Brooklyn Pride P.O. Box 150508 Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dear Friends:

A warm welcome to everyone participating in Brooklyn Pride Week. I am delighted to be part of this special event, which also marks Brooklyn Pride's 25th anniversary. By taking part in this week's festivities you are not only standing up for the LGBTQIA+ community but also supporting the crucial mission that Brooklyn Pride has been fulfilling for a quarter of a century.

Since its founding in 1996, Brooklyn Pride has worked tirelessly to foster greater visibility, acceptance, and inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community. By organizing a host of activities for Brooklyn's residents throughout the year, the organization helps to celebrate diversity, encourage understanding, and achieve unity. Through these efforts Brooklyn Pride continues to make a tremendous impact on larger communities.

As its premier event, Brooklyn Pride Week supports the organization's year-round efforts to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation and promote equality. I commend this important work along with those who take part in making this organization an ongoing success.

Once again, congratulations to Brooklyn Pride on celebrating its 25th Anniversary. I have no doubt that 2021 PRIDE Week will be the most enjoyable, productive, and empowering one yet.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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June 7, 2021

Mickey Heller, Co-Chair Jamie Farnam, Co-Chair Brooklyn Pride PO Box 150508 Brooklyn, NY 11215

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this evening for the 25th Annual Celebration of Brooklyn Pride hosted by Brooklyn Pride, Inc., to increase visibility, acceptance and



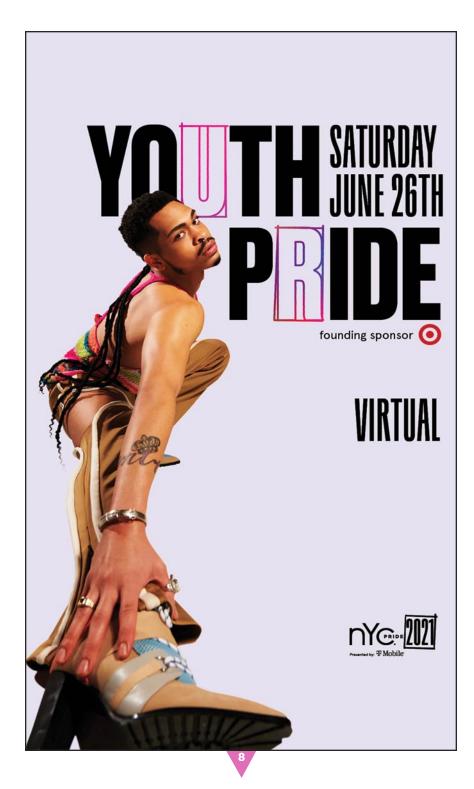
inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Brooklynites and to honor the Spirit of Stonewall. Since 1996, Brooklyn Pride has been committed to supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in Kings County and beyond, and to mobilizing the people to ensure full equality and freedom for all.

Over the years, Pride Week festivities have become a beloved community ritual, auguring the arrival of summer and bringing together diverse New Yorkers from all walks of life. This year, in lieu of the popular march, Brooklyn Pride has organized a week of events, some in-person and some virtual, to cultivate solidarity. These include a panel discussion of mental health in the wake of COVID-19, opportunities to enjoy painting, movies and drag bingo, a run in Prospect Park, and a concluding street festival with live entertainment on Pride Day, Saturday, June 12th. Details can be found in the online Brooklyn Pride Guide. The observance of Pride Week 2021 is truly a testament to the resilience and vibrancy of Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ community. The dedicated officers, board, volunteers and supporters of Brooklyn Pride are honoring cherished traditions, and building a brighter future in New York City.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. DiNapoli State Comptroller



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 25th 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. 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 almost 40 years in Brooklyn. A graduate of the HS of Music & Art, Hunter College and Brooklyn Law School, Mickey has been practicing law for almost 30 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 seven years. Mickey sends a special hug to "O" for everything.

Ariel Sanders Secretary

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 Communications Coodinator

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 Entertainment Co-director

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



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Board of Directors cont'd

making quality education accessible to undeserved people and communities. Aside from his 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.

Jess Kelly Treasurer

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 communi-



ties 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 Entertainment Co-director

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 com-



munity. 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.

Other Contributors

Godwin Chu Pride Guide Editor

Godwin Chu is a writer and copy editor. He was born in Burma, grew up in San Francisco, and has been in New York City for over 20 years. He is committed to supporting



queer rights and visibility, especially in the bi, pan, trans, gender neutral, and non-binary communities. He lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.

Kyle Naff 5k Run Director

Kyle Naff, originally from the cornfields of the Midwest, landed in Brooklyn to see what it was like to live in the big city. While he thought



that it would be just for a short stint, he has managed to find a sense of community here through fitness and running with Front Runners New York. His involvement with the team led him to take up an offer to oversee the Brooklyn Pride LGBTQIA+ 5K as a way to get even more involved and give back to the community that has been his home for the last six years. He's got some big shoes to fill, so here's to hoping that this year's event, though definitely different, is just as good as in years past.

Michael Fieni

Website Designer
Mike is proud to have
designed and launched
the new Brooklyn
Pride website in 2020.
He works as Brooklyn



Public Library's director of community engagement and also designs websites for artists, poets, and authors. This August marks his 20th year in New York City.

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Rori Baldari Graphic Designer

Rori has been doing the graphic design and production of the Brooklyn Pride Guide since 2001, and was a Grand Marshall in 2003. She creates promotional materials for the Amateur Astronomers



Association of New York, and participates in many public outreach stargazing events throughout the year. Rori also produces tournament programs for the International Women's Flag Football Association and has illustrated components and diagrams for the Star Wars Role Playing Game.

Tuesday Night Panelists

Quanita Hailey

Quanita Hailey is an alum of Mount Holyoke college and Union Theological Seminary where she received her Masters of Divinity with a focus in Womanist Queer Ethics. Lovingly, nicknamed Q, she currently



serves as a Staff Chaplain at NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist hospital. She is the creator of the Women of Color Trailblazers Leadership Conference at Mount Holyoke College. Q is a lover of her family and a peer advocate. She can be found dreaming up new creative convening ideas for FreeXone 4 Us, a free QTPOC communal space that seeks to evoke the sacred and promote healing in NYC.

Genna Ayers

Genna Ayres is a behavioral health provider who strives to create safe and affirming spaces in medical and mental health care for LGBTQ people. Since graduating from Columbia with a masters in social work



and a masters in public health, Genna has spent

most of their therapy career working in an integrated care setting in community health centers where they work to increase access to mental health care and support medical providers in caring for LGBTQ folks and folks with mental health struggles. Genna spends a lot of their time thinking about ways to make LGBTQ folks feel seen and supported in the health care system. When not working, Genna can be found spending time with their family and community, roller skating, and in the sunshine. \blacktriangledown

5k Run Community Grant Recipient



This year's Volunteer Grant recipient, GOTHAM CHEER, is a nonprofit adult cheerleading team that was created out of the founders' drive to give back to those who are in need, particularly LGBTQ homeless or disadvantaged youth. Their diverse and unique service-oriented LGBTQIA+ members aim to be leaders in the community through volunteer work & community service events. The team's mission is to amplify the voices of those in our community working hard to bring awareness to LGBTQ issues, HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging conditions by raising money for local charities and through advocacy and volunteer work with their Community Partners.

With the COVID-19 global pandemic, Gotham Cheer has shifted their usual program strategies and events to include more creative ways to deliver community service, such as the creation of video performances for HMI's Youth Pride and other local Pride celebrations. They've also developed a youth mentoring video series, participated in COVID-19 outreach initiatives, created youth mental health & wellness photo campaigns and webinars, led youth body & meditation virtual workshops, and collected winter apparel, PPE and toiletries for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth during the pandemic. The funds from the Volunteer Grant will go towards the continued production of these efforts.



Proclamation

***Dipereas**, the month of June brings celebrations of pride and accomplishment among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) and Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) communities around the world, and the Empire State joins in events and activities held in support of this observance, highlighting these communities, their rich diversity, and significant social, cultural, and intellectual contributions to our state; and

Pileteas, New York State is the site of historic events that took place at Stonewall Inn during the early morning hours of June 28, 1969 which sparked the international movement for fairness, justice, and equal rights for the LOBTQ and TGNC communities, and we commemorate this watershed moment and the progress achieved in the 52 years since Stonewall, as our state continues its leadership in the pursuit of individual rights and freedoms for LOBTQ and TGNC communities each and every day; and

**PileTe35*, this year, we mark a milestone in the history of LGBTQ rights in New York State with the tenth anniversary of the passage of the **Martiage Equality Act that I am proud to have signed into law on June 24, 2011 – a priority and promise fulfilled in the first year of our administration, granting LGBTQ couples the freedom to marry under the law, along with hundreds of accompanying rights, benefits, and protections that were previously limited to married couples of the opposite sex; and

Whereas, our state, its government, its institutions, and its people respect and support the rights of TGNC people, including young people, to live their lives authentically, free from discrimination, harassment, over-policing, and violence; by signing into law the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act, banning the gay and trans panic defense, canacting the Gender Neutral Bathroom law, and repealing the Walking While Trans Ban, we reaffirmed our state's fundamental commitment to celebrating and embracing the dignity, rights, and freedoms of all New Yorkers, regardless of their genderic identity or expression; and

Whereas, during these challenging times of a global pandemic, an increase in racial and religious motivated acts of violence and verbal abuse, and international political strife, we understand the importance of instilling appreciation for our diverse population in younger generations and the need to eradicate all forms of prejudice, bigotry, and discrimination, as well as their corrorive refrects on our society; and

** **Diptre8.5*, New Yorkers observe Pride Month with cultural and educational events, and mark significant advancements in equal rights, freedom, and justice for LGBTQ and TGNC communities: from ensuring all are protected from discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression, to banning the fraudulent practice of conversion therapy, legalizing gestational surrogacy and removing other barriers to allow LGBTQ and TGNC people to build families, working to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, protecting those who are victims of increased incidents of bate, bias, and violence – especially trans women of color – New York State remains a leader in achieving full equality for LGBTQ and TGNC persons; and

Whereas, June 24, 2011 remains a profoundly important day for countless New Yorkers who have exercised the right to enter into the bonds of marriage in our state and, as a proud demonstration of our commitment to ensuring complete equality for all people, we join to commemorate this milestone in the Empire State's history and legacy of accomplishment in gaining and securing the rights of LGBTQ and TGNC communities and fighting to ensure that all New Yorkers can live with the dignity and equality they deserve;

120w, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

in the Empire State.

5 i b e II under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this fourteenth
day of May in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor Melissa DeRosa

At the Old Stone House This Summer: Prospect Hill A New Play About Lesbian and Queer History in 1990s Park Slope



Lily Ali-Oshatz and Mark Galinovsky, the creators of "Prospect Hill"

As NYC's theater scene slowly reopens, make sure to check out Prospect Hill at Park Slope's Old Stone House this July!

Prospect Hill explores chosen family and the intergenerational friendships that help queer people find their way in this world. It is the inaugural production of the Musicals Now Festival: New Musicals from Brooklyn Artists, produced by Park Slope's very own Piper Theatre Productions.

"Coming out of this pandemic, our human connections, our stories, and our ability to survive feels very tied to our neighborhoods and communities," writers Lily Ali-Oshatz and Mark Galinovsky said. "Prospect Hill not only seeks to uplift our neighborhood, but also asks us to think deeply about our place in it.As New Yorkers, we can feel empowered to be a force for good in the city that we love."

The collaborative duo set out to create a musical about the lesbian and queer history of Park Slope in the 1990s. Through dedicated research at the Lesbian Herstory Archives (484 14th St. in Park Slope), online and print resources, and community interviews, Lily and Mark tell a story in Prospect Hill about queer spaces, friendship, love, and what it means to be a New Yorker.

"There's a lot going on in our community in terms of identity and how we want to occupy space together as queer people," Lily adds. "I see it as a strength that Mark is a cis gay man and I'm a nonbinary queer woman. As our show centers on lesbian stories, it feels very important to be supported by and in collaboration with Mark. I don't always feel that in queer spaces, but it's vital to remember that we need one another to keep our community healthy and strong."

Performances of Prospect Hill Are Free! 8:30 p.m. on July 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 The Old Stone House (336 3rd St.) For more information, visit: pipertheatre.org Book, Music, and Lyrics by Lily Ali-Oshatz and Mark Galinovsky

Directed by Jessi D. Hill
Developmental Producing by Madeline Wall
Music Direction by Jacklyn Riha
Costume Design by Saawan Tiwari
Lighting Design by Elizabeth M. Stewart
Casting Direction by Charlie Hano

Gayming and Gaymers by Christopher Fuhrey



Gayming, or gay gaming, is a term to describe the activity that many LGBTQIA+ people engage in when they play video games. Video games have been a way for many people around the world to process the world around them, and in the case of queerness, has also been a great way for people to connect with each other. From the early days of meeting up at arcades, to now being able to play games online LGTBQIA+ people can find representation in the games they play, and even connection with other gaymers no matter where they are in the world. When the pandemic hit, many video game companies noticed a sharp uptick in their amount of customers and sales. Since queer people haven't been able to celebrate each other for some time, it makes sense that we have moved towards gayming spaces, and even making inclusive spaces online for those who wish for more community.

Christopher Fuhrey is something that I made during the time of COVID-19 in 2020. By the time June came, I felt like I had spent the larger portion of the year reading and watching people die. It felt like an eternity until I discovered Twitch and streaming. I was truly captivated and moved to see all of these people, creating love and light from the comfort of their own homes for the world to see and have. I got the equipment together, asked a few questions, and now here I am. My identity as a Black, queer person who loves gaming has really helped me face many obstacles, and by providing a safe space on Twitch I am also putting more love and light into the world.

Editor's Note: Additional sources for more information include
Gay Geeks of NY
Flame Con
NYC Gaymers

InterPride

InterPride started out as a United States-based national organization in October 1982, whose membership and attendance grew to encompass neighboring continents, and then countries, across the world during the first couple of decades — leading to a much more international base since. With that, it made perfect sense that the European Pride Organisers Association (EPOA, founded in 1991) and Fierté Canada Pride (FCP, founded in 2004) would form from this membership and become partners under the InterPride umbrella. In the future, we are looking forward to the same coming together from Latin and South Americas, Oceania, Asia, and African nations.

Currently divided into 20 distinct regions, represented by Global Advisory Council representatives, InterPride is a myriad of voices and viewpoints, an example of which was evidenced by the wildly successful Global Pride 2020 virtual event produced in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, forcing more than 400 Pride organizations to cancel their annual events. Hosted on a variety of platforms, including Todrick Hall's YouTube channel, over 57 million viewers watched 27.5 hours of Pride around the world.

It is this influence of InterPride that started with a simple mission (to network and mentor Pride organizations), which brings together more than 500 organizations, and empowers Prides worldwide.

If your organization would like to join Inter-Pride, please visit and sign up today! If you wish to make a donation and support InterPride's continued mentoring of Pride organizations, please contribute at interpride.org. We also have a Solidarity fund that donates back to the international LGBTQI+community.



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We are part of the fabric of New York, and we would love for you to get involved! You can volunteer in SoHo in our kitchen or in meal packaging, and you can also help deliver meals to your neighbors with one of our drivers or in your own car. If you do not have time to join us in person, donations are always much appreciated. \$10 funds a meal for someone living with serious illness, and \$100 funds a full week of delicious, medically tailored meals! To donate, volunteer, become a client, or just learn more, please visit glwd.org. •

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Brooklyn Pride offers our deepest gratitude and appreciation to the individuals, groups and organizations that provided us unwavering support and assistance in bringing this year's pride event to Brooklyn.

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There are SO many people to thank, and if we accidently omitted anyone, we apologize greatly, but appreciate all of your support.



Dyke Beer

Loretta Chung & Sarah Hallonquist are the cofounders of Dyke Beer, a new queer brewery based out of Brooklyn. The focus of this project is on queer women, nonbinary & transgender visibility and a campaign to talk about lost dyke space. Lesbian Bar Project has said in 1980 there used to be 200 lesbian bars in the country, now there are only 20, three of which are in New York City, Henrietta Hudsons and Cubbyhole in Manhattan and Gingers in Brooklyn. The beer comes with a Zine explaining the history behind the word "dyke," a list of the remaining dyke bars in the United States and information on their first grassroots project Dyke Bar Takeover. DBT is an organization that seeks to promote "dyke nights" in straight bars, and though the events, promoting and paying queer artists. They use the cover money for local queer charities, hoping to create more space for the dyke/queer community. Currently Dyke Beer is working with Greenpoint Beer & Ale on a new Gose Beer called "Tallgirl" to femmes, drag queens, transwomen along with the queer bar Good Judy. The beer will be hot pink, salty, slighty sour and very fruity.

Dyke Beer as a nanobrewery in the U.S. craft beer world educates a white cis male dominated industry on queer and dyke issueseverything from human rights to visibility to a lack of space. It's been interesting talking with humans who have never had queer friends/family and never once thought of these issues before. Dyke Beer's future goal would be to build a dyke bar & brewery concept for the queer community in NYC. They love creating joy for the community, receiving your Instagram tags, organizing more queer spaces in straight bars, and thinking up quality beer recipes for your enjoyment.

Brooklyn's Pop Artist Ed Heck

Ed Heck is a New York Pop Artist and children's book author known for his brightly colored whimsical works on canvas. His enigmatic canvases were first exhibited in New York City in 1999 and were an instant hit. Interest and demand continue to grow, and his work can now be found in galleries around the world. Unique style and appeal have forged his reputation as one of the leading pop artists of our time

One is immediately disarmed by the naïve charm of these brightly colored works on canvas. A native New Yorker and current Brooklyn resident, Heck graduated from the School of Visual Arts, and went on to work at the Museum of Natural History where his detailed drawings can be found throughout the museum's fossil halls. While his works on paper and canvas have lost all the excess baggage of detail, they are distilled into an essence that can only be the result of the most focused of study.

Ed has written and illustrated numerous children's books including "Monkey Lost", "Big Fish, Little Fish" and his own line of board books from Penguin Publishing titled "ED HECK Just Board." His images have been licensed on apparel, home furnishings, dog toys, and a line of Ed HECK luggage and travel accessories. He has shown himself an ally to the LGBTQIA+ community having done a number of wonderful pieces to celebrate equality.

His work will be featured during Pride month and will make a special appearance on Sunday, June 13th 2021 at GUMBO, 495 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217 as part of Pride Atlantic Ave. FB /Ed.heck.12
Instagram @ed heck



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Full Week of Events both Virtual and Live!

Brooklyn Pride will be a Hybrid event this year. While sadly we will not be having a parade, we will have a week of events; some live and some virtual.

Monday - June 7th - 5pm - 8pm - LIVE

Kickoff Party on the Roof of AHF - Out of the Closet Thrift Shop 475 Atlantic Avenue

Tuesday - June 8th - 6:30pm - VIRTUAL

Remaining Resilient: Coping with Mental Health as We Come Out of the Pandemic Organized by Callen-Lorde and New York Presbyterian Hospital Brooklyn Methodist

Wednesday - June 9th - 7pm - VIRTUAL

"Paint-n-Sip" – Discover your inner Rembrandt. You will need to get your own supplies; a list of the required items will be sent to those that register on Eventbrite closer to the event.

Thursday - June 10th - 7pm - VIRTUAL

Drag Bingo w/Jackie from Screaming Queens The best virtual drag bingo in town!

Friday - June 11th - 6:30pm - LIVE

Family Movie Night – FREE at the Old Stone House in Park Slope - "The Princess Bride" - Beginning at 6:30 with pre-show entertainment including Gotham Cheer and songs from the new musical "Prospect Hill".

Saturday - June 12th - All Day - LIVE

10am - 5K Run in Prospect Park (Sponsored by Maimonides Medical Center) - With staggard starting corrals at 10, 10:30 &11am use park entrance at 15th Street and Prospect Park West.

Noon - Live Mini-Street Festival - 5th Avenue from 3rd to 5th Streets

Noon - 5:30pm Entertainment Stage - 4th Street Cul-du-sac, music ranging from Rock, Hip-Hop, Drag Performers & more. (Also available via Livestream).

Sunday - June 13 Noon - 5pm - LIVE

Pride Atlantic Ave – Walk along the Avenue from 4th Avenue to the Waterfront – Entertainment, Special Food & Drinks, Outdoor Dining, Art Displays.

Look for more information and registration at www.brooklynpride.org
AND on Eventbrite under Brooklyn Pride







Brooklyn Pride, Inc Brooklyn_Pride

MONDAY NIGHT

Brooklyn Pride Kick-off Party

Join AHF and Brooklyn Pride for a rooftop cocktail party to kick off Brooklyn Pride week! Beer/wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Come mix and mingle under the stars with us. It is time to show our Brooklyn Pride!





Mon, June 7, 2021 • 5:00 PM — 8:00 PM EDT Location. Out of the Closet • 475 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11217

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TUESDAY NIGHT

Remaining Resilient: Coping with Mental Health as We Come Out of the Pandemic



Quanita Hailey



Genna Ayers

Tuesday June 8th 6:30pm - Virtual

This virtual panel will cover topics such as understanding depression and anxiety, strategies for healthy coping, tools to help manage stress, and Brooklyn resources to look to for more help.

Organized by Callen-Lorde and New York Presbyterian/Brooklyn Methodist Hospital

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Pride Family Movie Night Under The Stars

Free Screening of "The Princess Bride".
Beginning at 6:30 with pre-show entertainment
including Gotham Cheer and songs from the new
musical "Prospect Hill".

Brooklyn Conservatory of Music The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music (BKCM) will lead Movie Tunes Singalong for the whole family



FRIDAY NIGHT Friday June 11th

Free Event, Entertainment 6:30pm Outdoor Movie 8:30pm Bring a chair or a blanket

LIVE EVENT!

Location: Field on the 4th Ave. side of The Old Stone House 336 3rd Street (bet 4th & 5th Avenues)

Saturday - June 12



10:00am - LIVE - 5K Run in Prospect Park (Sponsored by Maimonides Medical Center) - With staggered starting, corrals at 10, 10:30 &11am - Come cheer the runners, Enter the park at 15th Street & Prospect Park West



NOON - Live Mini-Street Festival and Live Stage Entertainment - Along 5th Avenue from 3rd to 5th Streets and on 4th Street Cul du sac, a Stage with live entertainment.





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Alise King is a multi award winning R&B Soul Artist who has opened for the likes of The Iconic Chaka Khan, The legendary Aretha



Franklin, The Trailblazing George Clinton, just to name a few. She has graced stages touring in North Carolina, Washington, D.C., California, Ohio and more! Alise is a powerhouse vocalist and the true the embodiment of SOUL! She even refers to herself as a D.I.V.A which stands for Divine Instrument Vocalizing (her) Ability which is to use her gift of song to spread love, joy and happiness to people across the world!

Camille J - Recording artist/profession dancer. Born in the heart of Brooklyn, Camille J's performance brings an exquisite vibe to the



crowd. She has blessed NYC & New Jersey Pride with her talents plenty times before. She has worked with many A-list artists such as Ashanti, Remy-Ma, Neyo, Travis Scott and more. Be sure to check her out at camillejmusic.com

ChamberQUEER is an LGBTQ+ chamber music organization based in Brooklyn, NY.



Its mission is to program queer artists and composers; highlight historically under-represented queer figures in classical music; and provide an inclusive and intersectional space in classical music for artists and audience alike. Cheer New York is a certified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization comprised of



all-volunteer LGBTQ+ and ally cheerleaders. Our mission is to use our athletic and philanthropic abilities to empower and affect change in our communities through charitable action. Since Cheer New York was founded in 2001, we have been serving the Tri-State Area by inspiring and encouraging audiences wherever we perform and by raising money for local LGBTQ+ charities through our New York Spirit Fund.



Chix Appeal is an all-female rock band performing your favorite covers by the likes of Pat Benatar and The Go Go's as well as their own rockin' originals! Chix Appeal has played clubs all over NYC as well as most of the pride festivals in the Tri-state area! They have also been awarded a grant from Staten Island Arts Organization to record their first EP! The band includes Cece, Aileen, Gulya, Mayna and Andrea. https://www.facebook.com/Chixappeal/

Control The Sound,

Brooklyn-based rockers, are a teenaged, genre-bending quintet whose



roots trace back to an elementary school talent show. Weaving a soulful blend of jazz, blues, hip-hop, funk, and rock, the group of friends pack a punch into every single per-

formance. With nearly 100 gigs in New York City under their belt, Control The Sound has played at popular venues including Brooklyn Steel and Brooklyn Bowl and has opened for bands like The New Mastersounds and The Cat Empire.

Cyndi Woods is a transgender woman and has been a professional entertainer for over two decades. She has also participated in the gay



pageantry circuit, earning the title of Miss Gay San Antonio 2010. A Texas native, Cyndi is known for her tantalizing numbers that are sure to bring a smile to many faces. She is known for her impersonation styles, particularly Diana Ross. She also enjoys giving back to her community and has been a supporter of Brooklyn Pride for many years.

Dan Kiernan is a NY based queer pop/soul singer-songwriter. Dan's music is soulful, pop, & high energy that not only makes you feel good



but feel everything. He is influenced by 2000s pop, pop punk, & classic rock. Dan is excited to bring his music to Brooklyn Pride, especially this year.

Emergency Tiara is the sparkling NYC based band from the creative mind of ringleader Juri Jinnai. Together with her band Emergency Tiara



whisks you away into her magical kingdom where French pop, J-Pop and Surf rock collide. Their energetic stage show is only matched by their vibrant costumes. In 2019,

she performed at the NAMM Conference in LA, SXSW in Austin, participated in the High School Nation Tour, Primavera Sound Festival in Barcelona, MIDEM Conference in Cannes, and was the support act for Belinda Carlisle's UK Tour in the fall.

JaeSam is an open Pop/Hip-hop Gay male all around performer with a dance crew. He has been performing around 7 years and has been



seen on many Pride stages:Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island. JaeSam has also performed at multiple LGBTQ lounge and bars, Macy's, RawArtists Events and Boys and Girls clubs. JaeSam has always wanted to be a role model for the upcoming LGBTQ music artists to be proud of themselves. JaeSam loves to get the crowd moving and has a dream to perform on all Pride stages. Stand Proud always!! Blessing!!

Jeannie Sol born and raised in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. She began performing at Spectrum, Old Escuelita, Monster, Stonewall, and Two



Potato to name a few. Her advocacy with the LGBTQ Community is still going strong to this day. She has been volunteering for NYC pride for about 5 years. Jeannie Sol is known for spreading love and joy with her stories and voice and is also one of the oldest Drag Queens in the business! Jeannie Sol is currently working in a childrens theater teaching Equality and Love.

Jendog Lonewolf is a Two Spirit/Black-Native, Photographer/Multi-disciplinary Artivist + Hip Hop Emcee from Bushwick, Brooklyn. She's an global touring Artivist

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who has shared stages with many icons like Nile Rodgers, Harry Belafonte, Desmond Tutu, Rah Digga and Joan Baez. Jendog



Lonewolf collabo'd w/ Grammy® winner Dan Zanes on two Hip Hop-Folk Music collaborations, including a Lead Belly tribute for Smithsonian Institute's Folkways Records. She is also a proud member of PeoplesMusicNetwork + its Steering Committee.

Jesse Vega is a Pop/Dance & R&B recording artist who resides in the Bronx. Jesse Vega got his first experience at Brooklyn Pride in 2019 promoting & performing his single "Let



Me","Keep Watching Me" & "He'll Never Be Me". He currently is working on new music and hopes to share his talent and music from around the world.

Kenny Supreme was born & raised in Bronx, NY and he sings, dances & acts. He is a musical performer who has performed in bars and festivals throughout NYC. Kenny has



been writing & producing his own music since 16 years old. His music style is a blend of dance, R&B and pop. Kenny Supreme's music influences are Lady Gaga, Tinashe & Jennifer Lopez and they have motivated him to continue to work on music & succeed in his dream of being an international pop star.

Kevin Tapia was born to Mexican parents and is from New York City. He is a Mainstream Pop artist who performs music in Spanish and English, with a side of Reggaeton fusion. Kevin has



incorporated his guitar to a majority of his songs. He has performed at the following events: New York State Fair of Syracuse, Branch Brook Park of Newark, NJ and was featured on Univision TV New York (Channel 41) for the Viernes Y Mas TV show. Kevin Tapia's music is officially available on all major digital music platforms.

Lailah Lancing is an Out, Loud, and Proud Transwoman, Singer/Songwriter, Trans Rights Advocate, and Nightlife personality. She 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 Dining establishment Lucky Cheng's, And the Burlesque & Cabaret circuits. She's honored to be back Emceeing Brooklyn Pride this year! Let's have a SAFE & HAPPY Pride!!!

Marilyn Monhoe coming in at close to 8 FEET Tall, is the BIGGEST Musical Theatre Drag Queen NYC has recently seen! Marilyn is a rising star within the local Drag Scene in New York City; a regular



performer at Bel-Aire Diner's Drive in Drag Show, and frequent regular within Hell's Kitchen Drag Shows/Competitions! Marilyn is a musical theatre Drag Queen debuting many looks for

popular musicals such as Kinky Boots, A Chorus Line, Wicked, and Hamilton! Marilyn collaborates with many local theatre professionals and has also been featured in local Television programs such as POSE: Season 2, and the upcoming Netflix Original Series HALSTON.

Ron B is a celebrity impersonator (Tina Turner) and also adds over two years of experience as an actor and artist. Ron B also leads a television show called: No Boundaries: Up Close and Personal. She



has been a big supporter of Brooklyn Pride and was previously selected as a Grand Marshal. Ron B is excited to continue giving back.

Tony Enos Rowan University hailed him as "a National treasure in the LGBTQ2S Community". Tony Enos (Cherokee) is a two-time Native American Music Awards Nominee, who celebrates over a



decade as a singer, songwriter/producer, electrifying live stage entertainer, and activist. Enos burst onto the pop music scene with his 2012 breakthrough album "The Heat." His 2020 career defining 4th studio album "POSI+IVE," brought Enos out publicly with his HIV status, and amplified the PLWH experience.

Victoria Williams is the dancing diva of NYC! She is the reigning MISS ROCKBAR and 1st preliminary alternate for the National Pageant "New Comer U.S. OF A." While in quarantine, she is super proud of



booking a national Target commercial, where Victoria Williams was featured as one of the main faces for their 2020 pride campaign! She believes that being a Drag Queen is not only having the ability to entertain, but to also to use your platform to be the voice for those who can not speak. V

New Way to Vote

For the 2021 municipal elections, New York City will be using ranked-choice voting, a system which enables voters to rank candidates, instead of choosing one over the others.

Voters can rank up to five candidates, assigning number I to their favorite, 2 to their second favorite, and so forth through 5. In an election with as many candidates as we have this year, ranked-choice voting ensures that a candidate does not win with less than 50% of support from voters—a possibility in an election with so many candidates.

If a candidate wins more than 50% of all number-I votes, they win outright. If not, the candidate with the least number-I votes is eliminated, and their number-2 choices are reassigned to the remaining candidates. If this fails to produce a winner, another round is held and so forth until a candidate reaches the 50% threshold.

Interested in local Brooklyn politics? Join the Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn ("LID"). We strive to see LGBTQ people represented in all levels of Brooklyn politics, including elected office.

For more information or to join us, visit rankthevotenyc.org.

Jared Arader (writer) is an attorney and president of the Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn. He has held the position since January 2019, previously serving as a board member and vice president. In 2019, Jared was honored by Clty and State Magazine in its "40 under 40" special edition, and has been included in the magazine's Pride Power 100 list in 2019 and 2020.



Preventative Maintenance

Living in Brooklyn through the pandemic has been an experience shared collectively and individually. For some, anxiety became a new experience and for others it was heightened. Fortunately, my anxiety didn't flare up, although I did have moments where I had to step away and take a breather. I'm grateful I learned preventive maintenance in order to calm myself and be present. Doing a little work on myself everyday built the foundation for a healthy life. In turn, I finished writing my book, Preventive Maintenance: A Memoir (2021). I started it 2007 to help those suffering from anxiety, with the intention of finishing it only when I was off medication and living a healthy lifestyle. It reflects on the time in the mid 90s when I was a heavy drinker and quit cold turkey. As a result, I started having anxiety/panic attacks and my life turned upside down. I struggled coping in everyday life for years before I was diagnosed. I knew with determination and perseverance I could gain some relief from the hold anxiety had on me. It took a lot of inner work, listening to therapists, and being open to new techniques that I used to make fun of, such as meditation to help me become more focused, mindful, and present. These tools oiled my gears in order to keep mind, body, and soul in motion. That is preventive maintenance. For further information you can go to Callen-Lorde or your primary doctor to find resources that fit your needs. T Green (author) holds an MSW and a Master's Certification in gerontology from the University of Pittsburgh and worked as a licensed social worker in the state of New York. She was raised in Iowa and has resided in Brooklyn. for the past decade.





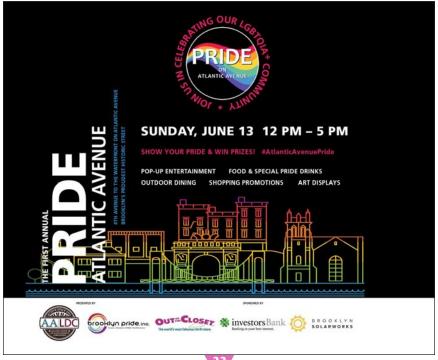
PANYC

Pride Alliance of New York City, or PANYC, for short, is a collective of Pride Organizations from New York City. That's right - we really do all know each other! Not only that, our mission is to uplift each Pride to its highest level possible. Started in the chilly fall of 2018 by Marcy Carr of the Pride Center of Staten Island, we currently consist of seven organizations, Brooklyn Pride, Inc, included; however, we are always looking to grow and collaborate with other fabulous Pride Organizations within the five boroughs. Know of any, or even better, are you a member of one? Reach out! In the meantime, stay tuned for events that are brought to you from ALL of the boroughs... Ariel Sanders V















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