



## Pride Toronto's 2011 International Grand Marshall knows 'What OUT is About'

### For Immediate Release

June 24, 2011 (Toronto, ON) - Pride Toronto has selected Angie Umbac as the International Grand Marshall for Pride 2011.

"Angie has championed the issues of gender and development in her personal and professional life. She is the perfect addition to this year's human rights program, which includes events highlighting human rights domestic and international issues," says Pride Toronto's Human Rights Coordinator, Frank Folino.

Angie is a legal rights activist and the President and Campaign Coordinator of the Rainbow Rights Project (R-Rights), a volunteer non-profit organization in the Philippines. R-Rights provides queer and trans communities in the Philippines with free legal assistance on issues of law and policy reform. Angie is also the Director for Human Rights of a legal group, a trustee of Ladlad LGBT Party List, and an advisory board member of All Out, the LGBT global campaigning organization.

As the 2011 International Grand Marshall, Angie will proudly lead the 2011 Dyke March on Saturday, July 2 at 2 p.m. She will also lead the 31st Pride parade on Sunday, July 3 at 2 p.m. Angie's involvement in Pride 2011 is part of Pride Toronto's annual human rights program, Global Human Rights for Queers: What OUT is About 2011. What OUT is About promotes awareness of queer and trans human rights issues around the world including discrimination and equality, gender identity, criminalization of homosexuality and trans people, and abuse of queer and trans people.

This year's human rights program includes a panel discussion at the 519 Community Centre regarding the trans human rights struggle in Canada and around the world. Other What OUT is About events include an evening commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Bath Raids in Toronto. The public can also visit the What OUT is About exhibits to learn about various human rights violations affecting queer and trans communities around the world and how they can make a difference. The exhibits are open on Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibits are located on both Church St and Wellesley St.

Pride Toronto and Asian Community Aids Service (ACAS) will co-host a formal reception on June 29 at the Sutton Place Hotel to officially welcome Angie to Toronto.

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### About Pride Toronto

Pride Toronto is the not-for-profit organization that hosts Pride Week, an annual event in downtown Toronto during the last week of June. Pride Week is one of the premier arts and cultural festivals in Canada. It is also one of the largest Pride celebrations in the world with an estimated attendance of over 1.2 million people. It celebrates the history, courage, diversity and future of Toronto's LGBTTIQQ2SA\* communities.

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