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Pride Toronto unveils theme for Pride Week 2006

TORONTO, February 22, 2006 — Pride Toronto announced today that “Fearless” is the theme of this year’s Pride Week.

“‘Fearless’ is about how far we’ve come and where we need to go,” said Co-chair David Anderson. “In cities like Toronto, queer people can live more openly than ever before. But there are still places — in our city, across Canada and around the world — where being queer leads to fear, stigma and discrimination. We need to change this.”

“Prejudice is still held not only against people in the queer community, but also by people in the queer community,” added Co-chair Natasha Garda. “‘Fearless’ is about fighting prejudice. It’s about ensuring that everyone everywhere can live openly, freely and without fear.”

The “Fearless” theme sets the tone for Toronto’s 2006 Pride Week celebrations, to be held from June 19th to 25th. Now in its 26th year, Toronto’s Pride Week was named Best Festival in Canada by the Canadian Event Industry Star Awards in 2005. It is also designated one of eight official “Signature Events” by the City of Toronto.

Theme suggestions were solicited from Pride Toronto members and the general public. A final selection was made by Pride Toronto’s volunteer committee coordinators and co-chairs.

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About Pride Toronto

Pride Toronto (www.pridetoronto.com) is the not-for-profit organization that hosts Pride Week, an annual festival held during the last week of June in downtown Toronto. Pride Week is Canada's largest celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning and two-spirited people, and is one of the leading cultural events of its kind in the world.

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