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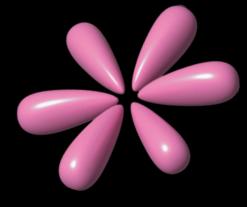
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## Land Acknowledgement

Pride Toronto acknowledges that we're on the traditional territory of many Nations, including Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

We also acknowledge all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly forcibly displanted Africans brought here brought here as a result of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.

# **Here, There, Everywhere!**

This year's theme "Here, There, Everywhere," is equal parts protest as it is party. Focused on the present moment, we're here to proclaim and celebrate our existence. We're here against all odds, and continue to endure. We're here to stay. We take action by being there for each other. We relentlessly advocate for our community, and champion safe spaces in times of need and in times of joy. As we revel in, and learn from our differences, we come together as one universe. We're together because we are everywhere.

### Forever Proud. Forever Progressing.

### Recognizing what was. Celebrating what is. Working for what should be.

Progress for the 2SLGBTQ+ community continues, but there is still work to be done. That's why we continue to drive positive change through our yearround support of 2SLGBTQ+ initiatives and programs focused on affordable housing, financial literacy, health, and social wellbeing.

Learn more at td.com/foreverprogressing

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## **Making Pride Accessible**

Pride is about celebrating love, acceptance, and diversity of the 2SLGBTQI+ communities. To truly celebrate, everyone should be able to participate. That's why Pride Toronto is committed to making the festival as accessible as possible to everyone!

At our Accessibility Hub (ASH), located at Church St and Wellesley St, we have ASL interpreters, personal support workers and rentable mobile devices. We also provide accessible versions of the Pride guide, including large print versions.

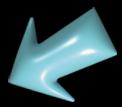
The ASH is open during the festival weekend on June 23-25. We offer six accessible risers/viewing stations along the Parade route found here:

- St. Mary's St and Yonge St
- Isabella St and Yonge St
- Breadalbane St and Yonge St
- Wood St and Yonge St
- Elm St and Yonge St
- Edward St and Yonge St

Please note that, as an outdoor festival, there may be barriers to overcome. Visit our website for a complete overview of the accommodations available at Pride Toronto 2023. If you have any questions or concerns about accessibility, please contact us at accessibility@pridetoronto.com. Let's make this Pride accessible for everyone!



### Protect our Community & Reduce the Spread



We're excited to celebrate with you safely! Here are some tips to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Get vaccinated and don't forget boosters!
- Stay home if you're sick. Symptoms like fever, cough, and shortness of breath may require testing.
- Wear a high-quality mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue.
- · Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

Pride Toronto will follow all health requirements from Public Health. Visit www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/ for local guidelines on COVID-19. Let's have a safe and fun festival!

### **Stay Safe!**

Here are some tips and tricks to help keep you safe this pride!

### Use the Buddy System

- Stay with your friends and look after each other!
- Make sure someone knows where you are at all times; consider turning on the location tracking on your phone.

#### **Know Your Sources**

- Only accept alcohol from licensed liquor establishments.
- Only accept cannabis from registered sellers.
- Only accept other recreational drugs from people you know and trust.



### **Take Care of Yourself**

- Stay hydrated drink water!
- Wear sunscreen and reapply often!
- Know your body take breaks and rest when you need to!

#### **Practice Safe Sex**

Consent is key! Ensure you have open and ongoing conversations with your partners about boundaries, safe words and consent. Remember: consent can be retracted at any time.

#### **Trust Your Instincts**

Trust your gut – If something doesn't feel right, seek help from event staff or security.

We want you to have a fun and safe time at the festival, so please keep these tips in mind. Let's make Pride Toronto 2023 the best festival yet!

### A Message from Our Co-Chairs and Executive Director



Happy Pride, Toronto!

Last year, we saw millions of people from Toronto, across Canada, and around the world, come together to celebrate our diverse identities and human connections from beyond our virtual screens. The excitement and love that was found in all corners of the Pride Festival was simply breathtaking.

Pride Toronto is proud, grateful, and privileged to host the second in-person Pride Festival since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and to continue to advocate for and celebrate our vibrant 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

Over the last year, we were reminded of why Pride continues to be so important for the many 2SLGBTQI+ communities in Toronto and beyond. Hatred and physical violence against 2SLGBTQI+ people are on the rise, especially against Indigenous, Black, and racialized members of our communities. Sadly, our own community spaces are not safe.

We're seeing the real-life consequences of hateful rhetoric and legislation, targeting and attacking 2SLGBTQI+ people of all ages – hatred that is being fuelled by far-right ideologies. The violent attack at Club Q in Colorado Springs, which took place on the eve of the Transgender Day of Remembrance, is a sobering and tragic reminder of that fact.

Our 2SLGBTQI+ neighbours in the United States are enduring homophobic and transphobic legislation, whether it's the "Don't Say Gay" legislation in Florida that bans some public school teachers from discussing sexuality or gender identity with elementary school students, or legislation – introduced in more than half of the US states – that limits trans youth's access to genderaffirming health care, or banned their participation in sport leagues that align with their gender identity.

Beyond North America, countries continue to criminalize our communities simply for being who we're. For example, this year, Ugandan lawmakers introduced anti-homosexuality legislation that would allow the imprisonment of LGBTQI+ people for up to 10 years, simply for "coming out." Here in Canada, in 2019, hate crimes targeting the 2SLGBTQI+ communities were up 40%, the highest increase since 2009, more than half of which were violent crimes. Some groups associated with the Freedom Convoy have been stoking 2SLGBTQI+ hatred and targeting drag performers for hosting family-friendly Drag Story Hours, where they read children's books about inclusion.

Our work to fight back against discrimination, hate, and violence targeting 2SLGBTQI+ communities is far from over. Pride Toronto continues to protest against those who would put us in danger and take away our human rights.

As a result, our theme for 2023 is: "Here, There, Everywhere." Pride is equal parts protest as it is celebration. The lineup in both programming and other activities for 2023 will allow everyone to see themselves reflected in the ongoing work we're doing.

We greatly appreciate and acknowledge the generous contributions of our volunteers, sponsors, donors, communities, partners, artists, curators, members, board, and staff. Without you, the work that we do would not be possible.

Be safe, be kind, have fun, and watch out for one another.

With love and caring,

Sherwin Modeste (No Pronouns) Executive Director

Grant Gonzales (He/Him)

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### A Message from the Prime Minister

### A Message from the Premier



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#### Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great honour that I send my sincerest greetings for the 2023 Toronto Pride Festival.

In a day and age where some voices around us are focused on division, I am proud to live in a country where our diversity is our biggest strength. Everything that folks in the 2SLGBTQI+ community have done for our shared nation, has helped it become the greatest country in the world. Please accept my gratitude for all that you do.



I would especially like to thank you for your advocacy and work that helped us launch

Canada's first national 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan. A historic milestone – committing \$100 million over 5 years – symbolizing decades of activism and partnership with 2SLGBTQI+ community members from coast to coast to coast.

This year's theme, "Here, There, Everywhere," truly reflects the compassion, endurance, resilience, strength, and unity of your incredible community. You have been through tremendous challenges – overcoming them marvellously – and today our Government recommits itself to always standing by you, no matter what.

Today, and every day, we are with you. We support you. And, we are proud of every single one of you.

Happy Pride!

Ottawa 2023



June 2023

#### A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

Warm greetings to everyone participating in the 2023 Pride Toronto Festival. Every year during Pride Month, this festival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the history, achievements and contributions of our diverse 2SLGBTQI+ community.

Thanks to everyone at Pride Toronto for your hard work to make this a fun, safe, and meaningful celebration, year after year.

Pride Month and the Festival Weekend are great opportunities to celebrate the diversity, inclusion and equality that make our province such a great place to live. As one of the largest Pride celebrations in the world, the festival draws people from near and far, and has helped make Ontario's cultural identity even more vibrant. Thank you for being such an important part of the fabric of our province.

Best wishes for a fun and memorable Pride 2023, and Happy Pride Month!

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Doug Ford Premier



# A Message from the Deputy Mayor

# A Message from City Councillor Moise



Deputy Mayor

Happy Pride, Toronto!

Pride Month is always a time for celebration, joy and inclusivity.

Every June, it is great to see residents and visitors from around the world taking part in the many Pride celebrations that Toronto has to offer.

Pride Month is a perfect representation of our city's values -a celebration that is as much about the richness of diversity, as it is a reaffirmation of our city's commitment to respect and inclusion.

Toronto's motto, "Diversity, Our Strength" recognizes that our city is at its best when residents from different communities, and of different identities, feel welcomed, included, and involved

While Pride offers us plenty of opportunities to celebrate, it is also serves as a reminder of the work yet to be done to ensure the equity and safety of our diverse residents-- including those in Toronto's Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning communities.

As Deputy Mayor, I am proud to support pride and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ communities. I look forward to joining Torontonians at the various events and activities throughout the month, and encourage everyone to join in what promises to be another extraordinary celebration of Pride.

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Deputy Mayor McKelvie





#### Welcome everyone to Pride 2023!

As the City Councillor representing the Church-Wellesley Village, I am excited for this year's Pride Festival. Pride is an important month for the communities I serve and for me, as a gay Black man. We commemorate the history of Pride as a political movement while also celebrating and honouring the resiliency, courage, and diversity of Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ community.

The City of Toronto recognizes the 2SLGBTQ+ community encompasses some of the most vulnerable and marginalized individuals in our city. The work needed to reaffirm our commitment to an equitable and inclusive city happens year-round, not only during Pride month. Health inequities are still present in our communities and as the Chair of the Board of Health, I endeavour to bridge the gaps between our systems and our communities. Our health is paramount to our prosperity.

Pride is here, there, and everywhere. You are beautiful, you are loved, you are fabulous. Have a safe, fun, and healthy Pride.

Love always

Chris Moise

City Councillor Ward 13 - Toronto Centre Chair of the Board of Health



### A Message from the Canadian Pride Caucus

### A Message from the National Chief



#### Message for Toronto Pride

The members of the inaugural Canadian Pride Caucus wish you a safe and happy Pride Month!

Made up of 2SLGBTQI+ parliamentarians representing different party affiliations in both the House of Commons and Senate, the Canadian Pride Caucus was established in 2022 to advocate for 2SLGBTQI+ rights and to advance public policy that supports our community, both in Canada and abroad.

We came together and established this caucus knowing that while Canada works to be a free and welcome place for 2SLGBTQI+ people, many in our community still face barriers in our country and we must work every day to ensure the rights guaranteed to all are applied fairly to all.

Pride is a time to celebrate our successes, as well as to reflect on the work that still needs to be done. We are excited to contribute to that work and ensure every 2SLGBTQI+ Canadian can live a free and authentic life. The Pride movement was created decades ago to fight injustice and inequity, and recent global events highlight why we still need Pride now more than ever!

The Honourable René CormierSenator, Co-chair	The Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Labour
Mr. Blake Desjarlais, MP, Co-chair	The Honourable Robert Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the
Ms. Lisa Marie Barron, MP	Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Honourable Randy Boissonnault, Minister of Tourism and Associate	The Honourable Kim Pate, Senator
Minister of Finance.	The Honourable Pascale St-Onge,
Mr. Randall Garrison, MP	Minister of Sport and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec
Ms. Melissa Lantsman, MP	



#### Pride Toronto 2023

Wahcheeyay misiway. RoseAnne Archibald nitishinikahsoon. Taykwa Tagamou ishinakataow kawocheean. (Greetings everyone. My name is RoseAnne Archibald. The place I come from is called Taykwa Tagamou).

#### Happy Pride!

My welcoming message comes from the newest organ of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Charter: the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council. Our 2-spirit and gender diverse folks have been a prominent part of the First Nations community and history since time immemorial. In fact, our 2-spirit and gender diverse folks were one of the first to bear the brunt of colonization.

To be here sharing this space within our AFN structure, the Toronto Pride community, and host territories today shows the incredible resilience of our 2-spirit and gender diverse community and validates the work that we have been striving for which is inclusion—inclusion of our voices, our experiences, our talents, and our lenses.

On behalf of the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Council, its members Orene Askew, Marcel Balfour, Kieran Davis, Kassidy Bernard, Chief Allan Polchies, Duane Gastant' Aucoin, Kasey Atcheynum, and portfolio lead Regional Chief Joanna Bernard, we welcome you to Pride 2023.

Ninanaskamon. Kisahkeetin. (I'm grateful, I'm thankful, I thank you. I love you)



National Chief RoseAnne Archibald May 04 2023



## Charity of Choice

Get ready to feel the excitement, because Pride Toronto is absolutely thrilled to announce that we've selected not just one, but TWO incredible Charities of Choice for this year's Festival! We've carefully chosen Friends of Ruby and the Stephen Lewis Foundation for their outstanding contributions and vital support of the 2SLGBTQI+ communities. During the Festival, we'll be shining a spotlight on these amazing organizations and rallying support for their important missions and initiatives. Let's come together to make a difference and show our love and support for these fantastic charities!

## An initiative of the Stephen Lewis Foundation

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### **The Stephen Lewis Foundation**

Founded 20 years ago, The Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF) champions health and human rights alongside more than 100 community-based organizations working on the frontlines of the HIV pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa. A progressive, feminist organization rooted in social justice and international solidarity, its focus is supporting partners cutting the AIDS pandemic off at its roots by providing care and support to women, orphaned children, grandmothers, and the LGBTIQ communities . Through their Partners in Pride campaign, the SLF supports 14 LGBTIQ organizations and their leaders, who live in environments characterized by violent homophobia, legally entrenched discrimination, and political and social persecution. These organizations are lifelines for LGBTIQ communities, providing vital health care, mental health support, social support, and legal counsel



### Friends of Ruby

Friends of Ruby ensures the 2SLGBTQIA+ youth (ages 16 to 29) of the Greater Toronto Area are validated, included and empowered to live healthier lives. They create welcoming and safe spaces for youth to participate in their various programs and services, including mental health, housing, wellness, education, employment, and inclusion through activities that meet 2SLGBTQIA+ youth needs. All programs and services are led and facilitated by 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, informed by 2SLGBTQIA+ youth and grounded in evidence and research. The facility is accessible, energy efficient, and pet-friendly.



Prepare to be truly impressed, because Pride Toronto has selected this year's International Grand Marshal and Honoured Group based on their extraordinary leadership and achievements promoting and fighting for human rights. These remarkable individuals and organizations have made exceptional contributions in the fight against discrimination and for equality, as well as against violence, torture and abuse, and criminalization of 2SLGBTQI+ people, identities, and activities on an international level. As this year's leads of the Pride Parade, they will inspire and unite us all, while acting as powerful ambassadors throughout Pride Month. For 2023, the International Honoured Group is a diverse collective of members from various international organizations hailing from Guyana, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda. Their accomplishments are nothing short of awe-inspiring. Without further ado, please join us in welcoming the incredible 2023 International Grand Marshal and Honoured Group.



### International Grand Marshal Tarek Zeidan

Tarek (he/him) is a sexual and bodily rights activist from Lebanon advocating for the rights and protection of LGBT communities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). He is the Executive Director of Helem, the first LGBT rights organization in the Arab World founded in 2001. Tarek is an Ashoka Foundation Global Changemaker Fellow, a Ford Foundation Global Fellow, and a Fellow at the Harvard Center for Public Leadership. He has previously worked as the Head of **Communications and Strategic Planning** for the MENA region at the Brookings Institution and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He obtained his M.A. in Human Rights Advocacy and Leadership Studies from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He currently lives in Beirut, Lebanon.

### International Honoured Group Collective Representatives



### **Yvonne (Yvee) Oduor**

Yvee (they/them) is a gender non-conforming lesbian feminist who uses their background as a journalist to advocate for the human rights of gender and sexual minorities in Kenya. They are currently the Operations Manager at the galck+, formerly the Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya, where they are involved in advocacy, gender and sexual diversity, mentorship, and joint litigation programs at national, regional, and international levels. They are also part of a SOGIE research committee that coordinates and undertakes SOGIE-based research for the LGBTQ+ community and organizations within the coalition. Yvee is the African representative of the Management Committee at the Commonwealth Equality Network and won the Upinde Fahari Award in 2022.



### Allan Nsubuga

Nsubuga Allan (They/Them) is a Clinical Psychologist who designs and implements behaviour change Interventions for key populations serving the LGBTIQ Rights Movement at Sexual Minorities Uganda as Strategic Initiatives Manager. Allan manages projects that monitor the HIV response in over 400 health facilities supported by PEPFAR for critical enablers and barriers of HIV/TB services for key populations compiled, analyzed and then used by civil society to advocate for better services. They work on the mental health response for the LGBTIQ community overseeing therapy connections in the Ugandan cultural context and applying theories. They coordinate the Quchu Leadership Academy at SMUG for young LGBTIQ activists, a yearlong leadership fellowship to build leadership capacity through mentoring young leaders. In addition to their work in the LGBTIO rights movement, they have also been involved in Uganda's youth advocacy and leadership development programs. Allan was a Mandela Washington Fellow, in 2021, in the Civic Leadership track at Indiana University Bloomington and a Professional Development Intern at the University of Maryland LGBTQ Equity Centre.



### Ali Karume Ali

Ali (he/him) is a 30-year-old youth gay/ bisexual Muslim, LGBTQ+ frontline defender, and married father of two living in Zanzibar, Tanzania, Working full-time as a Finance Manager with Bridge Initiative, an LGBTQ+ communities -led human rights defenders organization, Ali is also an entrepreneur and fashion designer. His clothes aim to educate people in Zanzibar on the negative attitudes and perceptions towards LGBTO+ people, including that our communities are lazy, cannot afford to work, are cursed, and cannot bring blessings into the house. With over seven years of LGBTQ+ advocacy work, he has made significant contributions to the fight for respect and protection for the rights of LGBTQ+ communities in Zanzibar and Tanzania, including improving access to social services despite the stigma and high levels of discrimination. Considering the social, economic, political, and legal environment for LGBTQ+ peoples in Tanzania, Ali's advocacy has made immense strides for the rights of our communities.



### ECADE

ECADE is an independent umbrella of LGBTQI+ organizations in all the island territories in the Eastern Caribbean, from the Virgin Islands to Grenada, that promotes a culture of human rights, equality, justice and respect for all people. With a network of 26 organizations across nine islands, ECADE works with LGBTQI+ and human rights organizations to strengthen their institutional capacity and provide a platform to strategize and work toward equality within the eastern Caribbean. Outside of empowering LGBTOI+ communities, they also work on various issues, including the rights of women and girls, environmental justice, food security, climate change and human rights. They aim to reduce stigma, discrimination and violation, acting as a watchdog to public policy and government signing of International treaties. Every day, they ensure that people are acknowledged as citizens of their country, regardless of their orientation and identity.

### Henry Victor, Okech Digolo and Kennedy Otieno Olango from GHPN- GBMSM NETWORK OF KENYA

Established in 2014, GMT HIV Prevention Network Kenya (GHPN-KE) is a network of 14 Gay, Bisexual and Men-having-sex-with-Men (GBMSM) led organizations across Kenya, ensuring meaningful engagement, sustainability and capacity of GBMSM organizations. Together, they work towards bettering the health, policy advocacy, social enterprise, human rights, and wellbeing of GBMSM by influencing policies and coordinating campaigns that decriminalize homosexuality and enhancing social influence. GHPN-KE supports organizations with resource mobilization, program implementation, and authentic accountability to the GBMSM community. Additionally, the network helps reduce legal and policy barriers for its organizations and improves access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services.

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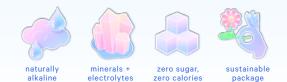
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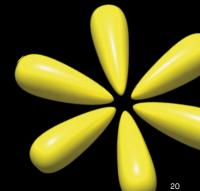
### Ssenfuka Joanita Warry

Joanita (she/her) is the Executive Director of Freedom and Roam Uganda (FARUG), a lesbian, bisexual and queer (LBQ) diverse persons' organization that advocates for the respect, protection, and fulfilment of LBQ rights and reinforces feminist culture and narrative. Over the past 11 years, Joanita led the LBQ communities by empowering its members and seeking synergies between the LGBTI and feminist movements. Some of her highlights include founding the first LGBTQ Catholic support organization in Uganda, founding the bi-annual Uganda Lesbian Forum, planning the first beach Pride in Uganda and being the current Treasurer of the Sexual Minorities Uganda. Joanita is an HRAP scholar from Columbia University and a Non-Governmental Organizations and Civic Activism scholar from the Institute of International Education (USA). Her areas of expertise are organizational leadership, administrative and financial management, human rights advocacy, and HIV activism, especially among LBQ women. Joanita continues mentoring and supporting all the LBQT organizations and individuals in Uganda.



### **Andrew Luswata Brant Seremba**

Brant (he/him) has been advocating for the rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) groups in Uganda since 2009, when he became a volunteer at the Hate No More Campaign Committee (hosted by Freedom and Roam Uganda). From there, he volunteered at Icebreakers Uganda (IBU), becoming the Resource Centre Manager and now Executive Director. IBU serves Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Ugandans 18 years and over who are 'coming out,' already 'out,' or feeling lonely or isolated due to their sexuality or sexual orientation. Additionally, IBU provides sexual health education, emphasizing HIV/AIDS and STIs, and promotes LGBT human rights. Outside of work, Brant is the Event Planner and Manager of the Pride organizing committee. He's dedicated much of his life and career to ensuring that all LGBT persons in Uganda get a chance to be who they are and holding the Ugandan Government accountable for all dangerous deeds they do in our communities.



## Prīde Toronto's Ambassadors

The Ambassadors embody excellence in human rights leadership and activism, selected for remarkable contributions fighting discrimination, promoting equality, eradicating violence, and advocating for 2SLGBTQI+ decriminalization. They serve as shining examples of standing up for a more equitable society, bringing attention to critical issues and advocating for change as community ambassadors on a national level. Their exceptional leadership and dedication remind us of the transformative potential of activism and advocacy. Their presence in the Pride Parade represents a significant step forward in the fight for equality and justice, inspiring generations of human rights advocates.

### Accessibility Ambassador Jonathan J Clarkson

Jonathan (he/him) became deaf at age 2, and when he was five, he began to draw as a way of self-expression. Now, he is a teacher and student at the Centre for Women and Trans People. Jonathan enjoys many different art mediums, including using pens, pencils and oil paints. Throughout his Gender Journey, he has received immense support from other members of the 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Jonathan is incredibly honoured and excited to be this year's Accessibility Ambassador and to share his story.



### Bi+ Ambassador Cheryl Dobinson

Cheryl Dobinson (she/her) is a force to be reckoned with. She's an activist, researcher, writer, and mentor in Toronto and Canada's bi+ and queer communities. Out as bi for over 25 years, she's proud to be part of bi+ communities and organizing locally and across North America. Cheryl is very passionate about bisexuality and committed to improving things for bi people in all areas of their lives. Cheryl has worked extensively in bisexual health research and research on sexual

orientation and health disparities more broadly. She's a past member of the Re:searching for LGBTQ Health team at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She regularly offers training and workshops to local, provincial, and national organizations seeking to better understand, include and affirm bi+ communities. Through her ongoing advocacy, research, and training initiatives, Cheryl gives people and organizations the tools to recognize and address the unique needs of bi+ people.



### **BIPOC Ambassador Les Femmes Fatales Women of Colour Burlesque Troupe**

Les Femmes Fatales is Canada's premiere burlesque troupe for Queer Women and Femmes of Colour and their allies, founded in 2010 by Toronto-based performer and playwright Dainty Smith. Composed of 18 multidisciplinary artists, the artistry of Les Femmes Fatales is a

celebration of self-love, resistance, resilience and rebellion. In a world that seeks to destroy, devalue and disappear women and femmes of colour, Les Femmes Fatales is a collective which celebrates sensuality, survivorship without apology, self-love and sexuality through burlesque and performance art, seeing the femme body as beautiful, powerful and divine. They are a collective, but they are, first and foremost, a family. They believe in creating radical change through resistance and lipstick. Les Femmes Fatales consists of artists who are also teachers, creators, and innovators who are dedicated and engaged in the continuous mentorship of new artists and shifting the cultural landscape of the arts and entertainment.



### Sober Ambassador Abraham Elzas

Abraham "Rami" Elzas (they/them) was adopted and raised in the Orthodox Jewish community and was generally made fun of throughout their childhood, as they didn't look like the other children. Rami struggled with ADHD from a young age, and their teachers didn't know how to deal with it. Rami was often sent home and left alone, not building vital social skills or many friendships. Rami remembers experimenting with their sexuality around

seven years old, yet in school would deal with homophobic remarks and bullying. Rami's sexuality needed to stay in the closet for many years due to the strict beliefs of Orthodox Judaism. Rami turned to alcohol at the age of eight, as it was readily available at home and in the synagogue. Alcohol became their security blanket in life, especially when emotions and situations arose that they couldn't handle. Rami vividly remembers coming out to their parents at the age of 16. Their parents told Rami and their teachers, "If Rami is gay, he will get AIDS and die." That was their only response. Rami's current activism highlight addresses the exclusion of specific segments of 2SLGBTQI+ communities, which began while working at JACS. Before Rami started JACS, 2SLGBTQI+ services weren't available.



### Trans Ambassador Kitanya Wiltshire

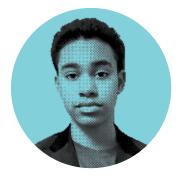
Kitanya Wiltshire was born and raised on the tropical Island of Barbados. Immediately upon her arrival in Canada, she became a Trans activist. Holding a Master's degree in Social Work and working as the Intake Coordinator and Trans Program Lead in Mental Health Services and Support for the Black Coalition For Aids Prevention, Kitanya is heavily involved in the community as she pioneers for the rights of the Trans and Non Binary

community. Kitanya brings a wealth of knowledge and over eight years of experience in Harm reduction, Case Management, Discrimination and Stigma, HIV prevention and testing, Immigration and Resettlement, Hormone Replacement, Mental Health, Transitioning Education and Gender Identification.

Kitanya currently leads the only Black Trans Department at The Black Coalition for Aids Prevention and previously helped implement the organization's only Trans Identification Clinic. Another significant contribution under her belt was spearheading the ACB Trans Women Harm Reduction program, and she has continued to serve the community through this role. Every day, she fights to solve and break the systemic barriers which the Trans community faces.

### Youth Ambassador Ocean Ruel

Ocean Ruel is a remarkable 15-year-old from Ontario, Canada. Inspired by his passion and positively impacting the world, he has been actively involved in the community from a very young age. Currently, in grade 10, Ocean is highly motivated and dedicated to his academic, athletic, and social activism pursuits. Over



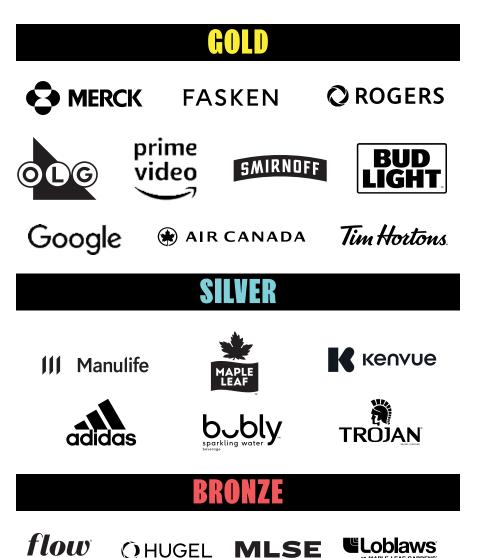
the past four years, he has involved himself in three councils, including the Black Lives Matter Youth Council, the Yass Youth Council, and his school's Student Council, where he was elected the Minister of the Environment. He is committed to promoting social justice, equality, and diversity. One of his goals is to push for a Black and 2SLGBTQI+ school curriculum and make schools more 2SLGBTQI+-friendly. He firmly believes every student should have access to an inclusive and diverse education.

Outside his community service work, Ocean has a passion for track and field, which he discovered when he was 7. He started running and was instantly drawn to the sport. By 9, he had become the youngest member to join the UFT team, UTTCJDMD, where he continues to excel and compete.

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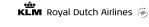


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## Pride Month Signature Events

Get ready to celebrate with Pride Toronto! We're thrilled to host an incredible array of Signature Events throughout the month that help us keep the Pride Toronto Festival stages accessible and free for all community members. From thrilling performances to inspiring speakers and everything in between, our June Signature Events will surely get you pumped for Pride Month! Don't miss out!

For more descriptions of Pride Toronto's Signature Events, including accessibility information, please check out www.pridetoronto.com/events



## **Royal Tea** Pride Month Kickoff Party

## **Til Sunset** "The Beach Party"



Cherry Beach Proving Ground

2pm - 11pm

Pride Toronto will be kicking off Pride Month Programming with an exclusive drag show featuring a variety of Drag Superstars all the way from the UK. Headliners include the drag wunderkind and winner of RuPaul's Drag Race UK Season 3, Krystal Versace; the breakout star of Canada vs the World, Victoria Scone; The Caribbean Empress of Birmingham, Black Peppa; the Chicest Queen in Drag Race Herstory, Dakota Schiffer; the Manchester Mannequin; Sminty Drop; and Mother of the Haus of Kendoll, Gothy Kendoll with an electric DJ set. This one-of-a-kind drag show will also feature host Beardra and DJ Cozmic Cat to keep the energy alive all night.

#### **Sponsors** TD Bud Light Seltzer Hard Soda

**Cost** \$40-\$80

#### Hosted By Beardra Bidness

#### Talent

Krystal Versace Victoria Scone Black Peppa Dakota Schiffer Sminty Drop Gothy Kendoll (DJ Set) Cozmic Cat (DJ) Join us for a celebration of love, diversity and pride at our annual 'Til Sunset "The Beach Party" during Pride Month! This year for the first time at Cherry Beach! This event will feature international recording artist CupcakKe and a lineup of talented A-List artists from the Black 2SLGBTQI+ Toronto communities , highlighting the valuable contributions of the 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

Not only will this party be a fun and festive occasion, but it will also serve as an opportunity for education and awareness of the unique Black 2SLGBTQI+ experience. Come out and dance the day and night away, connect with new people, and support the Black 2SLGBTQI+ communities at 'Til Sunset "The Beach Party!" Come make a splash!

Hosted by The Virgo Queen Alliston Davis

Talent

CupcakKe Karim Olen Ash BBQ Devine Darlin Myst Millano King.Https Presston Afrique Like Me C-Flava, Derty & Saturn Andre Marc J3M DJ Shannyn Hill Lady Nova DJ Donovan **Sponors** TD Captain Morgan

**Cost** \$40





Pride Pool Party with Sugar & Spice

7pm - 1am

Get ready for the hottest event of the summer. as Pride Toronto's legendary pool party returns in a new location! Soak up the sun, show off your sexiest swimwear, and enjoy a night of sizzling drag performances by local legends. And that's not all - headlining this year's event are none other than Sugar and Spice, the TikTok-famous twins who set the world on fire in RuPaul's Drag Race Season 15. With host Suki Doll and daughter Destiny Doll, plus legendary DJs John Caffery and Deko-Ze, you won't want to miss a beat of this unforgettable night. For those looking for an extra special experience. exclusive VIP Cabanas, bottle service, and meet and greets are all available. Don't miss out on the party of the year!

#### **Sponsor** TD

**Cost** \$40-\$60

Hosted By Suki Doll

#### Talent

Sugar & Spice Destiny Doll Deko-Ze (DJ) John Caffery (DJ) Kris Steeves (DJ)

## **Youth Conference**

Our annual Youth Conference is back, and this year's theme, "Defenders of 2SLGBTQI+ Human Rights," aims to address the pressing challenges that our community faces. Join us on Wednesday, May 17, from 9 am to 2 pm, as we engage and connect with 2SLGBTQI+ youths (11 to 19) and allies in a one-day event that offers interactive workshops, fun activities, and giveaways.

Our conference seeks to empower participants to build stronger community partnerships, educate allies, and promote connections and collaborations through best practices. Through our workshops and activities, we aim to empower youths to live authentic lives while advocating for their rights and those of their peers.

We invite you to be a part of this impactful event and help us build a better future for our community. Let us work together to create a world where every individual can live their truth without fear of discrimination or prejudice.

### Human Rīghts Conference

Join Pride Toronto, the Ontario Federation of Labour and affiliate Unions for an empowering event that promises to make a real impact. The 2023 Human Rights Conference: Defenders of 2SLGBTQI+ Human Rights brings together international and local workshop facilitators and keynote speakers to engage in dialogue and learn from one another.

Through interactive workshops, attendees will gain insights into the challenges and solutions of labour rights for our communities and navigate potential and current legislation that violates the Human Rights of 2SLGBTQI+ peoples. By building networks of support, we'll create international awareness and foster connections that will have a lasting impact on human rights advocacy. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference. Join us on Tuesday, June 20!

For more information go to www.pridetoronto.com/events



### Tuesday June 200



### **Community Connect** Connecting Our Communities!



Who said Pride has to be limited to downtown? We're taking the celebration across the Greater Toronto Area, with three community-based events in Scarborough, Etobicoke, and North York.

Get ready for an amazing lineup of drag queens, spoken word artists, DJs, games, activities, and so much more! It's a day for the whole family, so bring everyone along to experience Pride right in your own neighbourhood. We've partnered with Eastside Pride, Westside Pride, and Jane and Finch BIA to make these events are unforgettable. Save the dates and come join us for an epic time!

### **Get ready, here we come!**



## **Rainbow** Senior Pride

Saturday June 177 Rekai LTC Centre at Wellesley Central Place

(160 Wellesley Street E) 1pm - 4pm

Join us for our second annual event Rainbow Senior Pride event, presented by Pride Toronto and Rekai LTC Centre in partnership with Senior Pride Network and Buddies in Bad Times Theatre. This year's theme is "Here. There, Everywhere: Celebrating our Champions Then & Now," where we'll champion and uplift older adults from the 2SLGBTQI+ communities while celebrating the first long-term care Rainbow Wing in North America at the Rekai LTC Centre. We encourage intergenerational partnerships and share the lived experience of Rainbow Seniors. This free event will include performances from well-known local artists. including drag performers, delicious food, ice cream, henna artists, door prizes, and so much more! Attendees can discover various advocacy and social organizations supporting 2SLGBTQI+ communities.



### Celebration & Networking

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Networking Entertainment Party



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Nikki Leblanc

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## PrideToronto Festival Weekend

Get ready to experience the biggest 2SLGBTQI+ festival in Canada, and one of the largest in the world. With over 2.4 million expected attendees, we're committed to amplifying our community and spreading love and acceptance everywhere!

We have an incredible lineup of events and programming. Join us and celebrate Pride in all its glory right here!

> For more on Pride Toronto's programming, including accessibility information, please check out www.pridetoronto.com. Look forward to seeing you there!

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### Need Help? Information Booths

We want to make sure you have all the information you need to have an amazing festival experience. We have two information booths staffed with friendly volunteers who are ready to answer any questions. Our info booths are located at Church St and Carlton St, and Church St and Wellesley St. If you'd like to support our efforts to keep Pride a safe and inclusive space for all, we have donation stations set up as well. Come say hi and let us help you make the most of your Pride experience!

### **Harm Reduction**

At Pride Toronto, we strive to create a judgement-free space where everyone can celebrate Pride in a way that works best for them. We're proud to partner with several harm reduction agencies to ensure the safety of all our festival guests. This year, you can find the following organizations providing harm reduction services: Maggie's Toronto, SISTERING, Street Health, Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention, Black Creek Community Health Centre, Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre, and Casey House. These agencies provide essential services, including safe needle disposal, overdose prevention, and mental health support. We want to remind everyone that it's okay to ask for help, and we encourage everyone to reach out to these organizations if they need any support or assistance during the festival. Stay safe and have a fantastic Pride!



The streets the place to go! There's always something going on at the StreetFair! We take over several city blocks to provide safe space to gather and come together. You'll find local artisans, delicous eats, beer gardens, top act performers, resources, organization connections and so much more!

Don't miss out on the top DJs and curated entertainment at our stages. Try all the delicious food from our many food vendors. We have a bunch of new and exciting zones this year so we welcome you to explore!

The StreetFair is the best place to soak up the incredible energy of Pride. Prepare to make some new friends! Join in on the epic celebration of love, acceptance, and community as we take over the streets!

For more information about the programming and accessibility, check out www.pridetoronto.com

### Food Zone Powered by Google

Friday, June 23 7pm - 12am

Saturday, June 24 1pm - 12am

Sunday, June 25 1pm - 11pm

From the Intersection of Church St and Gerrard St E to the Intersection of Church St and Gould St.

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Saturday June **24** 

1pm - 11pm





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## **Trans Pride Dyke Pride**

### **Trans Rally** & March

Fridav June Church St & Hayden St (635 Church St)

7pm - 9pm

### **Trans** Afterparty



Join us in recognizing the resilience, strength, and beauty of the Trans community at the largest Trans March in the world! We gather and celebrate Trans identities and to honour Trans lives lost.

The rally, featuring speakers and performers, is a space for folks to gather and prepare for the march with sign-making and community-building activities. During the march, we centre the experiences, joys and struggles of Trans folks, reaffirming that their existence is valid, necessary, and deserving of respect and dignity. Let us raise awareness together. Trans rights are human rights!

While allies are welcome to join, we ask that they respect the importance of this space and leave room for Trans folks to celebrate at the front of the march.

After the march, celebrate at our Trans Pride Afterparty! This grassroots event features an incredible lineup of Transgender performers and DJs and is a space for Trans folks to dance, connect, and be. The Community Fair offers space for folks to sell their art and community organizations to connect.

Join us in uplifting and honouring the Transgender community and fighting for Trans rights and visibility!



Calling all Dykes and Lesbians, and women loving women: come out for Pride Toronto's annual Dyke March! Enjoy speakers, performances and sign-making at the Rally before marching for visibility and celebration. At 2:00 pm we march, loud and proud, reclaiming the streets of Toronto.

While this event is specifically for Dykes and Lesbians, allies are welcome. We ask that allies leave space for folks who identify as Dykes or Lesbians to celebrate at the front!

At the end of the Dyke March, continue celebrating with the community at our Afterparty and Community Fair featuring Dyke and Lesbian performers and DJs. Find space for Dykes and Lesbians to sell their art and for community groups to connect. Let us gather and celebrate women!

### **Dyke Rally** & March

**Saturday** June Church St & Havden St (635 Church St)

1pm - 3pm

### UVKG Afterparty



Outdoors on Church St between Carlton St & Granby St

**June 23** - 24 2pm - 6pm





Pride Toronto 2023 is proud to announce its highly anticipated Art Zone in collaboration with Art Battle, the premier live art competition platform. Our Art Zone provides art enthusiasts and Pride supporters with a unique and immersive experience.

This year, we'll showcase the best and brightest talent in the 2SLGBTQI+ art community, with various artists displaying their creations live on stage. Art Battle will bring its signature style of high-energy, timed painting competitions to the festival, adding excitement and entertainment.

Partner Art Battle

### **The Pride Sober Oasis**

The Pride Sober Oasis is a safe space for the sober community to celebrate Pride, and an opportunity for others to learn more about who we are and what we do. In the Oasis, you'll magically transition from the hot pavement to the cool grass at Paul Kane Parkette.

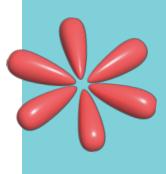
Throughout the day, different Sobriety Modalities will host meetings: from 12-Step Groups to SMART Recovery, we got you covered across many substances and behaviours. In the big tent, we will respect your anonymity. Outside, come to relax, meditate, stretch it out, or play some games.

In the evenings, join us for loud and proud sober fun. Check out drag performances and dance the night away. This is your sober space! **June 23** 6pm - 11pm

Paul Kane Parkette

June 24

June 25



Church St Public School

June 24 - 25



### Alexander St & Church St

**June 23** 7pm - 9pm

June 24

June 25



**Wellness Zone** 

A place to unwind, have fun, meditate, and play. Come by all weekend long to participate in sports and wellness activities, including meditation, yoga, spinning, ball hockey, kickboxing, soccer, HIIT workouts, and basketball. Various classes and activations will run at different times throughout Festival Weekend, as well as there being a multi-sport open court.

**Sponsor** Adidas



### **Family Pride**

Celebrate the strength and uniqueness of 2SLGBTQI+ families and children at Family Pride! Now in its 24th year, Family Pride is a fun-filled oasis on the grounds of Church Street School, filled with face painting, a magic show, storytelling, and so much more!

Sponsored by Maple Leaf Foods, come and play just off the Festival and help build and strengthen our diverse community of 2SLGBTQI+ parents, caregivers, and children.

Please note that adults are only allowed in this space if accompanying a child.







The main event! Celebrate the diversity, beauty and progress of the 2SLGBTQI+ community at the 2023 Pride Parade -the largest Parade in Canada!

Once a year we have a chance to come together and show support for one another! We hope you'll join us in supporting and cheering on over 250 groups promoting equality and inclusion.

We fill the streets with colourful floats and friendly faces. Enjoy performances, spectacle, music and more. We proudly exist and stand up for human rights in all it's forms. We not only stand together but we march together! Here, there, everywhere!

Join us at the corner of Church and Bloor St at 2:00 pm, as we kick off the Pride Parade! Follow or find viewing spots along Yonge St. We turn RIGHT this year on Dundas St W as we make our way to Nathan Phillips Square (off of Bay St) where music, performances and celebration continue well into the night. We have free water stations at various intersections, including Carlton St and Yonge St, to keep you hydrated and comfortable in the summer sun. Don't forget your sunscreen and snacks!

Our new march end destination, Nathan Phillips Square -features a NEW super size Main Stage and Beer Garden. We have some great closing acts to end the festival.

So show no shame. You are welcome here. Let us celebrate together how far we've come. Don't miss out on the Pride Parade!

For Parade Accessibility information and event details, visit www.pridetoronto.com.

## **My First Pride**

The My First Pride Parade Contingent is for anyone experiencing Pride for their first time and would like to participate and march together. Join other first timers and experienced Pride members in a special part of the parade. Make this first Pride one you won't forget!

The 2023 Pride Toronto Parade will take place Sunday, June 25, 2023 in downtown Toronto.

If you are interested in marching with the My First Pride Contingent, please visit www.pridetoronto.com/myfirstpride for more information!

## **VIP Experience**

Want to see your favourite acts up close? Don't wait in line, a limited number of Festival Weekend VIP Passes are available which give access to the VIP areas at TD Main Stage in Nathan Phillips Square and Bud Light Wellesley Stage. Passes are available in Single Day or Full Weekend options and give early access to Festival Weekend performer Meet and Greets!

#### Perks of VIP Passes include:

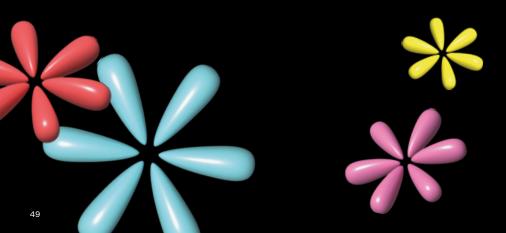
- The best view of the stage
- Line Bypass Privileges
- First access to exclusive Meet & Greets (additional purchase required)
- One (1) Drink Ticket per day
- Snacks available in VIP area
- Separate VIP entrance
- Private Washrooms
- Private VIP Bar with reduced wait times
- Lounge Access with Cash Bar

#### Festival Weekend VIP Pass - \$300

#### Single Day VIP Pass - \$125

Meet and Greets are available at select events including Drag Ball, New Ho Queen and Blockorama.

All VIP areas are ages 19+, and access is based on capacity. All tickets are final sale.



## **Navigating Stages**

#### **General Info**

- Please arrive early for events to ensure a good spot. Many of our events fill up quickly.
- Bud Light Wellesley Stage and OLG Central Stage have strict capacities. Unfortunately, once we reach capacity, we won't be able to accommodate additional attendees until other attendees leave the space. Most of our stages reach capacity, so please arrive as early as possible to avoid long queues.
- Unfortunately, in and out access is not allowed at any of our Festival Stages. If you have to leave for any reason, you'll have to rejoin the line at the end of the entrance queue.
- Please have your valid government-issued ID ready to assist with the entrance process and reduce wait times. Pride Toronto strictly prohibits any weapons or liquids on your person.
   We will be administering bag checks at our stages. We don't require ID is for the General Admission areas of our TD Main Stage at Nathan Phillips Square or our Rogers South Stage. Both of these stages are open stages compared to others.
- We strongly encourage attendees to refrain from bringing large bags into the stage spaces.
- Coat check or item storage won't be available, and Pride Toronto isn't responsible for any loss
   or damage to any personal items.
- All stages have hard cut-offs at 11pm, except Bud Light Wellesley Stage and OLG Central Stage, which end at 2am on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Washrooms are available at all stage areas.

#### VIP

- VIP areas are only available at TD Main Stage and Bud Light Wellesley Stage.
- VIP passes must be visible at all times and worn within the VIP areas
- You won't be allowed into the VIP or Backstage area if you don't have a valid VIP pass.
- Pride Toronto isn't responsible for any loss of a VIP Pass. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a replacement if you lose your Pass.

#### Food and Beverages

- You can find alcoholic beverages for sale at our TD Main Stage, Bud Light Wellesley Stage, OLG Central Stage and Rogers South Stage.
- At TD Main Stage and Rogers South Stage, you can only buy and consume alcohol in our licensed, fenced-in Beer Gardens. Don't drink outside of the Beer Gardens!
- All drink sales will end 60 minutes before the end of the day's programming.
- Bud Light Wellesley Stage and TD Main Stage will have food trucks in the General Admission area. The Food Zone is also a short walk from Rogers South Stage, along Church St. between Gerrard St. and Gould St.

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TD Main Stage (Nathan Phillips Square)

7pm - 11pm

Join us for a night of high-energy dance performances featuring some of the best 2SLGBTQI+ performers in the country! Pop sensation Rêve will take the stage at the Pride Toronto TD Main Stage, bringing their signature sound to CTRL+ALT+DEL your troubles away. Then, rapper and hitmaker Saucy Santana will storm the stage and keep the party going all night long. Don't miss out on the chance to shake your Booty-booty-booty-booty at our Opening Night event: "Wake 'Em Up." Get ready to dance, let loose, and celebrate with the vibrant and diverse 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

Hosted by Boman Martinez-Reid

Talent Saucy Santana

Rêve Pogi PriXm Taaj Entertainment The House of Coco Roca

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### **Stages & DJ Areas**



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#### **Stages**

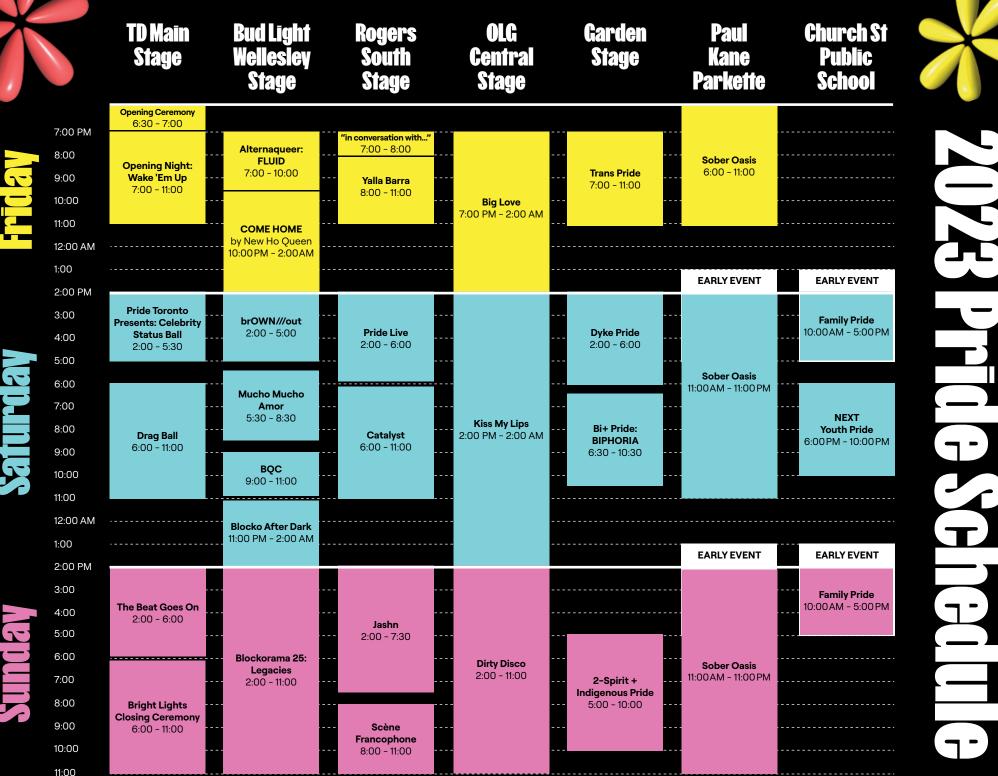
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9 TD MAIN STAGE







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### **Alternaqueer: FLUID**

Drip. Drip. Don't slip cause the Alternaqueer stage is getting soaked.

Squish, squeeze and shapeshift down to see what this gloriously grotesque gaggle of ghouls have in store for you. Slurp up the slop or get a silly slap. Intrigued yet?

This year's theme is fluid, so no solid matter allowed. Get wiggly, embrace fluidity or crawl away.

Hosted by STELLA & STARLIGHT

#### **Talent** Yoyska

Yovska Slash Need Seyoncé Knows Mx. Imogen Jelly Allysin Chaynes Craven Blood Killsey Van HellSin

### **Yalla Barra**

Yalla Barra is back for its 7th year, featuring Middle Eastern artists with various talents. Yalla Barra, Arabic for "come out/get out," can be taken to have many different meanings. This year it means out of the closet and unchained from the boundaries and constraints that tried to define us. This year Yalla Barra will be co-hosted by Madee Lovegood and the original Yalla Barra queen, KeroPatra InDenial. Poetry reading, DJs, belly dancing, performances, burlesque – you name it, we have it – but in Middle Eastern style! Yalla, come belly dance with us!

**Curated by KeroPatra** 

#### Talent

Madee Lovegood Sammy Bassam Melissa Gamal Twinklet Aljazi Selena Vyle Jaja Joon & Mahriel Anoush Ellah DJ Dr. Fawaeshi





### Friday June 223 Bud Light Wellesley Stage 10pm - 2am

### **Come Home** by New Ho Queen

Feeling lost? Here's a compass, we invented it. This year's Asian Pride is closing out the Wellesley Stage on Friday, June 23rd! Still lost? Look up to the night skies and let the Asian Superstars guide you home. Because we're everything all at once. Party .^\_.

New Ho Queen is a collective of creatives united in bringing you events celebrating Queer Asian Joy & Love.

**Curated by New Ho Queen** 

#### Talent

Plastique Tiara Joy Rider Suki Doll Destiny Doll Aurora Matrix Gei Ping Hohl Maddox Kai Discoraphy HONEYBUNN LL Cool Wei

### **Big Love**

If you're looking for a party to kick off your Pride Weekend, filled with hard-hitting, underground DJs that know their way around the 1s & 2s, this is the spot for you. Good energy, hard thumping music that will keep you dancing until late into the night. Plus, bringing love from Australia, the global drag superstar DJ Kitty Glitter will be headlining the evening!





Get ready to experience the most extravagant and unforgettable drag event ever to hit the Pride Toronto stage! Featuring an incredible lineup of Toronto drag icons and special guests such as Sasha Colby, Anetra, Jimbo, Landon Cider, Icesis Couture, Gisèle Lullaby, Jada Shada Hudson, Pythia, Miss Fiercalicous, Kimmy Couture, Weebee, HercuSleaze, and MORE!

But this drag event is about more than just entertainment. In the face of worldwide drag bans, anti-drag protests, and anti-Trans laws, it's more important than ever to take a stand for our communities. That's why we're gathering in front of Toronto City Hall for an event that will be political, potent, pleasurable, and powerful all at once. Come join us and make your voice heard as we celebrate diversity and demand visibility for our community. Talent Sasha Colby Anetra Jimbo Landon Cider Icesis Couture Gisèle Lullaby Jada Shada Hudson Pythia Miss Fiercalicous Kimmy Couture Sofonda Ivory Towers Weebee HercuSleaze

### Pride Toronto Presents: Celebrity Status Ball

Join us for the first-ever Pride Ball honouring and remembering the celebrities of the past, present, and future! The 2SLGBTQI+ communities is rich with trailblazers who have shattered barriers, changed pop culture, and made incredible sacrifices for us all. Now, it's time to celebrate these icons and legends and express ourselves at the Pride Ball.

Come walk a category or cheer on the competitors as we pay tribute to those who paved the way for our community and continue to inspire us today. Whether you're donning your most glamorous outfit or simply coming as you are, you'll feel the love and joy of this event. So get ready to celebrate and honour the iconic individuals who have made our community stronger and more vibrant than ever before.

### **Kiss My Lips**

Pride Toronto presents Kiss My Lips, the absolute best in women-identified programming intended for all genders. Hosted by the STRAPPED Sweeties and Marisa Rosa Grant, this event includes DJs, dancers, and performers all day and night. Save a kiss and see you there!

#### Hosted by Marisa Bosa Grant

#### Talent

A\$H Banks Dre Ngozi Playgirl Jelz Ace Dillinger Sophie Jones Cozmic Cat STRAPPED Sweeties

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### Saturday June 24 OLG Central Stage 2pm - 2am





### Saturday June **24**

TD Main Stage (Nathan Phillips Square)

2pm - 5:30pm



2pm - 5pm



**Saturday** June **Bud Light Wellesley Stage** 5:30pm - 8:30pm



## br0WN//out

brOWN//out is the "South Asian" community stage at Pride Toronto. It is a mixtape of adventures. Rushing from waters. mountains and plains of homeland(s) through the diaspora and back. Over and over again. brOWN//out is a community space for "South Asian" queer and trans artists: singers. poets, dancers, drag and burlesque artists, musicians and more. Influenced and supported by a multitude of artists, organizers, agitators, dreamers and doers.

For 2023, brOWN//out goes big - new stage, even more artists, community support, and lots more!

**Mucho Mucho** 

#### **Curated by Anu Radha**

Talent Raheem Thawer & Pree Rehal ROSINA Sushmita Solo Pannist Cassandra Myers Bad Shah Bijuriya **Optimal Tease** Mango Lassi

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### **BQC Presents: We Ah Run Di Grung**

We Outside! We Outside! Step out and style pon dem, cause We Ah Run Di Gruna.

Join us for another exhilarating stage as BQC Presents: We Ah Run Di Grung, celebrating our black queer and trans youth performers within our community. This year's stage will have a variety of performances from DJ sets, rappers, vocalists and more. Come hold a vibe, catch a bubble, whine up or hol a canah and show love to Toronto's only stage for our black queer and trans youth performers.

#### Curated by BQC

Hosted By Riichie

Talent Jordior Tara Lord Dichotomi J3M Azaria Middle

## **Pride Live**

Get ready for a unique musical experience at Pride Live, featuring live instruments and live singers with a focus on rock, country, jazz, and blues. You'll be blown away by the incredible talents on display from this diverse lineup of bands.

Soak up the sun and chill out with us as we celebrate Pride Weekend in style. Whether you're a die-hard fan of rock or looking to explore new musical genres, Pride Live is the perfect place to let loose and have some fun. Don't miss out on the chance to experience something a little different and revel in the sounds of live music

Talent Witch Prophet CJ Wiley **Kingdom of Birds** Brooklyn Doran Mike Nagoda and the Spectrum Blues Band





**Bud Light Wellesley Stage** 

9pm - 11pm

**Saturday** 

**June** 



# **Cata** vst

Catalyst celebrates Two-Spirit and Indigigueer artists with performances from drag and burlesque artists, as well as performances from musicians, including Quanah Style, The Johnnys, and more!

#### **Curated by 2-Spirited People** of the 1st Nations

#### Talent

Amanda Rheaume Kaos Quanah Style The Johnnys Neno Freebird Tygr Willy Buffv Lo Feather Talia Madame Odemiin Surprise DJ Fawn Big Canoe



### **BIPHORIA Bi+ Pride**

**BIPHORIA!** A four-hour-long event in celebration of our diverse Bi+ community\*! Join us for an eclectic mix of performances, including vocalists Sydney Riley, Cameron Philip, and Nicole Haber; spoken word by Lisa Shen; drag by Full Blown Father and Lallafral; burlesque by Mary Bobbins; and hosted by Tamara Shevon.

\*Bi+ encompasses all non-monosexual identities, including bisexual, biromantic, pansexual, panromantic, omnisexual, polysexual, fluid and queer.

### NEXT Youth Pride

Sherbourne Health's Supporting Our Youth (SOY) Youth Advisory Committee is excited to bring the NEXT generation of youth excellence to Pride. Get ready for jaw-dropping performances, special guests, high-stakes drama and prizes. We're more than the rainbow, we're new legends, we're what comes NEXT!

Partner SOY



Tamara Shevon Sydney Riley Lisa Shen **Full Blown Father** Nicole Haber Alex Whorms Lallafral Mary Bobbins **Cameron Philip** DJ Stephen Harvey

Talent



**Saturday** 

June

Garden Stage



**Church Street Junior Public School** 

6pm - 10pm

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Blocko After Dark

## **Blockorama 25: Legacīes**



Bud Light Wellesley Stage

2pm - 11pm

Blackness Yes! presents Blocko After Dark, your chance to experience more Blockorama! Come and enjoy a second night of Blocko Pride on Saturday and celebrate late into the night with Toronto's best Black 2SLGBTQI+ DJs, drag artists and performers.

**Curated by Blackness Yes!** 

**Hosted By** OhBumbaRassClot

Talent Pamputtae Pogi Red Toungued Raven Makayla Couture Ace Dillinger Blockorama turns 25! Blackness Yes!, the volunteer committee behind Blockorama, celebrates 25 years of Pride Month's hottest party!

Blockorama is Pride Toronto's longest-running stage, with a jubilant history that spotlights Toronto's 2SLGBTQI+ African, Black, and Caribbean communities through performers, DJs, artists, drag, ballroom, health workers and activists.

Blockorama is the must-attend event of Pride, filled with music, community, dancing, and endless amounts of Black love.

#### Curated by Blackness Yes!

Hosted By Andrew Campbell

#### Talent

Nadia Batson Trinity K. Bonet Karim Olen Ash DJ Carma Craig Dominic Cookie Doh Adria Kain J3M Lady Nova **Devine Darlin** Jordior lelz Young Zee Sonic Griot Nik Red Pleasure Prestige Mz Lady Ice



6pm - 11pm

## **Brīght** Līghts Closing Night Party

Close your Festival Weekend out with a bang as electropop icon Lights plays her first ever Pride. Supported by an all-female, all-live closing extravaganza, Bright Lights also features breakout sensation Devon Cole and the highly talented memyself&vi and Favvkes.

Talent

Lights Devon Cole memyself&vi Favvkes





## The Beat Goes On

Don't let the fun end when the parade does! Join us at Nathan Phillips Square for The Beat Goes On, where you can dance the afternoon away to the hottest house grooves, disco tracks, and Pride bangers. Whether you're looking to continue the celebration after the parade or just want to dance the day away, this is the place to be.

DJs Valeroo and Sandy Watts will be spinning the tunes to keep you moving and grooving all afternoon long. So come on down and join us for a non-stop dance party that will keep your spirits high and your feet moving. With great music, an incredible atmosphere, and plenty of Pride vibes, The Beat Goes On is the perfect way to keep the party going!

**Talent** Sandy Watts Valeroo

### **Dirty Disco**

Get ready to get down and dirty at Dirty Disco, returning with a vengeance to Pride this year! With a two-decade legacy of celebration, this stage has been an integral part of the festivities for years.

Finish your Pride Weekend off with a bang and come dance your heart out at Dirty Disco. Whether you're a long-time fan or experiencing this legendary stage for the first time, you won't want to miss out on the electrifying atmosphere, incredible music, and unforgettable performances. So mark your calendars and join us for a night of celebration, dancing, and pure Pride vibes at Dirty Disco! Talent Essel JELO Jerome Robins Robb G Ticky Ty Jules Worth Chiclet







2pm - 6pm



**Sunday** 

June

**Rogers South Stage** 

8pm - 11pm



Join us for an afternoon celebration of Indian, Pakistani, and Sri Lankan 2SLGBTQI+ culture. Jashn means "to celebrate" in Hindi, so get ready for some South Asian fun. Featuring bollywood dance performances from Taaj Entertainment and some South Asian flavour from DJ Amita and DJ Kow which will get you up and dancing. Plus DJ Sikh Knowledge presents "For the Love of Panjab" Block Party. All this and more hosted by the queen herself Mallika Gujral who will also be performing. The Jashn starts at 2pm sharp, come celebrate!

#### Talent

DJ Sikh Knowledge Kween Mallika Taaj Entertainment DJ Amita DJ Kow

## Scène Francophone

Viens danser et célébrer la Saint Jean-Baptiste avec les performances d'artistes francophones 2SLGBTQI+ sur la Scène sud du festival !

Come dance and celebrate Saint Jean-Baptiste with performances by French-speaking 2SLGBTQI+ artists on the South Stage of the festival!

#### Curated by FrancoQueer

#### Talent

Mémé Caramel DJ ESL Randay Rosie Bourgoisie Tobias Mbarga Maria Allass Tristan Ginger

### **Two-Spirit and Indigenous Pride**

Join 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations and Pride Toronto after the Parade for a Two-Spirit and Indigenous community gathering at our Garden Stage. We're featuring activities such as a beadine circle, a sacred fire for community members, a Two-Spirit artists market, and performances throughout the late afternoon into the evening.

**Two-Spirit Fair** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Two-Spirit and Indigenous Performances** 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

#### Talent

Cara the Ra11n DJ Fawn Big Canoe Ziibiwan Mx Wolverine Donny Danger Chroma Kay Wahta Sugar Niagara Treyla Parktrash Mercy Buttercup







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# Wood Street Block Party

Experience the electrifying energy of the legendary block party at Wood and Church Streets in the heart of Toronto's Village during Pride Weekend. Join thousands of fellow celebrants to dance in the streets and enjoy the best 2SLGBTQI+ DJs in the city. This iconic event has become a staple of Pride in Toronto, offering non-stop music, fun, and good vibes all weekend long. Whether you're a seasoned Pride veteran or new to the festivities, the block party is the perfect place to embrace the spirit of Pride and celebrate with friends and community. So come out in your brightest Pride gear and get ready to dance the weekend away!

Sponsors MERCK **June 23** 7pm - 11pm

June 24

**June 25** 1pm - 11pm

# North DJ Riser

Controllers, turntables, mics and DJs – oh my! Only the best DJs get to play this Riser, pumping up the crowds as they walk our StreetFair. Celebrate Pride by dancing, making friends, and listening to some of the best beats out there.

June 23

June 24

**June 25** 1pm - 11pm



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# Throughout Pride Month, Pride Toronto is proud to partner with a diverse range of cultural events across the city, all committed to promoting diversity, representation, and inclusion. From art exhibitions to film screenings to music performances, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Check out these special events with Pride everywhere!

Major Cultural

**Events** 

For a list of events visit www.pridetoronto.com/events

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May 27, 2023 10:00am-6:00pm

email info@2spirits.org for more information



# **Progress Pride Flag Raising**

Thursday, June 1, 2023 12:30 p.m. Toronto City Hall (Podium Roof)

Please join Members of Toronto City Council for the Progress Pride flag raising ceremony to kick off PRIDE month - celebrating Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ communities.

Visit toronto.ca/pridemonth for additional flag raising ceremony locations.

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In a groundbreaking new opera, *Pomegranate* follows the time-shifting love between Suli and Cassia, young women seeking to express their love freely in the face of impossible odds. As the story moves from a women's temple in ancient Pompeii to a Toronto lesbian bar in 1981, the orchestral music follows suit, setting the stage for a heart-wrenching choice.

# coc.ca/Pomegranate

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# Art Gallery of Ontario, Baillie Court Friday, June 9 | 7 – 9 pm

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# **Pride Prom 2023**: **Outcast Paradise**

Calling all 2SLGBTQI+ youths! It's time to dress up, feel good, and be your authentic self - because you're welcome to Pride Prom: **Outcast Paradise!** 

Hosted by the SOY Pride Prom Youth Advisory Committee, Pride Prom is a party sanctuary where 2SLGBTQI+ youth (21 and under) can celebrate the end of the school year with their peers. You can enjoy youth performances, prizes, DJ and a dance floor! Complimentary food and pop will be available, but no alcohol will be served.

Pride Prom is brought to you by Sherbourne Health's Supporting Our Youth Program (SOY), which has organized Canada's largest Pride Prom since 2001 and the Pride Youth stage since 1998!



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# Affiliate Events

Celebrate all month long! Check out these other events happening throughout the Pride season! These groups, collectives, and community members are part of Pride Toronto's Affiliate Program and help us celebrate Pride here, there and everywhere!



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May 25 - June 10

# Narcissus

Remote Gallery / Akin

### 568 Richmond St W

Toxic masculinity, body positivity, fragility and freedom as a broken mirror whose shards reveal the diversity of queer male bodies. The installation by Renato Baldin reflects on the status quo of male beauty featuring photos by Filipe Paulo.

Wednesday - Friday from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday - Sunday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

www.akincollective.com/remote

Remote Instagram: @remotegallery

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

### May 27 / 10am, 1pm, 3:30pm

# Drag Queen Storytime Youth Pride Durham

Drag Queen Storytime offers free, family friendly storytime programming in May and June at libraries throughout Durham Region in celebration of diversity and inclusion.

10:00 am: Brock Libraries, Timothy Findley Branch (38 Laidlaw St S, Cannington)

1:00 pm: Uxbridge Public Library (9 Toronto St S, Uxbridge)

3:30 pm: Scugog Public Library (231 Water St, Port Perry)

www.durham.ca/YouthPrideDurham

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / Children's Program

# May 27 / 12pm - 2pm

Try Rugby Day Rainbow Griffins Rugby

530 Ontario St, Toronto, ON, M4X 1M7

Rainbow Griffins RFC is Canada's first and only 2SLGBTQ+ mixed ability Juniors & Seniors Rugby Team. We're inviting anyone who ever wants to try a new sport generally or try rugby specifically to join us for a very fun "Try Rugby Day" with our team!

https://rainbowgriffinsrfc.ca

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / AGE 13+

# May 29 / 7pm - 8pm

# SING! in Concert: Global Voices - Women in A Cappella

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

Canadian global divas Tamar Ilana, Meher Pavri, Suba Sankaran (curator), Jordana Talsky and Turkwaz take a spin around the world in 55 minutes with a cappella music spanning several centuries and styles, from live-looping to opera, flamenco dance to Eastern Mediterranean and Balkan songs,

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### May 29 / 9pm

SING! Celebrates the Musical

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

Is there anything better than a musical?! Come see the SING! Singers, joined by special guest - and this year's legacy award winner - Sharron Matthews, as they present a night full of their favourite showtunes, and all that jazz. Featuring Kevin Fox, Chris Tsujiuchi, Suba Sankaran, Dylan Bell, Tahirih Vejdani, and Jeni Walls!

www.singtoronto.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES / ASL INTERPRETATION

May 30 / 12:30pm - 1:25pm

# **SING! and Learn: No Name, No Voice**

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Online on Zoom

The Choir with No Name UK build choirs for people affected by homelessness. CEO Kate Wareham, shares some of the practical ways each of their six choirs create joyful singing communities and aim to be supportive safe spaces for people going through tough times.

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FREE EVENT (Registration Required) / ALL AGES

May 30 / 6:15pm - 7:15pm

# SING! in Concert: AcaPoetry

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

AcaPoetry brings together some of Toronto's best spoken word artists. From Dub to Slam, to Song, you will feel your heart sing, laugh, break. Hosted by queer artists Janice Jo Lee and Charlie Petch, with Andrea Thompson and David Delisca.

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June 1 / 11:30am - 12:20pm

# SING! and Learn: Monetizing your Musicianship

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival Online on Zoom

A comprehensive workshop that provides musicians with the tools and knowledge they need to turn their passion into a profitable career, with UK singer and business coach Sarah Eyden.

www.singtoronto.com

FREE EVENT(Registration Required) / ALL AGES

## June 1 / 7pm

# Madison Violet Celebrating Pride Kick-Off

El Mocambo

464 Spadina Ave, Toronto

Madison Violet are a JUNO-nominated female duo performing with special guests Sarah MacDougall and DJ Secret Agent. Celebrate and support what Pride means: inclusivity and equality, and help us bring together folks from all backgrounds for a night of great music and fun.

https://www.ticketweb.ca/event/madison-violet-under-the-neon-palms-at-tickets/13123485?pl=elmocambo

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

## June1/8:30pm

# SING! in Concert: Naturally 7 with opener Asian Riffing Trio

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival

The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

The jaw-dropping audio pyrotechnics make Naturally 7 more than a tightly orchestrated collection of great singers. They transform voices into human instruments, with jazz, gospel and pop. Asian Riffing Trio – Chris Tsujiuchi, Kevin Wong, and Colin Asuncion – are three multi-talented queer Asian artists.

www.singtoronto.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

# Nina Levitt | Conspiracy of Silence, 1987

Stephen Bulger Gallery 1356 Dundas St W

Stephen Bulger Gallery is pleased to present Nina Levitt's Conspiracy of Silence, 1987, on display in our Reading Room Gallery from June 1 - 30. Conspiracy of Silence, 1987, was commissioned for the group exhibition Sight Specific: Lesbians and Representation at A Space Gallery in 1987.

Tuesday to Saturday: 11:00 am to 6:00 pm / Open until 8:00 pm on June 1, 2023  $\,$ 

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June 1 - July 7

# Colourway

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A whimsical, pop-up rainbow walkway at the corner of Yonge + St Clair.

www.yongestclair.ca/thecolourway

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 2 / 5:30am

# **Solidarity Sunrise Ceremony**

City of Toronto - Ambe Maamowisda Employee Circle and Toronto Pride Network

Kew Gardens, 2075 Queen St. E.

All are welcome to a Sunrise Ceremony to commemorate the start of National Indigenous Peoples Month and Pride Month. We are blessed to have Grandmother Dorothy lead the ceremony, who will be joined by the Circle of Cedar Singers Drum Group

Communities of Inclusion - City of Toronto

FREE EVENT

### June 2 / 12pm - 1pm

# SING! and Learn: Vocal Play Masterclass with Naturally 7

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

SING! Headliner Naturally 7's Master Class is an entertaining and educational exploration where participants walk away with a greater appreciation for music and, specifically, the human voice. There will be plenty of demonstrations of normal singing techniques and the band's signature "vocal play".

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Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 2 / 1pm - 2pm

# SING! and Learn: Behind the Wigs - The Practical Magic of Dragapella - workshop

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival

The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

Join The Kinsey Sicks, America's Favorite Dragapella® Beautyshop Quartet, for a behind-the-queens discussion focusing on the tools they use to create unique and compelling content while overcoming the practical challenges of touring life.

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Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

June 2 - 11 / 2pm or 7:30pm

# Into the Woods

**Dead Name Theatre** 

Theatre Passe Muraille Bob Nasmith Innovation Backspace (16 Ryerson Ave)

Dead Name Theatre's first company production presents a concert version of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's Into the Woods. DNT uplifts and centres the voices, experiences and talents of trans, non-binary and queer creatives in Toronto.

Fridays-Sundays - 2:00pm (Sat & Sun) or 7:30pm (Fri & Sat)

https://deadnametheatre.weebly.com/

Pay-What-You-Can-Afford tickets: \$15, \$30 or \$60 PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

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# SONGS THAT SLAY Listen June 23 at Noon

## June 2 / 6:00 pm

# Franco Pride kick-off

Storm Crow Manor (580 rue Church St)

Let us kick off the Franco Fierté celebrations by getting together with Francophones and Francophiles for a Francophone Karaoke and Trivia evening! Franco Fierté celebrates Francophone 2SLGBTQIA+ communities with a range of in-person and virtual French activities throughout June. We look forward to seeing you!

www.francofierte.ca/2023

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 2 / 7pm

# A Taste of Square Dancing

Triangle Squares

The 519, 519 Church Street, north of Wellesley

Triangle Squares invites you to join the fun at our square dance party!

No partner needed. No prior dance experience required. And no charge!

Masks optional. Please bring your own water bottle.

Everyone is welcome to this free event!

Triangle Squares is Toronto's LGBTQ square dance club.

info@trianglesquares.com

www.trianglesquares.com

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 2 / 7pm - 7:55pm

# SING! in Concert: Countermeasure

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

Award-winning group with12 of Canada's top vocal talents combines rich jazz harmonies, driving vocal percussion, innovative arrangements and original music in a 55-minute spectacular, sure to delight any fan of the vocal arts, with lighting, staging and visual storytelling woven into the performance

www.singtoronto.com

www.eventbrite.ca/e/sing-in-concert-countermeasure-tickets-616720887777?\_eboga=undefined

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES



# SING! in Concert: The Kinsey Sicks "Drag Queen Storytime Gone Wild"

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

America's most potty-mouthed and politically outspoken drag quartet has somehow been put in charge of morning assembly at your local elementary school. What can possibly go right? This NEW show features a cavalcade of Kinsey classics and new parodies to ruin your childhood favorites.

www.singtoronto.com

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sing-in-concert-thekinsey-sicks-drag-queen-storytime-gone-wildtickets-525177328527?\_eboga=undefined

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / AGE 19+ / ASL INTERPRETATION

### June 3 / 10am

# Slay Your Way Guided Nature Hike

**Conservation Halton** 

Hilton Falls Conservation Area

Join Conservation Halton's outdoor educators on Saturday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. for a family-friendly guided hike out to the waterfall at Hilton Falls. Learn about the park and its history as well as all the plants and animals that call it home.

https://book.parkpassproject.com/book?inventoryGroup=1554186518&startDate=2023-06-03&inventory=1118597880&screen=0&

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 3 / 10am, 1pm

# Drag Queen Storytime

Youth Pride Durham

Drag Queen Storytime offers free, family friendly storytime programming in May and June at libraries throughout Durham Region in celebration of diversity and inclusion.

10:00 am: Pickering Public Library, Central Branch (1 The Esplanade, Pickering)

1:00 pm: Oshawa Public Libraries, McLaughlin Branch (65 Bagot St, Oshawa)

www.durham.ca/YouthPrideDurham

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / Children's Program



June 3 / 11am - 5pm

# **NBS Block Party**

Canada's National Ballet School

# 400 Jarvis St

Canada's National Ballet School (NBS) is thrilled to present our second annual Block Party—a fun-filled celebration of community and diverse dance forms, with activities for all ages. Get ready for a jam-packed day of fun and excitement for the whole family!

www.nbs-enb.ca/block-party

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 3 / 11am - 6pm

# Toronto Queer Market Pride Edition

Toronto Queer Market (Ashley Champion) Barbara Hall Park 519 Church Street

Toronto Queer Market is back in Barbara Hall Park for their Pride Market presented by Fearless! We have an amazing roster of over 40 vendors who will be exhibiting their wares outside at Barbara Hall Park beside the 519 Community Centre on June 3rd from 11am-6pm.

There will be a drag show from 3-4pm with Allysin Chaynes, Ultra Violet and Delirios, music by xentrx, dancing, food, and so many goodies to come see! And best of all admission is FREE!

www.torontoqueermarket.ca

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 3 / 11:30am

# Pooch Pride: March n' Market

Save Our Scruff

**Trinity Bellwoods Park** 

Join Save Our Scruff as we (humans AND dogs) gather our LGBTQ+ community and allies to walk, roll, gallivant, and strut our stuff through the Trinity Bellwoods neighbourhood, ultimately convening and celebrating our pride at a market full of goodies from queer-led brands.

www.saveourscruff.org/

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL - AGES



June 3, 4 / 12pm - 4pm

# MOCA Family Weekend: Green Dreams & Green Screens

# MOCA Toronto

158 Sterling Rd #100, Toronto, ON M6R 2B7

MOCA Family Weekend is a monthly series of family-focused activities, featuring two afternoons of kid-centered programming. June's activities are inspired by the exhibition Impostor Cities, with arts-based activities including making your own film storyboards and green-screen techniques.

https://moca.ca/family-weekend

Free Admission on TD Community Sunday

PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 3, 11, 17, 18 TSA Walking Tour: Church and Wellesley Village

Toronto Society of Architects (TSA)

Northeast corner of Yonge and Alexander

Join the TSA and explore the evolution of Toronto's queer spaces through the buildings, landscapes, and art of the Church and Wellesley Village! Along the way, we'll share some of the many stories behind the Village's built environment and the forces that shaped it.

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 4:00 - 5:30 PM Sunday, June 11, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM Saturday, June 17, 2023, 4:00 - 5:30 PM Sunday, June 18, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Paid Event (\$15 General Admission, FREE for TSA Members).

https://torontosocietyofarchitects.ca/tours/type/ the-church-and-wellesley-village/

PAIE EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 3 / 7:30pm

# SING! in Concert: Mass Choir with Retrocity featuring Lorraine Segato

SING! The Toronto International Vocal Arts Festival

The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge Street, Toronto

Catch the joyful sound of a multitude of voices as groups join forces for a wonderful evening of a cappella conducted by Kevin Fox, featuring Retrocity with Lorraine Segato. Stay for live "Retro-oke" to get up on stage to perform an a cappella karaoke song.

www.singtoronto.com

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sing-2023-mass-choirevent-concert-and-workshops-feat-retrocity-registration-593275933287?\_eboga=undefined June 6 / 6pm - 8pm

# Opening Panel Talk with The ArQuives

Finding LGBTQ2+ Communities in Archival Photographs

**Magenta Foundation** 

Collision Gallery (30 Wellington St W, Unit G114)

Focusing on The ArQuives' collection, this panel will touch on the role of photographs in archives, the role of photographs in building LGBTQ2+ communities, the challenges associated with undescribed photos, and how LGBTQ2+ communities can activate photographs as they work to establish their own identities.

www.magentafoundation.org/toronto-pride/

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT

June 6 / 6:30pm

# Queer Space Trivia Night

Toronto Society of Architects (TSA)

Cecil Community Centre, 58 Cecil St, Toronto, ON, M5T 1N6

How well do you think you know Toronto's queer spaces? Come join the TSA at our first-ever trivia night as we tour through Toronto's queer spaces and test your knowledge of 2SLGBTQIA+ history, symbolism & spaces, all while enjoying plenty of food, drinks, and amazing company.

https://torontosocietyofarchitects.ca/events/queer-space-trivia-night/

FREE EVENT PWYC

June 8 / 8:30pm - 11pm

# MOCA After Hours MOCA Toronto

158 Sterling Rd #100, Toronto, ON M6R 2B7

Join MOCA Toronto for an exclusive after-hours party to celebrate the newly opened summer exhibitions Impostor Cities. Be among the first to experience a cinematic multi-media installation that explores how Canada's buildings and cities double as other places in fi Im and TV.

https://moca.ca/events/moca-after-hours/

\$14 per ticket/ free for MOCA Members PAID EVENT / AGE 19 + June 9 / 5pm - 9pm

# I'm Coming Out... to a BBQ and Bonfires

Conservation Halton

Area 8 Conservation Area

Come out with your friends, families, and allies on Friday, June 9 from 5 pm to 9 pm to enjoy an evening BBQ and music, hike the lakeside trail, play fun over-sized lawn games, and connect by bonfires on the beach.

https://book.parkpassproject.com/ book?inventoryGroup=1554186518&start-Date=2023-06-09&inventory=1682124155&reservationType=4&screen=0&selectedDiscountGroup=day\_visitor&

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 9 / 7:30pm - 9pm

# The Love Booth and Other Plays

Gailey Road Productions 45 Willcocks St, William Doo Auditorium

Join us as we tell the story of two lesbian activists and one masked gay psychiatrist who pushed the American Psychology Association to take homosexuality off its Diagnostic Statistical Manual in 1973, ensuring that homosexuality was no longer considered an illness that needed to be cured.

www.gaileyroad.com

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / MUST BE 14+



June 9 - July 8

# **Peter Burega - Southern** Crossing (Solo Exhibition of Abstract Landscapes)

Abbozzo Gallery

### 401 Richmond St W. Suite 128

Abbozzo Gallery is proud to feature artist Peter Burega's abstracted landscapes. Working from photo reference, Burega employs gestural mark making to blend documentation of the real world with his own physically exercised psychology. The result is striking abstracted vistas on canvas and panel.

Tuesday to Friday - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday - 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monday & Sunday - Closed

www.abbozzogallery.com

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 9 & 10

# Toronto Pride Hockey Tournament

Ford Performance Centre (400 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke)

Inaugural hockey tournament for gueer women and trans folks in Toronto, occurring June 9-10, 2023.

instagram.com/torontopridehockeytournament

PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 10 / 10:00 am

# Hanlan's Point Beach Cleanup: Ontario Piping Plover **Conservation Program**

**Birds** Canada

## Ferry Terminal on Hanlan's Point

Join Birds Canada's Ontario Piping Plover Program and Feminist Bird Club for a beach clean-up event on Hanlan's Point Beach. Help maintain a safe space for birds and the queer community. Learn about endangered species and enjoy bird-friendly coffee from Aves Coffee Co. Pack your reusable mug and ioin us!

www.birdscanada.org

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 10 / 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30

# **Drag Queen Storytime**

Youth Pride Durham

Drag Queen Storytime offers free, family friendly storytime programming in May and June at libraries throughout Durham Region in celebration of diversity and inclusion.

10:00 am: Whitby Public Library, Central Library (405 Dundas St W. Whitby)

1:00 pm: Ajax Public Library, Main Branch (55 Harwood Ave S, Ajax)

3:30 pm: Clarington Public Library, Bowmanville Branch (163 Church St. Bowmanville)

www.durham.ca/YouthPrideDurham

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / Children's Program

June 10 / 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm **TRU presents: #GRWM! TRU Tattoo Studio** 

1250 Dupont St. Unit 2

Get Pride ready! TRU will be hosting a body adornment party! Our artists will be providing low cost (\$60) pride theme tattoo flash. Guest vendors will be offering on the spot tooth gems, hair braiding, nail art, and more! Music is provided by DJ Mirass & Tangerine. Come hang out, get ready, and enjoy a food truck and drinks.

www.trutattooshop.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE18+

# June 10 / 1pm

# Body Pride: Clothing-optional March & Bike for Body Freedom

OTCASE

# Church and Wellesley, beside The 519

Part celebration, part political demo. This clothing-optional event is a mashup of creative expression and body-centric politics challenging body phobia, fatphobia, racism, queer/transphobia, etc. Join us skyclad, in body paint or cosplay. Bring your friends & allies, make new ones and fight for freedom.

atcase com

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 10 / 1:30pm - 4pm

# **Sign-making workshop**

FrancoQueerBureau FrancoQueer Office (4-543 rue Yonge St)

In preparation for the Pride Parade, we invite you to a creative sign-making workshop. What messages do you want to share this year? FrancoQueer will provide all necessary materials. www.francofierte.ca/2023

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 10 / 6pm - 8pm

# **Rainbow Table**

### FrancoQueerBureau FrancoQueer Office (4-543 rue Yonge St)

Join us for great discussions over a delicious, locally cooked meal. It is a perfect opportunity to see friends and make new ones! Ten places are available. and priority will be given to members of the CIF (Carrefour des Immigrant.e.s FrancoOueer). Reserve your spot today! If you are not a CIF beneficiary, you can reserve your plate for \$21.05 (+Eventbrite fees). www.francofierte.ca/2023

PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 10 / 7pm - 10pm

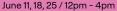
# Exit Strategies: A Performance Series with Aria Evans

MOCA Toronto158 Sterling Rd #100. Toronto. ON M6R 2B7

Performance featuring a continuing movement response choreographed by Aria Evans in response to MOCA's exhibition Remediation. Through movement, Evans and other dancers from POLITICAL MOVEMENT, a Toronto-based contemporary dance theatre company, explore themes of exploitation and acts of resistance provided by plant life.

https://moca.ca/events/exit-strategies-performance-series/

PAID EVENT / ALL AGES



# Responding to Remediation: A Workshop Series

**MOCA** Toronto

158 Sterling Rd #100, Toronto, ON M6R 2B7

Join MOCA for a three-part workshop series curated by ecological community artist Morgan Zigler that invites participants to reflect on their relationship to plants, land and other living entities in response to themes in MOCA's current exhibition Remediation.

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 13 / 6pm - 7pm **Welcome Session for LGBTQIA+** Newcomers

FrancoQueer Online

Are you new to Toronto? Are you looking to get vour bearings in this dizzving city and find out more about FrancoOeer's services? Join us for our next orientation session! You will discover everything there is to know to help you settle, integrate and thrive in Canada. We will also take this opportunity to take a closer look at the Franco Fierté 2023 program.

www.francofierte.ca/2023

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 14 / 6pm

# **June's HIV+ Eaterv Casey House**

Ricarda's, 134 Peter St

Casey House and our incredible team of HIV+ chefs invite you to an unforgettable evening of food, music, and storytelling! Presented by RBC, June's HIV+ Eatery returns for a one-night Pride extravaganza.

www.juneshiveatery.ca

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+



Official Sponsor Pride



June 15 / 6pm - 12am

# Queer Prom by STRAPPED & QWN

STRAPPED.TO & Queer Wine Night Bar Mordecai (1272 Dundas St W)

Prom: Strapped and Queer Wine Night join forces for one incredible night! Remake memories and redefine prom - Vote from Prom Royalty, Listen to words from your Valedictorian, eat, drink, and dance to music by DJ Recklezz. Join us for a night of queer celebration!

Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/queer-promstrapped-x-qwn-tickets-635025507387 / https:// rb.gy/pb0e7

PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

### June 15 / 7pm - 9pm

# Indo-Caribbean Pride Summer Social

Indo-Caribbean Canadian Association The Well (487 Church St)

The Indo-Caribbean Canadian Association invites you to our 2nd annual Pride Summer Social! From Soca, Chutney to Bollywood, join us as we bring to life the spirit of the Caribbean to Pride with music, food and drinks! Follow @indocaribcdn for more information.

www.indocaribcdn.com

### PAID EVENT / ALL AGES



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### June 15 / 6pm - 8pm

# Gay Men's Brotherhood Pride Mixer

### Gay Men's Brotherhood Riverdale Park East

Gay Men's Brotherhood offers inspiration, connection, healing and a safe place to belong for GBT community. We have a podcast, Gay Men Going Deeper, about mental health, personal development, and sexuality. We also offer a peer support group of over 6000 gay and trans gay men where we host monthly Zoom Hangouts. This event seeks to offer an in-person hangout for anyone in the GTA. It is a casual mixer where we can socialize and connect with each other in person.

www.gaymensbrotherhood.com/

FREE EVENT gtcase.com

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FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

# FGI (Fashion Group Int'I) Celebrates Pride

Fashion Group International

Lavelle Rooftop

FGI Celebrates Pride at Lavelle Rooftop: Panel Discussion, Drag Performance, and Party! Unforgettable moments await—engage with LGBTQ+ leaders, witness sensational drag artists, and dance to infectious beats. Stay tuned for dates and tickets! Love, identity, and unity come alive.

www.fgi.org/toronto/

www.instagram.com/fgitoronto

FREE EVENT

June 16 / 6pm - 8:30pm

# Pride Shabbat 2023

LGBTQ+ at the J and other Jewish community organizations

### Cecil Community Centre (58 Cecil Street)

Please join us at the Pride Shabbat service, followed by a Kosher vegan dinner. This year's Pride Shabbat will take place at the Cecil Community Centre. This event centres on LGBTQ+ Jewish community members. Allies to both Jewish and LGBTQ+ communities are more than welcome to join us. Families are encouraged to bring children, with programming offered by Machane Lev for those aged 8-17.

mnjcc.org/pride

Tickets cost \$25 for adults/ \$10 for children

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 16 - 24

# **Access Me**

**Boys in Chairs Collective** 

Aki Studio, Daniels Spectrum (585 Dundas St E)

A queer disability sex-positive performance. Access Me is provocative, intimate, hot and sexy.

A fun, sexy, and all-access exploration of the lived experience of three queer disabled men featuring creators & performers Andrew Gurza, Frank Hull, and Ken Harrower. Tickets from \$5-\$35

### Performances:

Friday, June 16 - 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Saturday, June 17 - 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Sunday, June 18 - 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Tuesday, June 20 - 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Wednesday, June 21 - 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Thursday, June 22 - 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Friday, June 23 - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, June 24 - 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

www.accessme.squarespace.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / SUGGESTED TO BE 16+

June 17 / TBD

# Théâtre

FrancoQueer, Ekin Agency Arts, Alliance Française de Toronto

### Bureau FrancoQueer Office (4-543 rue Yonge St)

Once again this year, FrancoQueer has partnered with Ekin Agency Arts to develop a theatrical performance that showcases the immigration and integration journeys of Francophone LGBTIQIA+ people to Canada, from an innovative angle. Come and support your peers by attending the special performance that will take place at the Alliance Française's Spadina Theater in Toronto. Presented in partnership with Ekin Agency and the Alliance Française de Toronto.

www.francofierte.ca/2023

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 17 Toronto Zoo Celebrates Pride!

### Toronto Zoo

2000 Meadowvale Rd, Toronto, ON M1B 5K7

Join Your Toronto Zoo to celebrate PRIDE with the help of some of Toronto's best Drag Queens!

Stop by in the morning for a kid-friendly Drag Storytime - FREE with Zoo Admission.

Then join the crowd at the lively Drag Show with 5+ incredible Kings/Queens!

Distant from the Church and Wellesley scene, join a community of lovers and supporters with your Toronto Zoo, proudly creating a safe space for 2SLGBTQI+ folks

https://www.torontozoo.com/

https://www.torontozoo.com/events/pride#evt

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 17 / 10am - 12pm

# **Whatever Floats Your Boat**

**Conservation Halton** 

### **Kelso Conservation Area**

Join us on the open waters of Kelso Lake on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Home to many varieties of fish, Kelso Lake offers great spots to sink your bait. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats, and stand-up paddleboards are available.

https://book.parkpassproject.com/ book?inventoryGroup=1554186518&start-Date=2023-06-17&inventory=1374091363&carArrivalTime=10&reservationType=4&screen=0&selected-DiscountGroup=day\_visitor&

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

97

June 17 / 12pm - 4pm

# Embroidery Workshop presented by Erin Shadoff

Magenta Foundation

### Collision Gallery (30 Wellington St W, Unit G114)

This workshop will educate participants on basic knots and stitches while providing the opportunity to experiment with varying approaches and troubleshoot while in the process. Participants will choose between two images to embroider, inspired by the Fruit Cocktail costumes from Toronto Pride (1983-85). In-person, registration required. Please visit our website for more details.

www.magentafoundation.org/toronto-pride

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / MUST BE 18+June 17 / 1pm - 4pm

# Youth Pride Durham Festival

Durham Children's Aid Society, Durham Children's Aid Foundation, The Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Police Service, and the Durham District School Board, in association with Durham Pride and North Durham Pride.

Region of Durham Headquarters (605 Rossland Rd E, Whitby)

Free event champions acceptance through an afternoon of performances, music, dancing and other fun activities. Youth Pride Durham is a safe, inclusive celebration for youth, children and families who are part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community, as well as their allies.

www.durham.ca/YouthPrideDurham

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

June 17 / 7:30pm

# Forte Presents Pride & Prejudice

Forte: Toronto Gay Men's Chorus

MacMillan Theatre (80 Queens Park)

Forte returns this Pride month with "Pride & Prejudice," a musical representation of what Pride means for all of us—a retrospective musical history of some aspects of the 2SLGBTQI+ equality movements. Through storytelling, Forte will share our experience of never letting Pride nor Prejudice hold us back!

www.fortechorus.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

# June 17 / 8pm - 2am

BI BI BABY Something Creative 178R Ossington Ave

BI BI BABY is a bi-annual immersive art and dance party celebrating bisexuality! We collaborate with local bisexual artists to curate an evening of visual art, music, movement, live performance, lighting design, and digital media.

### www.something-creative.co

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

## June 17 / 9:30pm

# **Comedy On The D: Pride Edition**

Gay AF Comedy 123 Danforth Ave

Comedy On The D serves fabulous Queer comedy year-round, but our Pride Edition is always our most spectacular event of the year! Discover your new favourite LGBTQ+ comedians and established pros, all ready to tickle your funny bone! Come join the funny!

https://linktr.ee/gayafcomedy

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

# June 21 / 6pm Climb As You Are Conservation Halton

Kelso Conservation Area

On Wednesday, June 21 at 6 p.m., transcend your way to new heights with an evening on the Challenge Course with our Escarpment Walk Aerial Ropes Course and Vultures View Climbing Tower.

https://book.parkpassproject.com/ book?inventoryGroup=1554186518&start-Date=2023-06-21&inventory=1374091363&carArrivalTime=18&reservationType=4&screen=0&selected-DiscountGroup=day\_visitor&

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### June 21 / 6pm - 8pm

# Traditional Indigenous Bracelet Workshop FrancoQueer

Spadina Theatre (24 chemin Spadina Rd)

FrancoQueer invites you to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day with Métis, Two-Spirit and Francophone artist Dianne Montreuil. During this workshop, we will make bracelets using traditional Indigenous leatherwork and beading as Dianne tells us about how art has guided her through her life journey at the intersection of several identities. Twelve free spots for CIF (Carrefour des Immigrant.e.s FrancoOueer) members and 18 paid spots for non-members (\$20 per person + Eventbrite fees) are available.

www.francofierte.ca/2023

PAID EVENT / ALL AGES

June 21 / 6pm - 10pm

# A Special Pride Screening of Chocolate Babies featuring a Q&A with Director Stephen Winter

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TIFF Bell Lightbox (350 King St W)

TIFF presents the Canadian Premiere of the new 4K restoration of Stephen Winter's 1996 film Chocolate Babies, which explores the fight against AIDS in 1990s New York City. The evening will feature an in-person Q&A with Stephen Winter and post-screening reception.

www.tiff.net

https://tiff.net/events/chocolate-babies-with-stephen-winter

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 18+

June 21/8pm Considering Matthew Shepard presented by The **Elora Singers and Music at Metropolitan** 

**Metropolitan United Church** 

56 Oueen St E. Toronto, ON M5C 2Z3

A musical account of and reflection on the hatred that ended Matthew Shepard's life. A concert work offering diverse and inspiring musical styles, this powerful oratorio offers hope of acceptance and inclusion in a changing world.

https://www.elorasingers.ca/events/considering-matthew-shepard-06-21/

Content warning: strong language and intense themes (this work includes direct quotations of the bigoted words of Westboro Baptist Church members who picketed Shepard's funeral) PAID EVENT / AGE 10+

June 21, 22, 23, 24

# **Mister Wolf** Mister Wolf

567 Queen Street West Main Floor,

Mister Wolf situated in the heart of historic Queen Street West is one of Toronto's leading nightlife venues in Toronto catering to the City's fashion forward, trend setters and revellers. Located at 567 Queen Street West Mister Wolf is open Wed through Saturday nights featuring a mix of music each night ranging from commercial hip hop to house and electronic beats. A destination for Torontonians and tourists alike.

June 21: Wolf Wednesdays - Rotating DJ guests (Dolf, Polo, Database, Jeff Jam) June 22: Vision - Curated by Tifi (Special event) June 23: Wolf Fridays - DJ Scotty Scratch and guests June 24: Wolf Saturdays - DJ Ikhan

http://www.mrwolftoronto.com

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+





# **Uptown Pride Art Exhibition**

Visit the Dignam Gallery, in a historical building in Yorkville to see "Uptown Pride" a contemporary juried art exhibition by outstanding artists from the 2SLGBTQI+ community. This exhibit showcases diverse artists from the 2SLGBTQI+ community and features different approaches to contemporary art.

www.womensartofcanada.ca

FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

### June 21 - July 9

# Youphoria: A Pride Showcase -**Juried Exhibition**

**Propeller Art Gallery** 

### 30 Abell St

YOUphoria is an exhibition for Queer/anyone who identifies as 2SLGBTQIA+ artists to have a space to showcase artwork about finding joy while living on the margins of society. The show will lean into the kink, the kitsch, the tackiness, the bold and the unexpected, featuring visual artworks in all mediums.

Wednesday - Sunday, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm

www.propellerartgallery.com

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL AGES

June 22

# **Prism: Boot Camp**

**CODA** Toronto 794 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Government issued ID is required. Photocopies or photographs of ID is not accepted

www.codatoronto.com

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

# Women's Art Association of Canada **DIGNAM GALLERY (23 Prince Arthur Ave)**

Big room, big sound, state-of-the-art visuals. DJs, bangers and room to dance. June 22 - iDream

June 23 - Toronto Proud, presented by Patrón June 24 - Ryan Bassels' Birthday alongside DJ Undercover

June 25 - We Are Industry in support of LGBTO local businesses

www.wearecentury.ca

June 22 - 25 / 11pm - 4am

Century

580 King St W

Century

PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

# June 23 / 7pm - 12:30am

# **Pride Party Cruise** The Best Night Event Inc. and Ken Protection

Providers Inc.

11 Polson St, Toronto, M5A 1A4

Check-in 7pm, boarding 8pm and return 12:30 AM

The Biggest Pride Cruise Party featuring Drag Show by TikTok star Crystal Quartz alongside other dazzling performers, belly dance by Mary Snow and music by DJ ESL (Sophie Stiquée).An experience you don't want to miss.Embark on a journey through the Inner Harbour, Island Lagoons, and Toronto's stunning cityscape.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/637407832987

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

# OUT (FRONT) & PROUD

June 23 / 9pm - 2am

# **Gender Euphoria**

**Oueer Collective** Coin 8 (927 Dupont St)

Queer Collective presents Gender Euphoria, an event that will heal your inner child & open your heart to expressions of love & connection. Expect an immersive art experience ft. Live music, Drag, Freestyle Dance, interactive painting, photo ops, and best-dressed prizes.

www.queercollectiveto.com/events

PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

# June 23 / 10pm - 3am

# Tashan - Pride Thumka **Tashan Events**

RIVOLI (332-334 Queen St W)

Pride Thumka is an inclusive Queer Desi Bollywood Dance Pride Party celebrating South Asian pride through music, arts and culture. The event includes an international DJ spinning foot-tapping mixes with a dazzling drag performance in a queer-owned iconic location in Toronto!

www.instagram.com/tashan\_events

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

June 23 / 10pm - 4am

# **Fetish Pride Pitbull Events**

The Opera House (735 Queen St E)

Whatever your fetish, grab your gear and come get your kink on at Pitbull - Fetish Pride as we celebrate everything kinky with DJ TDon. All fetishes welcome, full coat check available.

www.pitbullevents.com

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Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

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June 23 / 10:30pm - 4am

Colours 5.0 **Bubbles Entertainment** 

880 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, ON, M1P 2L8

Colours is a well known event where you can have fun and be safe and it's for the 2SLGBTO+ community, where you can come and dance the night away to so good Jamaican/Caribbean music, Colours has been running for 5 years now and each year it gets bigger and better than the last one.

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/colours-50tickets-549873054107

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

# June 23

# HE. SHE. THEY.

**CODA** Toronto

794 Bathurst Street, Toronto

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www.codatoronto.com

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+



### June 23, 24, 25

# The Garrison

1197 Dundas St W

June 23 - Midnight Quickie, 11:00pm - 4:00am

: Dance Party Extravaganza featuring DJs Third Eye , Boy Radio , Fisher Price and More.

June 24 - Hey Girl Hey, 10:00pm - 4:00am

: DJ Orange Pekoe making you lose your breath to the best hip-hop / r&b by female / enby artists! + the Bootylicious Midnight-ish Drag Floorshow

June 25 - Hallelujah, 10:00pm - 4:00am

: Sunday Pride Dance Party featuring the best in Dark Wave.

www.garrisontoronto.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

### June 24 / 12pm - 2pm

# **Pup Your Pride** Dogfather & Co Ramsden Park Dog Park

Celebrate Pride with Dogfather & Co and Miss Pickles the Pug at Ramsden Park Dog Park on June 24! Browse our tables of Pride swag and enjoy doggy ice cream from Barker & Snouts. Enter the giveaways to win prizes for your pup. Meet and greet with the animal chiropractor, David Feldman. Then join us in a parade down to the festivities at Church.

Meet-up: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Parade: 2:00 pm

www.dogfatherandco.com

Wheelchair Accessible / FREE EVENT / ALL - AGES



# June 24 / 12pm - 5pm **Trans Formations Summit on Trans Spiritualities**

Trinity - St.Pauls Centre for Faith, Justice and Arts 427 Bloor St W

Join us for an afternoon summit created by/for 2S, Trans and Gender Expansive folks to explore the intersections of gender and spirituality. Open to people of any and all spiritual paths. The event will conclude with an open-air concert at 4:00 pm, headlined by award-winning, nonbinary Canadian musician Rae Spoon.

Tickets: https://tinyurl.com/2vs2nfsy

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES



June 24 / 9pm - 3am

# CHERRY BOMB: QUEER PRIDE!

The Axis Club (772 College St)

CHERRY BOMB is an INCLUSIVE PARTY for queer women, trans and non-binary people, our friends and allies. Cherry Bomb Resident DJs COZMIC CAT & DENISE BENSON, with the CB debut of special guests DJ SAM (Montréal), DJ SHERA (Toronto), innovative performances by burlesque artists KIMORA KOI & RUBIE MAGNITUDE, and dancers

CHANTELLE MOSTACHO, TYLER QUAN and more. Advance Tickets \$30 available exclusively on our website.

www.CherryBombTO.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+

June 24 / 10pm - 4am

# Mega Pride Pitbull Events

### The Phoenix Concert Theatre (410 Sherbourne St)

Come join us at the Phoenix for the ultimate pride celebration!! DJ's Joe Pacheco & J Warren will serve up hot beats while Go Go's and Queens keep you grooving on one of the biggest dance floors in Toronto. Party late into the night with our 4 am last call!!

www.pitbullevents.com

PAID EVENT / MUST BE 19+



# Prism: Resist

794 Bathurst Street, Toronto

Government issued ID is required. Photocopies or photographs of ID is not accepted

www.codatoronto.com

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

## June 25 / 10:30am

# MCC Toronto's Church on Church Pride Celebration Service

Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto 115 Simpson Ave.

Now in its 31st year, MCC Toronto's Church on Church Pride Celebration Service is a much-loved annual tradition for many in the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Whether you have attended before or whether you are thinking of attending for the first time, all are welcome! Hosted this year at MCC Toronto's spiritual home at 115 Simpson Ave., at a new time of 10:30 AM, Church on Church features a "Here, There and Everywhere" Lesson for Life from Acting Senior Pastor Rev. Deana Dudley, and an amazing line-up of musical guests (including The Choir of MCC Toronto, Alana Bridgewater, Gavin Hope, Messy Margaret, Shannon McCracken, and Geneviève Trudel) under the direction of Jason Jestadt. This music-filled Pride Celebration Service will "raise the roof" and kick-off your Pride Sunday celebrations. Following the Service. MCC Toronto will host a special Pride Celebration Reception in the McCain Family Social Hall. Questions? info@mcctoronto.com. More info: www.mcctoronto.com/Pride2023

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Friends of Ruby is a welcoming space for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth. Friends of Ruby is dedicated to the progressive well-being of 2SLGBTQIA+ youth through mental health services, social services and housing.

Have a break, celebrate who you are! Connect with Friends of Ruby at www.friendsofruby.ca.

# **Check-In With Pride**

Love knows no boundaries, and neither does family. Celebrate pride with us and spread the message of love and inclusivity.

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### June 25 / 10pm

# Go Hard: SWAGG 2 Da Roof Glow Party Pogi The DJ

238 Parliament St, Toronto, ON

The GO HARD party that closes the Pride weekend for 11 years in a row is back for the 12th installment. GO HARD "GLOW PARTY", is where you want to be, cause the DJs know what you want. They have been serving you the best music in the2SLGBTQ community scene for years. With R&B, Hip Hop, Dancehall, Soca, Afro Beats, Ballroom beats, & MOREI THE GO HARD CREW Pleasure, Prestige & Pogi, invite you to join in the experience.

DRESS CODE THEME: Get ready to GLOW in the dark . Wear your neon colors (Pink, lime green, electric orange, white, etc).

Instagram: @gohardevents

PAID EVENT / AGE 19+

June 26 / 7pm - 9pm

# **Another World**

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show

Fort York National Historic Site

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show presents a free open-air screening of a beloved Queer classic film at Fort York National Historic Site. Screening details at TOpictureshow.com

Gates at 7 pm / Showtime at sundown (~9 pm)

Admission is free/PWYC (no ticket required to attend)

Bring your own Blanket & Chairs

TOPS is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming space for all audiences, with zero tolerance for racism or hate at all our events.

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TOPS presents: free outdoor screening of VELVETI GOLDMINE

"Walled Fort" of Fort York National Historic Site, 100

open-air film screening of the queer classic Velvet

National Historic Site. Screening details at TOpic-

tureshow.com/fort-york. Bring your own Blanket

& Chairs. Snacks and beverages for sale. Outside

Toronto Music, Arts and Nature Alliance (TMANA)

Experience the unparalleled Promise Cherry Beach event. Mark your calendars for the Pride-affiliated

gathering on Sunday, July 13, 2023, meticulously

curated by Aeryn Pfaff, esteemed Pride Sobriety Ambassador. Prepare to be enthralled by the capti-

artist, Joe Delon, who will grace our stage as the

showcases an impressive 57% representation of

https://www.musicartsnature.org/

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headlining act. Moreover, this event series proudly

talented 2SLGBTQ+ and BIPOC artists, ensuring an inclusive celebration of diversity and creativity.

vating performance of renowned Spanish 2SLGBTQ+

picnics are welcome, no outside alcohol.

**Promise Cherry Beach** 

FREE EVENT, PWYC / ALL AGES

**Cherry Beach Park Toronto** 

July 13 / 4pm - 11pm

Goldmine with short film Private Flowers at Fort York

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show presents a free

June 26 / Gates 7pm

**Garrison Road** 

Showtime at Sundown (~9pm)

**Toronto Outdoor Picture Show** 

July 15 / August 6 / September 24, 30

# TSA Walking Tour: Church and Wellesley Village

Toronto Society of Architects (TSA) Northeast corner of Yonge and Alexander

Join the TSA and explore the evolution of Toronto's queer spaces through the buildings, landscapes, and art of the Church and Wellesley Village! Along the way, we'll share some of the many stories behind the Village's built environment and the forces that shaped it.

Saturday, July 15, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Sunday, August 6, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Sunday, September 24, 2023, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Saturday, September 30, 2023, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Paid Event (\$15 General Admission, FREE for TSA Members).

https://torontosocietyofarchitects.ca/tours/type/ the-church-and-wellesley-village/

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### August 10 - 20 / 8pm

# Let's Dance! The Musical

**Terra Bruce Productions** 

The Winter Garden Theatre, 189 Yonge Street, Toronto

Let's Dance! The Musical – August 10–20, Winter Garden Theatre. The greatest pop songs of the 1960's! We'd love to invite our PRIDE friends to this new musical with 25% off. Go to www.letsdancethemusical.com. Choose Toronto and enter the unlock code PRIDELETSDANCE before selecting seats.

www.letsdancethemusical.com

Wheelchair Accessible / PAID EVENT / ALL AGES



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# Visual Art Program Installation Art

# Welcome to Pride Toronto 2023:

## [Pride Across the Multiverse - Love beyond Time and Space]

Explore our fantastic Installation artworks and immerse yourself in a captivating collection of boundary-breaking artworks. Discover diverse installations from various talented artists. Join us in celebrating 2SLGBTQI+ communities and let art be your guide to a world without limits. Welcome to a journey of love and discovery.

## June 1 - June 30

# Menshen (Door Gods)

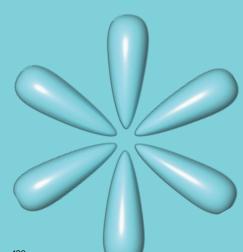
### **College Park**

### En Tze Loh

Menshen (Door Gods) is an art installation featuring the Chinese culture of Menshen which are divine guardians of doors and gates with a queer, trans, and Malaysian twist. The doors feature trans and queer humanized interpretations of the East and Southeast Asian gods Azure Dragon and White Tiger set in ancient times, and the Vermilion Bird and Black Tortoise set during the present day.

En Tze Loh (they/them) is a queer & non-binary Malaysian illustrator, graphic designer, tattoo artist, filmmaker, and creator of queer goth apparel & art brand GRRRL Spells, based in Toronto, Canada.

### @en\_tze en-tze.format.com



# June 1 - June 30

CF Toronto Eaton Cent

### Caylen Monroe & JoyO.

This project aims to address the disappearing queer spaces and the importance of community. Queer communities have historically relied on spaces like bars, clubs, and community centres to connect and find belonging. Currently, these spaces are endangered by gentrification, capitalism, and erasure of 2SLGBTQA+ history. As artists, we are committed to using our platform and skills to create inclusive spaces that foster community, facilitate rest and empower queer joy. We believe art can connect people, encourage dialogue, and empower individuals to share stories and build new relationships.

Caylen Monroe & JoyO. are multidisciplinary queer artists dedicated to creating immersive art experiences that bring together communities and facilitate spaces of rest, queer joy, and playfulness. Their past projects include murals, interactive installations and secret art shows.

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@midnight\_mangooo joyoresic.com/

## June 1 - June 30

# Let it Grow

### The Distillery Historic District

Terran McNeely

This work for Pride Toronto is a celebration of the most beautiful and vibrant community of people. It is intended to highlight the beauty, joy and resilience our surrounding friends and families bring to the LGBT2Q+ community.

We hold our histories, stories, and vibrancy within each of us. This energy and strength radiates outwardly, demanding respect and encouraging growth. This mural is intended to represent the notion of sharing our collective beauty with the world, starting with each of us, and expanding as we nurture where we have come from and what we have experienced in order to celebrate who we are.

Terran McNeely is a Canadian Artist with a background in visual design. His work is influenced by the people and spaces around him through a bold and graphic lens. McNeely's images feature both figurative and representational subject matter intentionally placed into each composition with carefully considered colour palettes.

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# June 23, 24, 25 **LGBT je Srbija**

Pride Toronto StreetFair Artzone [Outdoors between CarltonSt. and Granby St.]

### Adam Zivo

This mural explores what LGBTQ life is like in Serbia, a Balkan country where homophobia and transphobia are the norm and where queer people risk being beaten if they hold hands in public. Though Belgrade, the capital, provides a protective bubble for LGBTQ Serbians and their friends, life remains dangerous – but this danger has also created a radiant sense of solidarity.

Adam Zivo is a writer, photographer, and filmmaker. He is best known for his columns in the National Post, as well as for founding and directing the Love is Love is Love project.

@adamzivo adamzivo.com

### June 23, 24, 25

# **Queer Ukraine Speaks**

Pride Toronto StreetFair Artzone [Outdoors between CarltonSt. and Granby St.]

Adam Zivo

Queer Ukraine Speaks is a mobile mural that spotlights LGBTQ Ukrainian activists and gives them an opportunity to challenge negative stereotypes about their country. The mural is composed of portraits and quotes dervied from interviews conducted in Kyiv in the spring of 2022. The mural illustrates what's at stake for Ukraine's queer community should Moscow's colonial invasion succeed.

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# June 23, 24, 25

### City Hall - Nathan Phillips Square

Bruno Duarte

This creation is a celebration of LOVE. There are many parts of the world where we aren't allowed to love who we want because of judgment, religion and laws put on us. I want this art to be a reminder that we all need Love and deserve to love who we want no matter what. LOVE IS LOVE

Bruno grew up surrounded by flowers on his family's farm in Madeira. His approach to floral design is both sculptural and emotional, blending organic materials and found objects together to create works of art. When he's not at his studio, Bruno can be found creating arrangements in front of a live audience in many places in the USA, Northern Ireland and the UK. He has won the CAFA award at Canada Blooms Florist Alley in 2017 and 2018 and people's choice award in 2018. He has also won the Pacific Northwest Floral Design Competition in 2018. He had the great opportunity to represent Canada in Singapore in 2018 in Windows of the World at their garden show. He won Floral Artist of the year 2019 at Canada Blooms, Got second place at Maple Leaf Cup 2019 and won the CAFA award for most creative use of materials at the Maple Leaf Cup 2019.

@freshfloralcreations freshflorals.com

# **Prides There!** Other Prides in Canada

May 27, 2023

# **Serpent River Pride**

Serpent River First Nation, ON

# June 2023 **Kenora Pride**

Kenora, ON https://www.facebook.com/kenorapride/

# <sub>June 1-4, 2023</sub> Festīval Fierté Val-d'Or

Abitibi-Témiscamingue, QC https://www.facebook.com/fiertevaldor/

# June 3, 2023 "Līvīng Authentīcally as Nature Intended" Prīde Walk and Festīval

Fort Saint John, BC www.northpeacepridesociety.ca

# June 3-4, 2023 **Pride Weekend**

Kemptville, ON www.ngpride.ca

# June 5-11, 2023 Kelowna Pride Festival

Kelowna, BC https://www.kelownapride.com/

June 6 – 11, 2023

# Timmins Pride - 10th Anniversary

Timmins, ON www.timminspride.com

# June 7-10, 2023 **Quesnel Prīde 2023**

Quesnel, BC https://www.guesnelpride.ca/pride-2023

June 16-17, 2023 York Prīde

Newmarket, ON https://yorkpride.ca/

# June 17, 2023 Oxford County Pride Family Day

Oxford County (Woodstock), ON www.oxfordpride.ca

# June 17, 2023 Thunder Bay Prīde March & Street Fest

Thunder Bay, ON www.thunderpride.ca

# June 18, 2023 Hamilton's 2023 Pride

Hamilton, ON https://www.pridehamilton.com/

# July 10-16, 2023 Sudbury Prīde

Sudbury, ON http://www.sudburypride.com/

# July 13-16, 2023 Le Rendez-vous de la fierté Acadie Love

Caraquet, Nouveau-Brunswick https://acadielove.ca

# July 14-23, 2023 **Pride London Festival**

London, ON https://www.pridelondon.ca/

# July 22 - 30, 2023

# Muskoka Prīde Week

Muskoka, ON www.muskokapride.com

# July 24-August 6, 2023 Simcoe County Pride

Simcoe, ON https://www.simcoepride.com/

# July 27-30, 2023

# 10 Years of Gaylight

Dawson City, YK

queeryukon.com

# Throughout August 2023 **10 Years of Caylight**

Watson Lake, YK queeryukon.com

# August 3-13, 2023

# Fierté Montréal

Montréal, QC fiertemontreal.com

# August 5-13, 2023

# 10 Years of Gaylight

Whitehorse, YK

queeryukon.com

# August 8-13, 2023 Windsor-Essex Pride Festival

Windsor, ON https://www.wepridefest.com/

## August 18-26, 2023

# **Edmonton Pride Festival**

Edmonton, AB https://edmontonpridefest.com/

# August 19-27, 2023

# 2023 Capital Pride Festival

Ottawa, ON https://capitalpride.ca/2023-festival/

# August 21-27, 2023

# Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands

Haliburton, ON www.mindenpride.ca

# September 13-17, 2023

North Bay Pride 2023

North Bay, ON https://northbaypride.ca/

# September 15-24, 2023

# Peterborough-Nogojiwanong Pride

Peterborough, ON https://peterboroughpride.ca/

# September 20-24, 2023

# **Elk Valley Pride Festival**

Fernie, BC https://ferniepride.ca/

# October 6 - 15, 2023

**Banff Pride Festival** 

Banff, AB <u>wwww.BanffPride.ca</u>

# **...making Pride possible** Pride Toronto's Advisory Groups

Thank you to all of the community advisory members who support and guide Pride Toronto. They work year long to provide feedback, and recommendations to make sure our community voices are heard, represented, and seen!

Here is a list of our Advisory Groups:

- Two-Spirit and Indigenous Community Advisory Committee
- Accessibility Community Advisory Committee
- Bi+ Community Advisory Committee
- Dyke Community Advisory Committee
- Family Community Advisory Committee

- Francophone Community Advisory
   Committee
- Rainbow Senior Community Advisory
   Committee
- Sober Oasis Community Advisory
   Committee
- Trans Community Advisory Committee
- Youth Community Advisory Committee

Interested in joining an advisory group? Contact us anytime at office@pridetoronto.com



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A proud supporter of Pride Toronto 2023

On June 25th, we're celebrating our 2SLGBTQ+ colleagues and community.

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At Brickworks Ciderhouse, we're all about celebrating diversity and inclusiveness. That's why we're proud to welcome the LGBTQ2S+ community and allies to our space, where we support queer arts and culture. Come experience it for yourself!

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