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Pride Toronto acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many Nations, including 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.

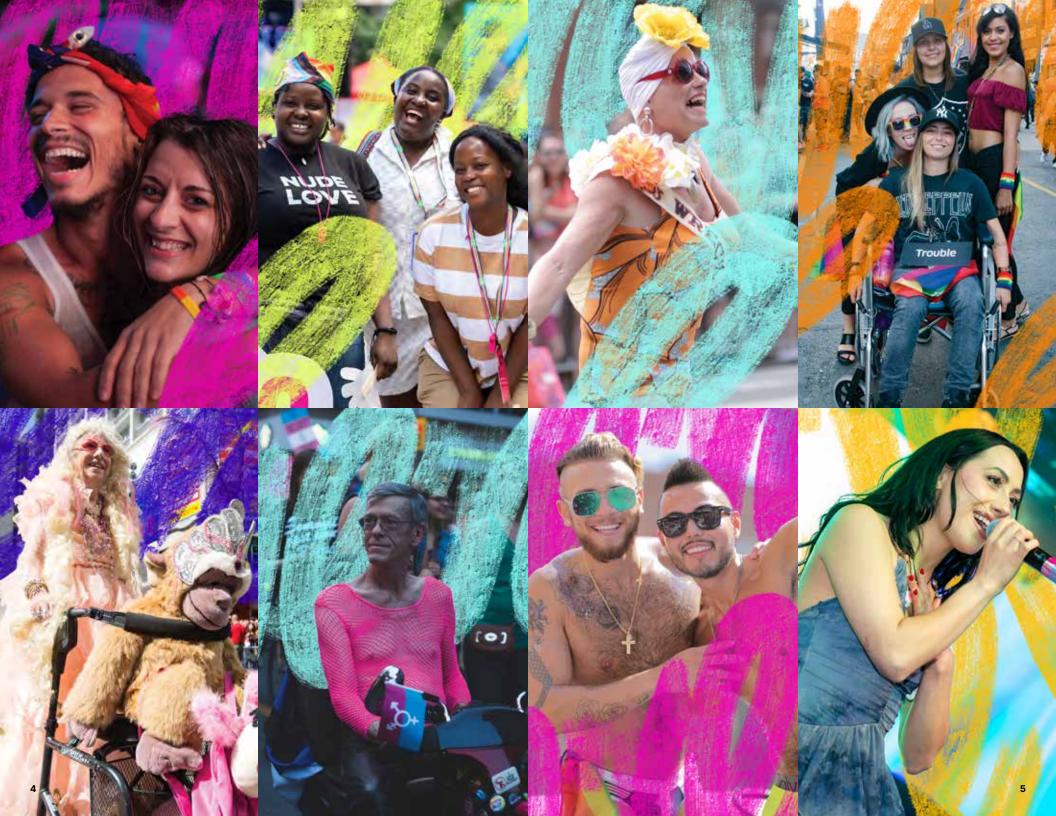
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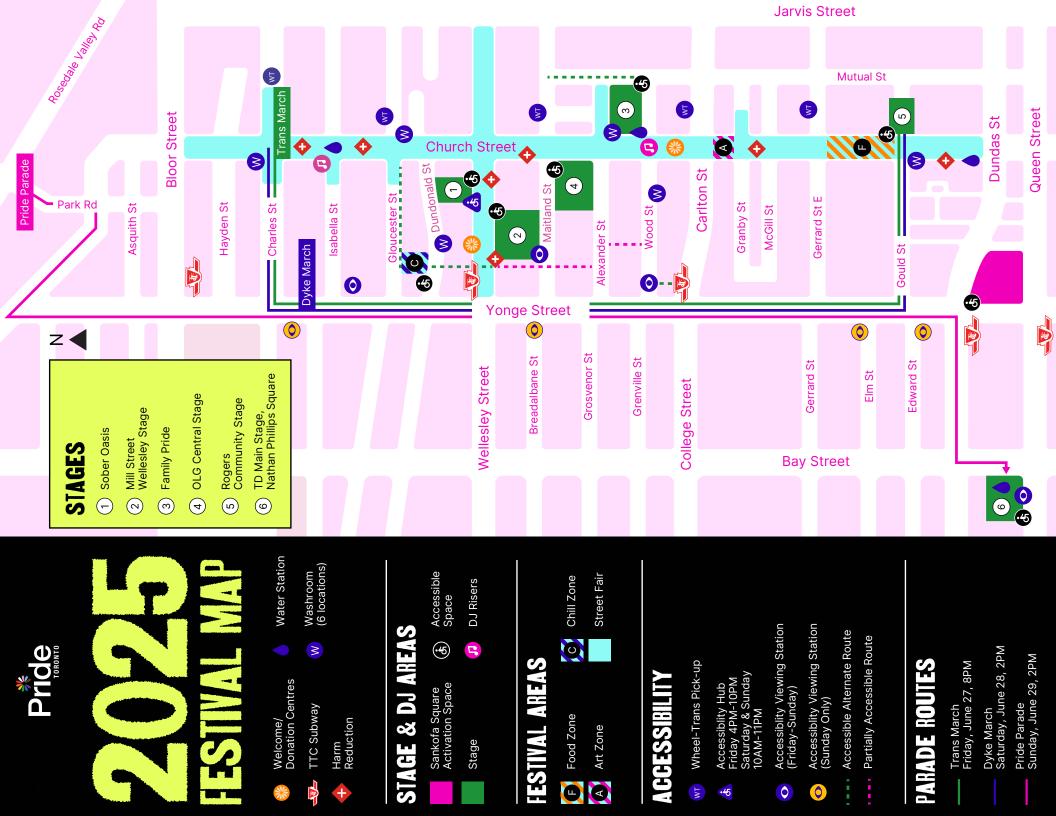
We also acknowledge all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly forcibly displanted Africans brought here due to the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay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

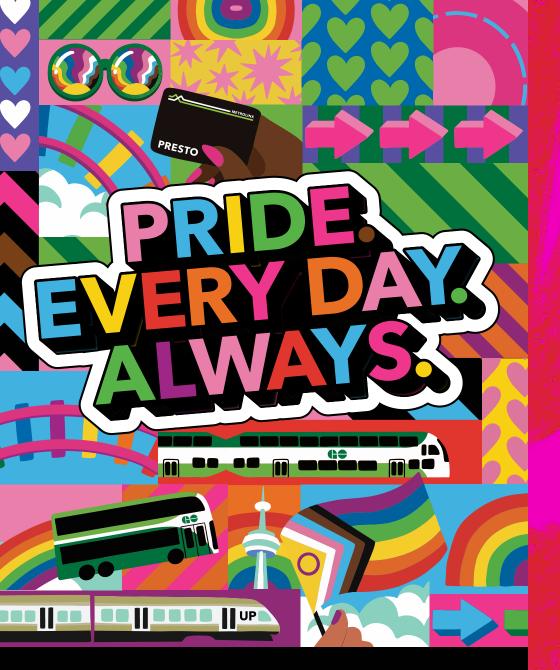
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THIS IS OUR COLLECTIVE SPIRIT. A SPIRIT THAT THRIVES ON DIVERSITY INCLUSIVITY AND JUSTICE. CONTINUING PRIDE TORONTO'S LEGACY OF CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR ALL WHO WALK WITH US. EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. ALL IN.







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## ACCESSIBILITY AT PRIDE TORONTO

At Pride Toronto, we are committed to creating a festival where everyone can celebrate with love, joy, and a sense of belonging. Our team has worked hard to ensure that all attendees can fully participate in the festivities by providing comprehensive services and resources.

This year, Pride Toronto is proud to offer the following services:

#### **ATTENDANT CARE SERVICES**

Pride Toronto is partnering with VHA Home HealthCare to provide trained attendants to support individuals who need assistance with personal care during the festival.

#### **Locations:**

Blockorama, designated parade viewing stations, and the Accessibility Hub.

#### How to Access:

Attendants will be available (at the following locations).

#### **ACCESSIBILITY HUB (ASH)**

**Locations:** Wellesley St. E. (west of Church St., in front of Paul Kane Parkette).

#### **Operating Hours:**

Friday, 7PM–11PM Saturday, 1PM–11PM Sunday, 1PM–11PM

#### At the Accessibility Hub, You Will Find:

ASL Stage Schedule Mobility Device Rentals Pride Guide copies Braille Parade maps Stage schedules

#### ASL INTERPRETATION SERVICES

Available at the following stages and events: Blockorama brOWN//out Trans Rally Dyke Rally Community Stage Opening Night at Nathan Phillips Square

#### Accessibility Stations

Parade Viewing Stations: 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.

#### **MOBILITY DEVICES**

Pride Toronto provides a selection of mobility devices for rental, including wheelchairs and walkers, to ensure accessibility at the festival.

#### How to Access:

Devices can be rented at the Accessibility Hub during operating hours.

#### **SUNFLOWER LANYARDS**

Pride Toronto recognizes the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program. Sunflower lanyards will be available for those who wish to indicate they have a hidden disability and may require additional assistance or accommodations.

#### How to Access:

Lanyards can be accessed at the Accessibility Hub and information booths.

#### **ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION**

Pride Toronto recognizes the importance of inclusive and accessible participation in the Trans and Dyke Marches, as well as the Pride Parade.

#### How to Access:

Accessible viewing areas and risers will be available along the route. A TTC bus will provide transportation during the Trans and Dyke Marches between Church St. and Hayden St., Yonge St. and Gould St. for those requiring accommodations. A TTC bus will be available during the following times, for those requiring accessibility accommodations.

#### **Trans March:**

Friday, June 27th, 7PM Church St. and Hayden St.,

#### **Dyke March:**

Saturday, June 28th, 2PM Church St. and Hayden St.,

#### **Pride Parade:**

Sunday, June 29th, 2PM Church St., South on Yonge St. to Nathan Phillips Sq.

#### Wheel Trans Drop Off Points:

Pride Toronto offers accessible wheel-trans drop-off points during the festival weekend. Please visit <u>pridetoronto.com/accessibility</u> for the most up to date information regarding locations and times.

#### **ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS**

Pride Toronto is committed to ensuring that all attendees have access to clean and accessible washrooms. Designated accessible washroom facilities will be available throughout the festival footprint, including at major event locations and along the parade route.

#### How to Access:

Accessible washrooms will be clearly marked on the Pride Toronto map and signage on-site.

#### **PLAN AHEAD**

Please note that this is an outdoor festival. Be prepared for potential barriers, including, uneven sidewalks and older buildings, crowds, construction zones, and weather conditions.

For the most up-to-date information, visit <u>pridetoronto.com/accessibility.</u> If you have further questions, please contact us at <u>accessibility@</u> <u>pridetoronto.com.</u>



# All In.

As an official Pride Toronto Partner, Mill Street is proud to support Pride Toronto, celebrating what makes our hometown so special.

# PROTECT OUR Community From Covid

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 <u>toronto.ca/home/covid-19/</u> for local guidelines on COVID-19.

# LET'S HAVE A FUN

& SAFE FESTIVALY

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CO-CHAIRS



We are ALL IN as we celebrate the 2025 Pride Month and Pride Festival. We acknowledge the increasing challenges faced by 2SLGBTQI+ communities across Canada. We face a coordinated attack against our hard-won human rights and we are already impacted by the increasing flow of hate emanating from the USA.

We fought these battles before and we must continue to fight!! Reported hate crimes against Trans folX continue to increase. Trans folks are experiencing the reemergence of hateful rhetoric. Until every 2SLGBTQI+ person around the world and in Canada is safe, none of us can claim to live in a free society.

A federal election has just happened and it is our responsibility to hold our elected officials accountable for their promises to keep all their constituents safe and able to live our lives free from transphobia, homophobia, racism, sexism, ableism, ageism, violence, oppression and fear.

We must stand together in solidarity! Bell Hooks said, "solidarity is a shared struggle that requires us to show up, listen and fight for one another. It is love in action." Pride is a celebration and a political movement to defend our human rights.

We are ALL IN! We refuse to be invisible. Nothing will stand in our way. We Will Win.

Please come out and Celebrate Pride 365 with us! (Join us at the Two Spirit Powwow, our Community Connect events, the Trans and Dyke Marches, our mini Prides and the ultimate party Festival Weekend!)

Happy Pride!

Pride Toronto Co-Chairs,

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#### All In—Are You?

As we step into Pride 2025, we do so with hearts full of courage and an unwavering commitment to each other. In a world where the political landscape can feel uncertain and where hard-won rights are challenged and voices of division try to drown out love, we stand stronger together. With the increasing attacks on transgender rights, it's more important than ever to use Pride as a platform for visibility, education, and advocacy. We'll make sure to centre voices from across the community and shine a light on the urgent need for justice and protection for all 2SLGBTQI+ people.

Pride has always been a powerful act of resistance and a celebration of authenticity. It's a reminder that visibility, community, and solidarity are transformative forces. This year, we march, celebrate, and advocate not just for ourselves, but for every member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community in Canada and abroad, especially those whose rights and safety are under threat.

At the same time, Pride is a powerful engine for joy and community connection, creating space for artists, performers, and local businesses to thrive. The events, markets, and celebrations not only spotlight 2SLGBTQI+ creativity but also provide a significant boost to the local economy supporting independent creators and fostering inclusive spaces that benefit everyone.

We're committed to honoring the full spectrum of Pride recognizing our roots as both a protest and a celebration of love, identity, and resilience. We want to highlight the rich history of 2SLGBTQI+ activism while amplifying the ongoing struggles for equality worldwide.

Wishing everyone a joyful and empowering Pride season. Together, there is nothing we can't overcome. So, are you ALL IN?

Happy Pride Toronto!

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Kojo Modeste (no pronouns) Executive Director

# A MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER





Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario

June 2025

#### A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

Hello and welcome to everyone celebrating Pride Month in the Toronto Pride Festival.

This much-anticipated festival is one of the most dynamic and exciting Pride events in the world, with a whole month of 2SLGBTQI+ festivities, including street fairs, parties, performances by world-class artists, and of course, parades with spectacular floats and costumes.

Many thanks to the amazing and creative folks at Pride Toronto for putting together this Pride Guide to help festival-goers plan the perfect visit to Ontario's vibrant and diverse capital.

Together, let's continue to empower Ontario's 2SLGBTQI+ communities — and build a more vibrant and inclusive province for everyone.

Have a fabulous Pride Month and welcome to Ontario!

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Doug Ford Premier

# A MESSAGE MAYOR FROM THE MAYOR





#### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Pride Toronto 2025 Festival!

The City of Toronto is very proud to host the Pride Toronto 2025 Festival which celebrates and honours Toronto's Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer and Questioning (2SLGBTQI+) communities and also includes one of the largest Pride parades in North America!

Pride began as a protest when activists fought for equal rights and justice following the 1981 Toronto bathhouse raids. I have had the honour of joining Pride for over three decades and the Pride Toronto 2025 Festival is the perfect time to demonstrate our love and unwavering support for Toronto's strong and resilient 2SLGBTQI+ communities. This support is more important than ever as we witness the very real erosion of rights in the United States and similar attempts taking place here in Canada. Let us celebrate the 2SLGBTQI+ communities' diverse, unique and valued contributions to our city's socio-economic, cultural and political life.

As Mayor of Toronto and advocate for 2SLGBTQI+ rights, I am "All In" in my ongoing commitment to equity and inclusion of 2SLGBTQI+ communities in Toronto.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I offer my best wishes for a very fun, enjoyable and memorable Pride.

Yours truly,

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Olivia Chow Mayor of Toronto

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL MPP & CITY COUNCILLOR



Welcome to Pride 2025! We are thrilled to have you join us in this vibrant celebration of love, diversity, and self-expression.

As Trans and Queer rights are under attack, particularly south of our border, and where incidents of hate are increasing across our nation, it is crucial that we unite as a community and support one another.

This year, we must pay close attention to who our allies are and which organizations are steadfast in their commitment to not only supporting pride festivals financially but also support policies that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible festival organizers, tireless volunteers, generous donors, and dedicated sponsors. Your efforts make this collective celebration of Pride possible, and for that, we are immensely thankful.

To our Trans, Non-Binary, and Queer community members: you are loved. As your representatives in Toronto Centre, home of the Church Wellesley Village, we are committed to defending your human rights, ensuring your access to genderaffirming healthcare, and providing every opportunity for you to flourish. We look forward to marching shoulder-to-shoulder with you in the largest Trans March in the world as well as the Parade on Sunday.

Toronto Centre is a sanctuary for everyone, irrespective of your background or how you identify. We are dedicated to maintaining our community as a place where you can live your truth without fear or judgment.

As we celebrate Pride, let us reflect on the power of love and acceptance in our world. Toronto Pride stands as a beacon of joy and solidarity for the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Stand proud, embrace your identity, and take pride in who you are. Together, we are driving progress through inclusivity and ensuring a brighter, more equitable future for all.

We're ALL IN!



Chris Moise (he/him) City Councillor Toronto Centre



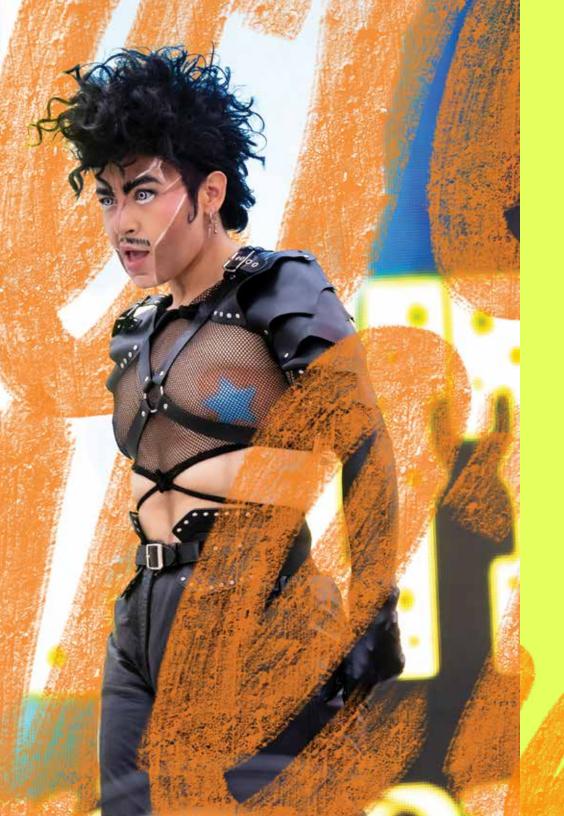
Kristyn Wong-Tam (they/them) Member of Provincial Parliament Toronto Centre

# CHARITY OF CHOICE

Canvas Programs is a thriving Toronto-based charity that provides empathy-based education on 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion and consent in schools, community spaces, and workplaces. Our arts-inspired programming has reached over 50,000 people, creating spaces where 2SLGBTQIA+ people can live authentically, survivors of sexual violence are believed, and youth have the tools to form safe, caring relationships. Canvas' education is essential in combating the current rise in homophobia and transphobia.

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Pau González Sánchez is a trans masculine community leader and advocate for LGBTQI+ rights in Panama. He is the co-founder of the country's first transmasculine group (Hombres Trans Panamá) and the first Association of Family and Friends of LGBTQI+ People (PFLAG-Panamá).

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led efforts from civil society to document human rights violations suffered by the transgender population in Panama due to binary quarantine measures.

For the past 6 years, he has led, jointly with allied lawyers and CSOs, strategic litigation efforts for the recognition of gender identity rights in Panama. In 2024, he filed a complaint against the Panamanian state with the IACHR, arguing that the legal requirement for a medical-legal examination to change gender markers on official documents constitutes cruel treatment equiparable to torture that violates human dignity.

Pau has represented Panama globally, including in the Human Rights Campaign's Global Innovators Program, and presented at the UN Human Rights Council through RFSL's Rainbow Advocacy Program.

Currently, Pau works as real estate agent, property manager, and consultant for the National Campaign for Free and Equal of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He also coordinates the Archive Project of the Historical Memory of Transmasculine and Trans Men in Latin America, which aims to document the lives and stories of trans men over 40 years old.

## HONOURED POSITIONS AND GROUPS

For the first time ever, Pride Toronto is excited to announce that we have four Trans ambassadors proudly representing Pride 2025! The time is now. In light of the challenges faced by our Trans siblings, we stand united—fully committed to supporting the trans community this year and beyond. Introducing our Trans ambassadors:



#### CATTLEYA SAGE KEB TRANS AMBASSADOR

Cattleya Sage Keb is a proud transgender woman dedicated to advocacy, education, and inclusivity. Transitioning later in life has come with challenges, but she remains committed to raising awareness about trans rights and healthcare accessibility. With two business degrees and a mental health certification, she worked at Casey House on a trans health initiative funded by WAGE, identifying and addressing barriers in the healthcare system. She is also creating a documentary about her lived experience to further trans visibility and support future generations.



#### FAE JOHNSTONE A CHAMPION FOR QUEER AND TRANS RIGHTS

Fae Johnstone is a leading advocate for queer and trans rights in Canada, with over a decade of activism. As Executive Director of Queer Momentum, she mobilizes advocates nationwide. A frequent voice in Canadian media, she has been featured in major publications and campaigns, including Hershey's International Women's Day initiative. Fae co-owns Wisdom2Action, a consulting firm advancing 2SLGBTQIA+ inclusion. Recognized with numerous awards, she continues to drive social change. Follow her on Instagram @Faedingaway.



#### PEPPER ESPIN TRANS AMBASSADOR

Originally from Irapuato, Mexico, Pepper Espin (they/them) is a non-binary opera singer and peer support specialist. A former countertenor in Mexico City, they discovered their trans identity while studying performing arts. After surviving a transphobic attack in 2021, Pepper sought refuge in Canada, where they rebuilt their life. They now work in harm reduction and peer support while performing as a Drag Opera Singer in Toronto festivals. In 2024, they were granted protected person status, continuing their mission of advocacy and artistic expression.

#### LULA ABDO Trans Ambassador

Lula Abdo (she/her) is a Yemeni trans advocate and community leader supporting trans and non-binary newcomers. As the Arabic Trans Power Project Coordinator at ASAAP, she provides essential resources and support. Lula's journey from persecution to empowerment began with her asylum in Canada in 2019. Despite challenges, she built a new life through activism and work in the culinary industry. Her advocacy spans 519's TPOC Project, Fife House, and MSSP, ensuring trans individuals receive healthcare, housing, and community support. Lula is a beacon of resilience and empowerment.

### PRIDE TORONTO'S AMBASSADORS



#### **TWO-SPIRIT AMBASSADOR**

As seen on Canada's Drag Race Season 3, Chelazon Leroux is Layten Byhette's stage name. Chelazon (she/he/they) is a two-Spirit Dene First Nations Multidisciplinary Artist. Chelazon's artistic pursuits include Drag, stand-up comedy, and social media content creation.

Chelazon uses her Indigenous identity—as a status member of Buffalo River Dene Nation (Treaty 10) and family ties to Fond Du Lac First Nation (Treaty 8)—as the foundation for her creative works. Chelazon is best known for her Auntie persona and TikTok posts. Chelazon uses her social media influence to educate and entertain audiences worldwide.

Her goal is to utilize her responsibilities as a Two-Spirit multimedia artist to bring Two-Spirit's historical role into the modern world; and to educate and entertain audiences worldwide on the experiences, stories, and beauty of Indigenous identity.



#### **BI+ AMBASSADOR**

Jasper Bryan (he/they) is a bi and genderqueer expressive arts therapist, facilitator, artist, and children's book creator. A strong advocate for the bi+ community, they co-founded Getting Bi+, Toronto's only expressive arts therapy group for bi+ individuals. Jasper integrates art and mental health to empower others and has volunteered with the Bi+ Arts Festival while supporting queer clients of all ages. Passionate about creativity, they love glitter, rollerblading, and rainbows. Learn more at queerarttherapy.com or on Instagram @queerarttherapy.

#### **BIPOC AMBASSADOR**

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**BIPOC Executive Search Inc. is an executive** search firm that serves as a catalyst for systemic transformation. Committed to dismantling barriers that marginalized communities face when pursuing positions of leadership—which they believe is an absolute must in their collective quest to realize true systemic change for the 2SLGBTQI+ community—BIPOC Executive Search centres its work on the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility (EDIA). By partnering with organizations that share a vision of inclusive leadership and organizations that they've been able to educate, they're paving the way for a future where equity is not aspirational but a lived reality. The firm opened its doors in 2020 and was founded by Jason Murray—a Black cis male who is part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community. The firm is comprised of 14 team members, with over one-third identifying as part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community and approximately 85% being part of the BIPOC community.

> We need to rise to the future's challenges.



### PRIDE TORONTO'S AMBASSADORS



#### **DYKE AMBASSADOR**

I am a Black African lesbian, a survivor, and an advocate. In 2019, I fled my home country to escape violence and persecution. Arriving in Canada as a refugee was both terrifying and freeing, but step by step, I built a life I'm proud of.

As a Registered Practical Nurse with global healthcare experience, I'm now pursuing my Nursing degree to deepen my impact. Healing is an ongoing journey—through therapy, community, and hope. Despite challenges, I hold onto the belief that better days are ahead.

As the 2025 Lesbian Ambassador, I stand for those who feel unheard, especially young Black African LGBTQ+ individuals, showing them that it's possible to rise above hardship and live authentically. I believe in the power of care, empathy, and human connection.

No matter where you are on your journey, know this: You are worthy. You are strong. You are never alone.



#### **NEWCOMER AMBASSADOR**

Hale Nouri, a transgender woman from Iran, spent seven years as a refugee in Turkey before resettling in Canada. Her lived experience fuels her advocacy for marginalized communities. As a Support Coordinator at the Trans Power Project under ASAAP, she empowered transgender individuals and supported those affected by HIV/ AIDS. Now a Settlement Worker, she assists Middle Eastern newcomers in their journey toward stability. Committed to social justice, Hale envisions a world where dignity, opportunity, and well-being are accessible to all.



#### **YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Haniya Amir, a Pakistani trans youth influencer, is a vocal advocate for transgender rights and visibility. Despite societal stigma, they embraced their identity and now inspire others through social media, with over 250K followers across Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok. Haniya shares personal experiences, promotes gender inclusivity, and showcases Pakistani Punjabi culture through dance. They have contributed to international discussions on LGBTQ+ rights and mental health advocacy, using their platform to foster confidence, resilience, and acceptance for transgender youth in Pakistan and beyond.

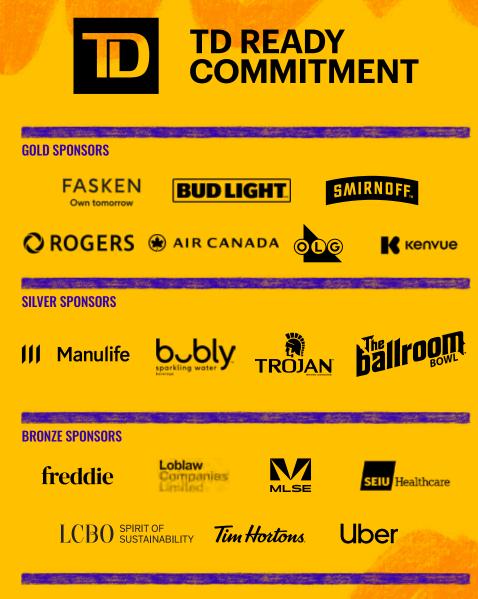


#### **SOBER AMBASSADOR**

My name is Sharath lyengar, a gay man in recovery. Writing these words reflects a long journey of self-acceptance. I moved to Toronto from Bangalore in 2021, carrying the weight of a conservative upbringing, childhood trauma, and struggles with substance use tied to my identity. I turned to alcohol and cannabis to cope, but denial and self-sabotage led me to rock bottom when my partner left. Recovery has been challenging, but I'm grateful for the support of ACT, CAMH, HassleFree Clinic, and HQ. Through activism and volunteering, I've found purpose, resilience, and hope.

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# PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

Get ready to celebrate Pride Month with Pride Toronto! We're thrilled to host an incredible array of events throughout June, including our famous Signature Pool Party. From thrilling performances to inspiring speakers and everything in between, this Pride Month will surely get you pumped, all day, every day, all Pride Month long!

If that was not enough, Pride Toronto is also proud to partner with a diverse range of Major Cultural Events across the city, all committed to promoting diversity, representation, and inclusion. From art exhibitions to film screenings to music performances, see the true breadth of what 2SLGBTQI+ Toronto has to offer. Fill your calendar and get in the Pride spirit as we lead up to Festival Weekend!

For a list of events visit pridetoronto.com/events







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### YOUTH SUMMIT

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**MLSE Launchpad** 259 Jarvis St. 9AM-2:30PM

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#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4TH



Saturday, May 24th 4PM–8PM

#### NORTH YORK

127 Eddystone Avenue

Sunday, May 25th 1PM–4PM

#### **ETOBICOKE**

Montgomery's Inn (4709 Dundas St W)

Wednesday, June 4th 4PM-6PM

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# COMMUNITY Connect

Hosted in Scarborough, Etobicoke, and North York, Community Connect aims to create more visibility and awareness for the 2SLGBTQI+ communities outside of the downtown core. We continue to work with organizations and collectives in each area to create meaningful and impactful experiences for participants.

Keeping in alignment with this year's theme, All In, we believe that members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community have the right to be fully included, uplifted, and celebrated in places they call home.

For some community members, taking Pride outside of the downtown core has given them an opportunity to feel safe to celebrate who they are and the ability to connect with others in the 2SLGBTQI+ community. This year, we are spotlighting local artists from Scarborough, North York, and Etobicoke, ensuring that the talent and voices of these communities shine.

## BEAUTY IS BEING PROUD









A BEAR ALLIANCE MEMBER



**AFFILIATE EVENT** 

SUNDAY, June 1

## Our pride flies high

As our nation's flag carrier and official airline of Pride Toronto, Air Canada is proud to support and celebrate diversity, equity, and inclusion. Together, we soar higher.

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À titre de transporteur national et partenaire aérien officiel du festival Pride Toronto. Nous sommes fiers de soutenir et de célébrer la diversité, l'équité et l'inclusion. Ensemble, nous ouvrons des horizons.

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**GET DETAILS** 



Free outdoor movie night - June 4th, 2025



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#### SELF-GUIDED TOUR | JUNE 1 - 30 PROUD PERSPECTIVES & COLOURFUL CROSSINGS

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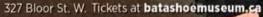
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#### FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 7-11 PM

Stomp and shuffle alongside our new exhibition Rough & Ready: A History of the Cowboy Boot. Performances by Selena Vyle, Lucinda Miu and Fluffy Souffle, music by DJ Sigourney Beaver.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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COMMUNITY EVENT SATURDAY, JUNE 14

**Rekai** Centre

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160 Wellesley St. 1PM-3:30PM

# RAINBOW Senior Pride

Join us for the annual RAINBOW SENIORS event, proudly presented by Pride Toronto and The Rekai LTC Centres, in partnership with the Senior Pride Network and Buddies in Bad Times Theatre.

WEDNESDAY

5PM - 10PM

We're thrilled to announce the 2025 collaboration between Buddies in Bad Times and Senior Pride Network! This year, our theme "All In" celebrates unity, inclusion, and strength within the 2SLGBTQI+ community, while honouring our seniors who have paved the way for future generations.

A special thank you to TD, our financial partner for the past two years, for their continued support.

This event fosters intergenerational connections and sharing of lived experiences, showcasing the resilience and joy of Rainbow Seniors. Enjoy a vibrant, FREE celebration featuring performances by local artists, including drag acts, delicious food, ice cream, henna artistry, door prizes, and more! Attendees can also connect with advocacy and social organizations making a difference for the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

Let's come together, All In, to celebrate the beauty and strength of our diverse identities!



Cabana Poolbar 11 Polson St. 6PM–11PM

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#### Talent:

Lydia B Kollins Sanjina DaBish Queen Young Teesh Sophie Jones Ms.Myles Rico Rico Destiny

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# PRIDE POOL PARTY WITH LYDIA B KOLLINS

Everyone's favourite vibrant, sun-soaked celebration of love, inclusivity, and community is back again, making a grand return to Cabana Poolbar! Headlining Pride Toronto's iconic Pride Pool Party for 2025 is RuPaul's Drag Race Season 17 Star: Lydia B Kollins (@foreheadbrows). Lydia brings her oddball humour and unique style to boogie down in Toronto! This hot event features electrifying music, refreshing drinks to quench or fuel all your thirsty desires, and a lively atmosphere where everyone can let loose and embrace their true selves. It's the perfect cocktail of fun, celebration and pride, making it a must-attend highlight of Pride Month. So slink into your sexiest swimwear, throw on a crocheted cover and grab a ticket or a full VIP Cabana to the hottest event of summer!

Every ticket sold supports Pride Toronto's free programs with 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Join us and make a difference!

Tickets available at: pridetoronto.com/pridepoolparty2025

# 10,000 P**EO**PLE RALLY

#### "ALL OUT!"

The All OUT: Rally for 2SLGBTQI+ Freedom is a powerful demonstration of solidarity and resistance, aimed at highlighting the growing oppression and discrimination faced by 2SLGBTQI+, Indigenous, Black, POC, Immigrant, and Trans communities. This rally stands as a united front, calling for urgent action to confront and dismantle the systemic prejudices affecting marginalized groups. It emphasizes the critical need to protect the rights and freedoms of Trans individuals, ensuring their identities are respected and their rights upheld. This rally serves as a call to action to safeguard the ability for all to live authentically and thrive, reinforcing the importance of defending Trans rights and combating erasure in a time of rising adversity. Together, we rally to affirm our right to exist, to be seen, and to live freely and authentically.

Queen's Park Lawn 110 Wellesley St. W. 1PM-4PM

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SATURDAY.

JUNE 21

# JEREMY Dutcher

#### Sat, Jun 21 Roy Thomson Hall

Experience a transcendent performance during Pride and National Indigenous Peoples Day featuring music from Jeremy's groundbreaking albums *Wolastoqiyik Lintuwakonawa* and *Motewolonuwok*.

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# NEWCOMER'S Pride

Earlscourt Park Caledonia Rd. & St. Clair Ave. W. 12PM–5PM

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Pride Toronto 2025 is a vibrant celebration of unity, strength, and unwavering solidarity within our diverse community. It serves as a powerful reminder that every one of us belongs–whether our ancestors walked these lands centuries ago, we found refuge here after being forcibly displaced, or we chose this place as our home. In 2025, we are "All In–all in for joy, for love, for resilience, and for the continued fight for freedom. Together, we rise, united in our collective pride, as we honour our past, embrace our present, and forge a future where everyone is celebrated. All in for each other, and all in for our shared vision of equality.









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**MAJOR CULTURAL EVENT** 

**JUNE 25-29** 

### HUMAN RIGHTS ROUNDTABLE

The Human Rights Roundtable explores the challenges faced by the 2SLGBTQI+ community in light of the 2025 Pride theme, All In. This roundtable will address the urgent issues impacting the community, including the ongoing struggle for Trans rights, the removal of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives, its effects on the 2SLGBTQI+ communities, and the global deficiency of LGBTQ+ rights.

TBD 3 FREE

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# FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Go All In for Pride and experience the 2nd largest Pride Festival in the World! With 8 stages and over 200 hours of programming, it's your time to get lost in music and party the weekend away to the best in Canadian and international talent! There are also marches, StreetFair, community zones, visual art and of course the parade! There is something for everyone, so start planning your schedule and get ready for the weekend of your life!

For full information on Pride Toronto's programming, including accessibility information, please check out <u>pridetoronto.com</u>.



# NEED HELP?

### If you or someone near you is in distress, please consider the following options:

- 911 (for medical emergencies)
- 988 (Suicide Crisis Helpline)
- 211 (community-based, non-clinical health and social services)
- 705-805-1570 (Pride Toronto Festival Dispatch)
- There are Harm Reduction Booths and workers located throughout the festival footprint, all of whom can be reached through Festival Dispatch
- There are two Pride Toronto Info Booths, see festival Map (page 6–7)

Pride Toronto is a judgment free zone that aims to meet people where they are at. Please prioritize the unprejudiced safety of yourself and your fellow festival goers.

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#### OLG Central Stage 7PM–12AM

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Talent:

Negraconda Isa GT Yovska Litney El Experimento Gay Jesus ESCOBUTT

### LEWDLINE: LATINEO

#### **Curated by ESCOBUTT**

Lewdline: LATINEO will showcase and celebrate 100% Latin talent! Our mission is to facilitate a platform for queer talent, music enjoyment, and expression of movement. Lewdline events are for and by QTBIPOC+. For our 2025 Pride edition, expect a sexy weaving of Latine diaspora disciplines and surprises on June 26 at the Central stage 7pm to midnight!

# **OPENING NIGHT**

Start Pride Weekend in the biggest way with our Opening Night! Go ALL IN on your Pride Weekend by showing up right at the start, 6PM and stay through till the end to see the best lineup of 2SLGBTQI+ dance artists in the world.

Beginning with our Opening Ceremony where we officially begin the festivities with a libation ceremony, speeches from our honoured guests from Toronto and around the world, and our 2025 International Grand Marshal. Then a traditional Indigenous opening ceremony featuring two-spirit drummers, hoop dancers, shawl dancers, and an opening prayer by an Elder. This portion is curated in collaboration with 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations.

Then the celebration keeps on going with a very special performance from Singing Out, Toronto's largest 2SLGBTQQIA+ choir, followed by lively performances from Kaleena Zanders, bringing love and vibration; Kiesza, ready to hideaway with you some more; and your host for the evening, Canadian Drag Icon ,what's her name? Priyanka! Lastly, hot off her viral Boiler Room set, THE Rebecca Black will be DJing for the first time ever in Toronto! This is a diverse and hella fun show that you will not want to miss a second of! TD Main Stage Nathan Phillips Square 6PM–11PM

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Talent: Rebecca Black Kiesza Priyanka Kaleena Zanders Singing Out Choir + more!





Ŷ FESTIVAL WEEKEND JUNE 27-29

# **STAGE INFORMATION**

#### **GENERAL INFO**

- Please arrive early for popular events to ensure a good spot. Many of our events get full quickly, we recommend arriving early to avoid missing out.
- Mill Street 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, please arrive early to avoid long queues.
- Unfortunately, no re-entries are allowed at any of our Festival Stages. If you must leave for any reason, you must 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. ID is only required to receive 19+ wristband allowing for the purchase of alcoholic beverages and for VIP.

- Pride Toronto strictly prohibits any weapons or liquids on your person. We will be administering bag checks at all our stages.
- We strongly encourage attendees to avoid bringing large bags into the stage spaces.
- Coat check or item storage is unavailable, and Pride Toronto is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal items.
- All stages have hard cut-offs at 11pm, except Mill Street Wellesley Stage and OLG Central Stage which end at 2AM on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Washrooms are available at all stage areas.
- Alcoholic beverages are available for sale at our TD Main Stage, Mill Street Wellesley Stage and OLG Central Stage. Mill Street Wellesley Stage and TD Main Stage will have food trucks in the GA area. The Food Zone is also just south of Rogers Community Stage along Church St.

#### VIP

- VIP areas are only available at TD Main Stage and Mill Street Wellesley Stage.
- VIP passes must be visible at all times and worn within the VIP areas.
- You will not be allowed into the VIP or Backstage area if you do not have a valid VIP badge.
- Pride Toronto is not responsible for any loss of a VIP Pass. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a replacement if you lose your Pass.

#### 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 Mill Street 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 for single day passes
- Two (2) Drink Tickets for weekend passes

Festival Weekend VIP Pass - \$300 Single Day VIP Pass - \$125

Meet and Greets are available at select events including Drag Ball. All VIP areas are ages 19+, and access is based on capacity. All tickets are final sale.

- Snacks available in VIP area
- Separate VIP entrance
- Private Washrooms
- Private VIP Bar with reduced wait times
- Lounge Access with Cash Bar

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 27-29

Paul Kane Parkette. 58 Welleslev St. E

Friday, June 27th 6PM-11PM

Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29th 11AM-11PM



### **SOBER OASIS**

Pride Toronto is All In, embracing and uplifting the sober community through the Sober Oasis. This year, the festival proudly celebrates key partnerships with leading non-alcoholic sponsorships, signaling a powerful commitment to equity, inclusivity and creating a space where everyone belongs. There is a deliberate and inspiring shift happening-that embraces fun, party, authenticity without substances to foster meaningful moments of connection, reflection, and true celebration of each individual. No matter how one chooses to engage, this is a celebration for all to feel fully seen, fully heard, and fully part of something extraordinary.



### SOUTH DJ RISER

The South DJ Riser is known for being THE block party. Once the music starts the people take over at Wood & Church. Everyone is ALL IN. There is no standing around, you are either ALL IN or you're out. The DJ insists on you moving your body to their beats and you have absolutely no choice in the matter. Let's hope you are all in the mood to dance at the South DJ Riser.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 27-29

Church St. & Wood St.

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Friday, June 27th 7PM-11PM

Saturday, June 8th 1PM-11PM

Sunday, June 29th 1PM-11PM

#### **FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 27-29

Church St. & Isabella St.

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Friday, June 27th 7PM-11PM

Saturday, June 8th 1PM-11PM

Sunday, June 29th 1PM-11PM



### NORTH DJ RISER

Make no mistake the party starts and ends with the DJ. During Festival Weekend the North DJ Riser is set to turn the streets into a party. You won't stop moving when these DJs start grooving. They have the beats ready and the energy set on high. They're ALL IN and ready to turn up the heat. Are you ALL IN?



Church St.

Friday June 27th 7PM–11PM

Saturday June 28th 1PM–11PM

Sunday June 29th 1PM–11PM



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# STREETFAIR

### **GOING ALL IN? DON'T MISS THIS SPOT!**

StreetFair is taking over Church Street from Bloor to Dundas once again, and this year, it's bigger and better than ever! Immerse yourself in a carefully curated selection of unique shops, delicious flavours, and exciting experiences that will make you want to come back night after night. Whether you're with family, friends, or flying solo, StreetFair is the perfect spot to connect with Toronto's vibrant and diverse scene. From handmade artisan goods to live music performances, there's always something going on to captivate your senses and bring people together.

With more than 200+ stalls to explore, StreetFair promises to be the place you'll keep returning to. Make sure to visit our incredible Food Zone, where you can indulge in a oncein-a-lifetime culinary experience that unites cultures from all over the world. The food is diverse, mouth-watering, and prepared with passion, offering a true taste of global flavours right in the heart of Toronto. It's more than just a meal; it's a celebration of community and the power of food to bring us closer together. Stay refreshed with four water stations set up throughout the event to keep you hydrated, and enjoy the DJ Risers with music pumping throughout the area for a fun vibe as you explore.

StreetFair is not just about shopping and eating–it's about connecting with your inner-self, meeting new people, and forming long-lasting relationships. Whether you're seeking inspiration, a new hobby, or simply an ALL IN weekend, this event offers a perfect opportunity to build community and create memories that will last well beyond the weekend.

StreetFair is also a great way to support local vendors who have worked hard to prepare for this exciting occasion. By shopping and engaging with them, you're helping strengthen Toronto's small businesses and creative spirit.

Join us and experience everything that make StreetFair unforgettable!

For more information about our programming and accessibility, check out <u>pridetoronto.com</u>.

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TASTE THE RAINBOW



Outdoors on Church St. between Carlton St. & Granby St.

Friday, June 27th 7PM–11PM

Saturday, June 8th 1PM–11PM

Sunday, June 29th 1PM–11PM

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# ART ZONE

### PAINT WITH PRIDE! 2025

Paint with Pride! is a live painting event that celebrates 2SLGBTQI+ art and artists. This program builds community through each of its components. From collaborative muralmaking to youth workshops to an interactive auction that supports and uplifts 2SLGBTQI+ artists, collaboration, creativity, and artistic freedom are at the heart of what we do. We look forward to taking part in Pride Toronto 2025. When it comes to using art to protect and uplift the queer communities in our city, StART is ALL IN!

### **ALL IN, CIRQUE DU SOLEIL & PRIDE TORONTO**

Joining the Pride Art Zone, Cirque du Soleil Entertainment Group brings an art stop for all ages. Join us for some fun and games and unleash your creative side!





Immerse yourself in a vibrant space filled with captivating artworks that amplify the spirit of Pride Weekend. Explore interactive activities that spark creativity, foster connections, and celebrate 2SLGBTQI+ artistry. Don't miss this dynamic hub of expression, community, and unforgettable moments!

# TRANS PRIDE

### **CELEBRATING RESILIENCE, UNITY, AND PRIDE**

Join us as we go ALL IN to celebrate the strength, resilience, and beauty of the trans community during the world's largest trans march. This momentous event offers a powerful space to honour trans, non-binary, and two-spirit identities while raising awareness and advocating for trans human rights. The rally features inspiring speakers and performers, creating a supportive environment where trans individuals can connect, prepare for the march, and engage in community-building activities like sign making.

We begin with the Trans Community Fair which showcases trans community groups; and close off the night with the Trans Afterparty at the Community Stage.

As we march, in this time of rising hate across the world, we reaffirm the validity and beauty of trans existence, and stand together in solidarity to ensure every trans, non-binary, and two-spirit person is respected, valued, and embraced.

Allies are welcome to join, but we ask for their respect in leaving space for trans folks to lead and celebrate at the forefront.

### **COMMUNITY FAIR**

Church St. & Charles St. 5PM–7PM

RALLY

Church St. & Charles St. 7PM-8PM

### MARCH

Church St. & Charles St., Begins at 8PM Ends at Church St. & Gould St.

### AFTERPARTY

Community Stage Church St. & Gould St. 7PM–11PM

### 3 by FREE

### Talent:

DJ Delicious T. Thomason Taylor Abrahamse Jannat Ali Rosina The Aerotiques Azalea The Witch



Mill Street Wellesley Stage 7PM-10PM

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Talent: Madee Lovegood Anoush Ellah Laila Halal Bae Artin Avaznia + more!

### THE YALLA BARRA EXTRAVAGANZA

Hosted and Curated by Anoush Ellah & Madee Lovegood

Yalla Barra returns for its 9th year with another EXTRAVAGANZA! Prepare to be mesmerized by an array of talents showcased in a spectacular production that honours both Middle Eastern culture and the diverse tapestry of Queer identities it intersects with. Now more than ever, creating a safe, inclusive space is essential as we embrace our authentic selves and celebrate our rich heritages.

### **FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

FRIDAY, JUNE

OLG Central Stage 7PM-11PM

Talent: Full Blown Father Kasper the Queer Ghost MS.G Feura Sakina + more!

### ALTERNAQUEER: Into the Künstverse

### Curated by Künst Kids

Venture through the broken mirror into a realm where alternative realities collide! Let the Künst Kids be your guide as we experience art from every corner of Toronto...and beyond! From wacky weirdos, to twirling divas, to out of towners, everyone is welcome to travel with us... Into The Künstverse\*. (\*even if you're not vers!)

### NEW HO QUEEN// All in: Asian Pride

### **Curated By New Ho Queen**

It's that time of year again...New Ho Queen (NHQ) is back at Pride Toronto's Wellesley Stage for ASIAN PRIDE. If you've attended NHQ in the past, you already know-we go ALL IN for the culture, the music, and the power of our community. Come dance and celebrate Queer Asian artistry, resilience, and self-expression with our local performers and DJs-plus a very special guest you won't want to miss.

### SLEAZE

Step into a world where desire and ecstasy collide-SLEAZE is not just a party, it's a celebration of freaks and party animals alike. Prepare to lose yourself in the crowd and feel the pulsating atmosphere as the night comes alive with raw, unfiltered energy. At SLEAZE, music throbs with a seductive urgency; so intoxicating and electric you'll be pulled deep into a sea of euphoric release. Tonight, everything is unleashed-nothing is too taboo, no impulse too wild. Get ready to sweat, to grind, and to be consumed by the sleazy, hi-octane sounds from the likes of infamous electro pop duo Frost Children and local taste makers ARD1N, Sophie Jones, and Curaga. This is not for the faint of heart. This is for the fearless, the hungry, the ones who live for the thrill of the afterdark. SLEAZE is waiting for you. Mill Street Wellesley Stage 10PM–2AM

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Talent: M1ss Jade So Reggie Ho LL Cool Wei Milkshook Aria Doll Aza Lia Lena Di

+ more!

FESTIVAL WEEKEND FRIDAY, JUNE 227

OLG Central Stage 11PM–2AM

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Talent: Frost Children Sophie Jones Ard1n



Church St. Public School, 83 Alexander St.

Saturday–Sunday June 28-29th 10AM–5PM

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#### Talent:

Fay & Fluffy Titus Androgynous Gila Münster Bex in Motion Peanut Butter and the Jams Lukas Stark

# FAMILY PRIDE

Family Pride is a joyful and inclusive space celebrating 2SLGBTQI+ families. Family Pride offers a vibrant environment where parents, caregivers and children (up to age 12) can connect, play, and celebrate together. This year we embrace the theme "All In," as we highlight solidarity, unity, and advocacy-reminding us to show up for each other and lift each other up. Expect a weekend filled with music, storytelling, arts and crafts, interactive performances, and family-friendly entertainment, all designed to create a welcoming and affirming space for 2SLGBTQI+ families.

# DYKE PRIDE

### CALLING ALL DYKES AND LESBIANS!

Join us for Pride Toronto's annual Dyke March, where we come together to celebrate our community with the theme "All In." This event is a chance to raise our voices, uplift our identities, and show the world that we are unapologetically united.

Start the day with inspiring speeches, performances, and sign making that will energize us for the march. At 2PM, we'll march loud and proud through the streets of Toronto. While this event is specifically for Dykes and Lesbians, allies are welcome to join. We kindly ask that allies leave space at the front during the march for Dykes and Lesbians to lead the celebration.

After the march, keep the energy alive at the Afterparty and Community Fair at Church St. & Gould St! Enjoy performances from Dyke and Lesbian artists, DJs spinning, and a marketplace where Dykes and Lesbians can showcase their art and community organizations.

Let's show up, show out, and celebrate our community–All In for Dykes, All In for Lesbians, All In for Pride!

RALLY Church St. & Hayden St. 1PM-2PM

### MARCH

Church St. & Hayden St, Begins at 2PM Ends at Church St. & Gould St.

#### **COMMUNITY FAIR**

Church St. & Gould St. 3PM-6PM

### AFTERPARTY

Community Stage Church St. & Gould St. 2PM-6PM

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#### Talent:

Cookiedoh Yarro Ella Mayo DJ GNRL ARTS Ms. Hadarling Myrriah Xochitl Percy Pegg INTROSPKT

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To celebrating each other

Wherever your Pride takes you, get [there] safe.

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### SATURDAY. JUNE 28

**TD Main Stage** Nathan Phillips Square 2PM-11PM

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### Talent:

**Onya Nurve Jewels Sparkles** Suzie Toot **Grey Matter** Lemon The Virgo Queen Aurora Matrix **Throb Zombie Miss Fiercalicious** Makayla Couture Nearah Nuff Minhi Wang Helena Poison Suki Doll Perla Yovska Tara Nova Murrav Hill (Host) Jada Shada Hudson (Host) + many more!

# DRAG BALL

The biggest drag event of the year returns with over 70 drag acts from Canada and beyond! This 9 hour extravaganza is the can't miss event of Festival Weekend with drag artists from RuPaul's Drag Race, Canada's Drag Race, The Boulet Brothers' Dragula, Canada vs the World, Drag Me to Dinner, King of Drag, Slaycation, Call Me Mother, as well as the absolute best in local talent!

Expect high production values, one-of-a-kind performances, dancers and costumes galore, huge crowds, and a never ending stream of the finest Drag Kings, Things and Queens! Get there early to secure a good spot, as this is, by far, the most popular event of Pride Month, or get a VIP pass for a guaranteed front-of-stage up-close view. Meet & Greets are also available at a special cocktail reception with purchase. But otherwise join us at Nathan Phillips Square for this completely free staggering event that we put on just for you!

VIP passes and Meet & Greet tickets can be purchased at: PrideToronto.com/VIP2025

Full lineup and information at: PrideToronto.com/events/Drag-Ball



### BROWN//OUT

### Curated by brOWN//out collective

Since 2011, brOWN//out has been the community stage for "south asian" queer and trans artists: singers, dancers, drag and burlesque artists, musicians and more. Rushing from waters, mountains and plains of homeland(s) through the diaspora and back, brOWN//out is a mixtape of adventures.

\*"south asian" is used strategically: there is no way to adequately represent all the complexities of having identities connected to "South Asia". brOWN//out disrupts exclusions while collective dreaming and (re)building.

### ALL IN...YOUR FEELINGS KIKI BALL

**Curated by The Iconic House of PinkLady** Toronto

Step into the vibrant world of our emotions, where feelings take the spotlight.

We invite you to leave the everyday behind and dive into the dynamic colourful universe. Whether you're radiating pure joy or embracing a more On the reflective side, we are all connected by the emotions that define us. This ball will be a celebration of the moods, expressions, and shades that shape who we are. Let's journey through this vibrant realm together!

OLG **Central Stage** 2PM-3PM

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Talent: Vivek Shraya Sushmita Nimrat The Drag **Optimal Tease** Sydney Quest + more!

# **FESTIVAL WEEKEND** SATURDAY, JUNE

Mill Street Wellesley Stage 2PM-5PM

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- Founders The Q Musicale (queer live music festival)
  - **Proud Community Partners INSPIRE Awards**



OLG Central Stage 3PM-7PM

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Talent:

Musa

Jenner

Cozmic Cat

Ms.Myles

Sanjeet

### KISS MY LIPS

Get ready to pucker up and lean in for a kiss from this femme-fueled fantasy! Kiss My Lips is the place to kiss your inhibitions goodbye and dance like no one's watching. Lips, hips, and heartbeats will sync up in a perfect rhythm of freedom and fire. Expect a bass-thumping bash where the music's hot, and so are you.



### CATALYST

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

Catalyst celebrates the creativity and cultural richness of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer artists. This vibrant showcase features stunning drag performances, electrifying musical acts, and the unforgettable beats of DJ Fawn Big Canoe. Join us as we honour the artistry and resilience of Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ identities, amplifying voices and celebrating diversity through powerful performances.

### YOUTH PRIDE

The Pride Toronto and the SOY Youth Advisory Committee are proud to bring back another year of youth excellence through singing, dancing, drag performances, and more at the 2025 Youth Pride Stage. Out-of-this-world performances from new and emerging queer and trans youth talent will take over the stage, creating an unforgettable night of support and celebration! Mill Street Wellesley Stage 5:30PM-8:30PM

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Talent: Chelazon Leroux Fawn Big Canoe + more!

# SATURDAY, 28

**FESTIVAL WEEKEND** 

Public School 83 Alexander St. 6PM-10PM



Priyana Joseph Robinson Klimax Jimmy Falic



#### OLG **Central Stage** 7PM-8PM



#### Talent: Miami Minx

Selena Vyle Rita Ann'tique Cat Zaddy Newfoundlad **Dolly Berlin** Tanya King Ingrid Moonshine Red Tongued Raven

### THE PRIDEFUL SINNERS

### **Curated by Red Tongued Raven**

After the success of its first year, The Prideful Sinners returns to Pride Toronto on June 28th with an all new cast of the best performers from Toronto and beyond. "The Prideful Sinners" is curated by award-winning Burlesgue Artist, Red Tongued Raven. Dazzling costumes, one-of-a-kind stunts, and incredible dancers will take your breath away during this special presentation for Pride Toronto.

Recommended audience is 18+ or attending with parental supervision.

### HOTLINE

### Hosted & Curated by Shorty DJ Hotline

HOTLINE is a stage that celebrates and prioritizes womxn, femme and non-binary DJs, especially POC. It aims to showcase the diverse and versatile styles within this community. We all help each other thrive by supporting our talents and sharing opportunities. Enjoy an evening full of high energy, dynamic DJs and go-go dancers to bring their sets to life. @shortyhotline.

OLG **Central Stage** 8PM-2AM

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Talent: DJ Mar B. The City THIRDEYE MOMOCITA Teray DJ Heebiejabi Joe Peach

**FESTIVAL WEEKEND** 

SATURDAY, JUNE

# ICONI THE BIG FUN PARTY

An unforgettable night of divas and dancing in support of 2SLGBTQ+ health

### Thursday, October 23, 2025 | Daniels Spectrum | Toronto

### The Entertainment





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Nina West



Héctor Fonseca

### **BI+PHORIA: BI+ PRIDE**

Bi+phoria! The Bi+ Community Advisory Committee is All In for 2025, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the power of inclusion, expression, and joy. Step into a vibrant world where performance knows no bounds-our All In spirit shines through a dazzling array of talent. These extraordinary artists will leave you inspired, entertained, and united as we lift up and celebrate the beauty of our communities. Come, be part of the magic and let's make this year unforgettable!

Rogers **Community Stage** 7PM-11PM

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### Talent:

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More info and tickets: iconicparty.ca



Mill Street Wellesley Stage 9PM–11PM

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#### Talent: Haviah Mighty King.https NeneGlamorous Presston Klimax DJ BIGG BIGZ Legendary Notis Legendary Senbo Legendary SlimThick

### BOC PRESENTS: All INNA DI POT-WATCH US COOK

### **Curated by BQC**

BQC Presents: 'All Inna di pot-Watch us cook', a stage for Toronto's black queer and trans youth to spice up Pride Toronto. This year's BQC stage will be a recipe for your soul, featuring DJ sets, rappers, drag kings, and R&B vocalists. Come out and show some love to Toronto's only stage for black up-andcoming queer and trans performers. We're black, we're queer, and we're doing what we do best-turning up the heat. So, baby, come and watch us cook.

# BLOCKO After Dark

### **Curated by Blackness Yes!**

Blackness Yes! presents Blocko After Dark, your chance to experience more Blockorama!

Blockorama is Pride's longest running stage. Three years ago, Blackness Yes! Added a second night of Blockorama with "Blocko After Dark".

Join us for a night of sexy, scintillating, and semi scandalous fun at Blocko After Dark as we spotlight the Greater Toronto Area's African, Black, and Caribbean 2SLGBTQI+'s best DJs, artists, Drag and ballroom artists, dancers, health workers, and activists.

Come back on Sunday for Old School Blocko.

All In.

Mill Street Wellesley Stage 10:30PM-2AM

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Talent: Haviah Mighty (co-presented with BQC) Pogi N'nerjie Cat Zaddy Ace Dillinger Redliners + more





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# PRIDE PARADE

### **IN 2025: WE GO ALL IN!**

Pride Parade is back, and bigger than ever! We are committed to creating a truly memorable experience that is inclusive and welcoming for ALL. Whether you're a long-time ally or part of the 2SLGBTQI+ community, this celebration is for you.

The parade kicks off at 2 PM, with over 25,000 marchers and more than 250 groups participating, all united in the mission to promote diversity, acceptance, and inclusion. It's not just a parade; it's a vibrant display of pride, strength, and solidarity. Be sure to find your preferred spot along our Pride Route, which starts at the intersection of Yonge St. and Alymer St. and culminates at Nathan Phillips Square. Don't miss our spectacular Closing Night, packed with live performances, vibrant entertainment, and unforgettable moments that will leave you inspired and energized.

This celebration is about more than just enjoying the festivities–it's a powerful reminder of the importance of community, love, and equality. We're not only marching to celebrate how far we've come, but to reaffirm our commitment to shaping a future where everyone, regardless of who they love, how they look, or what they feel, can live openly and proudly. Be sure to bring your own water to stay hydrated, sunscreen to protect yourself, and wear comfortable clothing to enjoy the day. Let's make it a day to remember, for everyone.

Are you ready to raise your voice, show your unwavering support, and go ALL IN for a better future? Pride is about all of us coming together–standing proudly and loudly in support of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.

For Parade Accessibility information, route and event details, please visit <u>pridetoronto.com.</u>

### **MY FIRST PRIDE**

### **BE A PART OF NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST PRIDE PARADE**

Is this your first time celebrating Pride? Are you looking to meet new friends? Do you want to make your first pride a memorable one? Come celebrate with us at My First Pride, and be a part of Canada's largest Pride parade.

Pride Toronto's My First Pride Contingent is a place for anyone celebrating Pride for their first time, and who want to participate in Pride Toronto's Pride Parade. Whether you're a newcomer to Canada, or a new member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community, find fun, excitement and friends within this welcoming group.

This year, be ALL IN with Pride Toronto's fourth annual My First Pride, along with thousands of others, as we march through the streets of Downtown Toronto on Sunday, June 29th, 2025.

PRIDE2025

Registration required. For more information and registration, please visit pridetoronto.com/myfirstpride.

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TD Main Stage Nathan Phillips Square 2pm - 11pm

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Talent: Bec Sandridge Housewife STORRY CJ Wiley Maddee Wild Black +

Josh Karmin Astro

# **CLOSING NIGHT**

What better way to end the Pride Parade than to join us at the parade terminus, Nathan Phillips Square for our Closing Night celebration! Here 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 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.

Then we transition into an incredible lineup of queer and non-binary live acts ranging from Country, R&B, Jazz, Indie, Folk and Rock. You'll want to stick around all night to see the best of what Canada has to offer on an all-star lineup brimming with talent. This is the only show like it is all of Pride Festival Weekend, no tracks, all talent, all night long! A can't miss highlight!

# BLOCKORAMA: The sounds of

### Mill Street Wellesley Stage 2PM–11PM

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### **Curated by Blackness Yes!**

Blockorama turns 27!

Join us in the sounds of love, freedom, and joy.

Created and curated by Blackness Yes!, the volunteer committee behind Pride Month's longest-running party

If there's 1 thing Blocko is, it's an unapologetically safe space for the African, Black, and Caribbean 2SLGBTQI+ community in the Greater Toronto Area. We showcase the communities' best, DJs, performers, drag and ballroom artists, and dancers. We also spotlight health, spirituality, harm reduction, and community activism.

Don't forget to get an extra 3.5 hours of Blocko on Saturday at Blocko After Dark, starting at 10:30 PM. Talent: Amerie Nik Red **Bigg Biggz** Sonic Griot Jordior Omari B. Johnson Ashalee NeneGlamorous **Devine Darlin** Lexxicon TKBA Cookie Doh Young Zee Prestige Craig Dominic Blackcat

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### DIRTY DISCO

### Curated by JELO

Talent: Jerome Robins JELO Theta State Barroness Audi Etoffe Ticky Ty Chiclet BELLA NUNI Get ready for the 21st anniversary of The Dirty Disco stage! This all-day celebration pushes the limits of Toronto's techno and house scene with electrifying beats, breathtaking performances, and a vibrant atmosphere. Whether you're a longtime raver or a first-timer, Dirty Disco is the heart of Pride Toronto–where music, community, and self-expression unite. Let's celebrate 21 years of raving, love, and magic!



Rogers Community Stage 4PM–7:30PM

### 🕉 FREE

### TWO-SPIRIT & INDIGENOUS PRIDE

Curated by 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations.

Come together with 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations and Pride Toronto for an enriching community gathering following the Pride Parade at our Community Stage. Celebrate the spirit of unity and resilience with vibrant performances, a Two-Spirit artists market, and opportunities to connect with community. This inclusive and welcoming space carries us from the lively afternoon into the enchanting evening, honoring Indigenous culture and 2SLGBTQI+ identities through art, connection, and celebration. Rogers Community Stage 8PM–11PM

**FESTIVAL WEEKEND** 

SUNDAY,

JUNE

### 3 FREE

Talent: Jenna Seppa Diana Sauss Rosie Bourgeoisie Adrianna Exposé Caligula DJ ESL

### SCÈNE FRANCOPHONE

Scène Francophone is a vibrant celebration of the diverse voices within the Francophone 2SLGBTQI+ community, offering a dedicated space for cultural expression, performances, and community engagement. As global conflicts and political challenges shape our world, this space serves as a beacon of solidarity and advocacy, bringing together individuals of all identities and backgrounds. Plus join us all weekend at the Francophone Village!

La Scène Francophone est une célébration vibrante des diverses voix de la communauté francophone 2SLGBTQI+, offrant un espace dédié à l'expression culturelle, aux performances et à l'engagement communautaire. Alors que les conflits mondiaux et les défis politiques façonnent notre monde, cet espace se veut un symbole de solidarité et de mobilisation, rassemblant des personnes de toutes identités et origines. Rejoignez-nous toute la fin de semaine au Village Francophone !







MAJOR CULTURAL EVENT

### MONDAY, JUNE 30

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### Movie Screening JUNE 30TH, 9:10 PM Distillery District

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# PRIDE 365: AFFILIATE EVENTS & AFFILIATE 365

Pride Toronto's Affiliate Events Program fosters year-round partnerships with Toronto event organizers, extending beyond Pride Month to celebrate and uplift 2SLGBTQI+ communities throughout the year. This program provides cross-promotional support, enhances Pride Toronto's festival programming, and amplifies diverse events that contribute to the vibrancy of Toronto's queer landscape.

The program is designed to showcase citywide events while prioritizing authentic partnerships, community safety, and meaningful engagement. Affiliates receive promotional benefits and support in connecting with broader audiences to create impactful experiences.

### **AFFILIATE EVENTS PROGRAM STREAMS:**

### 1) Pride Month Events

Events taking place between May and June (or July for inclusion in the Digital Pride Guide) help amplify Pride Month celebrations and provide dedicated spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Collaborating event producers and collectives work alongside Pride Toronto to cross-promote both the festival and their respective events, ensuring an unforgettable Pride season.

Registration Period: November-May

### 2) 365 Events

Events happening year-round (July – April) outside of Pride Month continue to showcase the richness of Toronto's 2SLGBTQI+ community. While these events are not included in the Digital Pride Guide, Pride Toronto supports event producers and collectives in celebrating queerness beyond the festival season.

Interested in becoming an affiliate? Learn more and sign up at: pridetoronto.com/affiliate-event/



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# PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

### **Celebrate Pride All Month Long!**

Join us in celebrating Pride 2025 with a diverse lineup of events happening all season! Our incredible affiliates—including community groups, collectives, and organizers—are bringing the spirit of Pride to life, embracing this year's theme: "All In".

Scan the QR code to access the Pride Toronto Calendar and explore the full range of exciting events waiting for you!

Let's come together to make this Pride season unforgettable!



For a complete list of events, visit pridetoronto.com/events





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### April 24-June 12 LGBTQ2SIA+ PATHWAYS

Weekly Online meetings

Hosted by the Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO)

Free Event for people who have adopted from a Children's Aid Society

Pathways is funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, for adoptive parents (including parents pre adoption finalization) or a foster-to-adopt parents, who have adopted (or be fostering-toadopt) through a Children's Aid Society. We are excited to offer a Pathways group specifically for families who identify as LGBTQ2SIA+. Where we can learn about adoptive parenting - it's joys and challenges - in a setting that is safe and affirming.

6:30PM-9:30 PM

http://adoption.on.ca/trainingeducation/pathways/

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### May 9-June 7

### ALEK BÉLANGER: THE PORTRAIT SERIES ART EXHIBITION

Abbozzo Gallery, 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 128, Toronto, M5V 3A8 Free Event, No RSVP required / All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible from both east and west entrances with accessible bathrooms and dog-friendly

From May 9 to June 7, Abbozzo Gallery presents Portrait, a powerful exhibition by French Canadian artist Alek Bélanger. Through visual art, poetry, and film, Bélanger explores identity and queerness. The Poetry series transforms gay conversion therapy books into empowering poetry, reclaiming queerness as strength and resilience. Burnt wood elements symbolize harm turned into healing. The Liberation Papers series reimagines 1960s-80s gay liberation newspapers on canvas, merging historical struggle with self-portraiture. Together, these works honor queer resistance, challenge past oppression, and emphasize the ongoing need for safe spaces, solidarity, and visibility within the LGBTQIA+ community.

11AM - 6PM Tuesday to Friday, 11AM - 5PM Saturday, Closed Sunday and Monday

https://abbozzogallery.com/ artists/162-alek-belanger/ overview/

https://www.instagram.com/ abbozzogallery/?hl=en

**FREE** 

### May 11-September 14

### TSA WALKING Tour: Church and Wellesley Village

Toronto Society of Architects (TSA)

Tour Meeting Place: Northeast corner of Yonge and Alexander

Sunday, May 11, 2025, 10-11:30 AM Saturday, May 17, 2025, 4-5:30 PM Sunday, June 1, 2025, 10-11:30 AM Saturday, June 7, 2025, 4-5:30 PM Sunday, June 15, 2025, 10-11:30 AM Saturday, June 21, 2025, 4-5:30 PM Sunday, July 6, 2025, 10-11:30 AM Sunday, July 13, 2025, 10-11:30 AM Saturday, July 19, 2025, 4-5:30 PM Sunday, August 17, 2025, 10-11:30 AM

Paid Event (\$15 General Admission, FREE for TSA Members)/ All Ages

Explore the history of Toronto's queer spaces with the Toronto Society of Architects on a walking tour of Church and Wellesley Village. Discover how buildingsfrom Victorian homes to mechanic shops—were transformed into safe spaces for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Learn about architectural signifiers, public art, and the evolution of queer visibility. The tour also addresses current challenges around heritage, development, and inclusion. Tours run 1.5-2 hours. are mostly outdoors, and require registration in advance.

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

https://www.instagram.com/ tosoarch/

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### May 16-25

### LONG LIVE THE RAINBOW

Elderberry Productions Alumnae Theatre, 70 Berkeley Street, Toronto, Ontario Paid Event / All Ages

Long Live the Rainbow is a play exploring Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ community during the 1970s and 80s. The story begins in 1972 with two men, Roger and Matt, who undergo electroshock therapy to "cure" their homosexuality. Matt, a journalist, seeks a way out, while Roger, a teacher, struggles with his identity. They meet Moe/ Moereen, an immigrant who shows them unconditional love, and radical lesbians Sandy and Jo, who broadcast news in defiance of the law. As they wrestle with their pasts and seek a better future, the play highlights the ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ acceptance amidst rising discrimination.

Evenings 7:30PM Matinees: 2PM

See dates and times here: Bit.ly/longlivetherainbow

<u>https://www.instagram.com/</u> elderberry\_productions/

Tickets: Bit.ly/longlivetherainbow

### PRIDE ASIAN FILM FESTIVAL 2025

Pride Asian Film Festival Cineplex Cinemas Empress Walk, RioCan Empress, 3rd Floor, 5095 Yonge St, North York, ON M2N 6Z4 Paid Event / All Ages Wheelchair Accessible

Pride Asian Film Festival (PAFF) is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating Asian cinema. We believe film has the power to amplify underrepresented voices and share the stories of marginalized communities, including women, racial minorities, individuals with accessibility needs, and the LGBTQ2S+ community.

PAFF believes in the power of film to amplify underrepresented voices and share the stories of marginalized communities. We invite audiences to look deeper, celebrate differences, and embrace the beauty of intersectionality through cinema.

May 29 & 30: 7-10PM May 31: 4-10PM June 1: 4-7PM

https://www.prideasianfilmfestival.ca/

https://www.instagram.com/paff. ca/?hl=en

https://www.facebook.com/paff.ca/

Tickets: http://p.aff.show/2025

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### 2025 TORONTO PRIDE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

May 30-May 31

Ford Performance Centre, 400 Kipling Avenue, Etobicoke, Ontario, M8V3L1

Free event for the public to attend and watch. \$75 player registration fee. Players must be 18+.

Fans and visitors of all ages are welcome! All proceeds will be donated to local 2SLGBTQ+ charities.

Wheelchair Accessible.

The Toronto Pride Hockey Tournament is an annual transinclusive event for queer women. taking place May 30 and 31, 2025 at the Ford Performance Centre. Bringing together more than 200 players, the tournament celebrates diversity and inclusion in hockey and promotes the love of the sport for all. This year's event will host a queer vendor market. appearances from prominent names in professional hockey, a silent auction, and more.

https://www.torontopridehockey. ca/

https://www.instagram.com/ torontopridehockey/

**FREE** 

### May 31

### NBS BLOCK PARTY

Canada's National Ballet School, 400 Jarvis Street, Toronto ON M4Y 2G6

Free Event | All Ages | Wheelchair Accessible

Canada's National Ballet School (NBS) presents the annual **BLOCK PARTY, celebrating** dance, community, and inclusivity. Wheelchair Accessible This free festival includes live ballet rehearsals, pop-up performances by Canadian dance artists, drop-in workshops for all ages, and family-friendly activities. Enjoy the Shoe Room dance market, music, food, and prizes. The event showcases NBS's mission to share dance's transformative power. Sponsored by generous partners, it's open to the public at NBS's awardwinning campus. Whether dancing for fun or spotlighting your skills, everyone is welcome to join this vibrant celebration. Visit the NBS website for event updates and highlights

11AM-5PM

Website: www.nbs-enb.ca/ blockpartv

Instagram: https://www. instagram.com/nbs\_enb/?hl=en

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ NBSENB/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/@ NBSENB

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### May 31-June 28

### **REFLECTION | STEPHEN** LAREIGN HUES

Opening Reception: May 31, 2025, 2 to 5PM

Stephen Bulger Gallery, 1356 Dundas St. West, Toronto ON M6J1Y2

Free Event / All Ages

Stephen LaReign Hues, a director, choreographer, costume designer, and photographer based in Los Angeles, amassed over 30,000 photographs during the 1990s in Montreal. His first exhibition, Reflection, showcases staged shoots with the House of Pride drag performance group. Featuring iconic and dynamic poses. Hues' photographs explore the human body through dance and art, reflecting both personal and political themes of the time. Influenced by various photographers, his work combines timeless style with the spirit of the era. The series captures the exuberance and political context of Montreal's drag scene in the '90s.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday, 11AM to 6PM

https://www.bulgergallery.com/

https://www.instagram.com/ stephenbulgergallery/?hl=en

**FREE** 

### May 31

### QUEER SOUTH ASIAN PRIDE: COMMUNITY DINNER & CELEBRATION

Queer South Asians (QSA) Friends House, 60 Lowther Ave

Free Event (Registration required). Registration opens May 15th/ All Ages

Queer South Asian Pride: Community Dinner and Celebration is an event hosted by Queer South Asians (QSA,

IG:@queer\_southasians) for LGBTQ+ South Asian community and our QTBIPOC friends in Toronto. This free and all ages event is a space where our rich cultures, vibrant identities, and shared experiences come together in celebration, connection, and pride! Expect a vibrant mix of performances by queer South Asian artists, food, fun games, community created art for sale and space to make friends. Come as you are or come decked out in South Asian attire—bring your joy, your stories and your full self. Together, we'll create a space where queerness meets culture and community becomes home. This is more than a dinner—it's a love letter to our community.

For questions, please contact queersouthasians@gmail.com

5-9PM

https://www.instagram.com/ gueer\_southasians/?hl=en



June 1

### DRAG STORY TIME WITH GILA MUNSTER

Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave East, M3C1P2

Free event & Family friendly

Wheelchair Accessible

To celebrate Pride Month, come join us in the Weston Family Library for Drag Story Time with Gila Münster (she/her), the cross dressing and cross stitching Jewish American Princess!

11AM

https://torontobotanicalgarden. ca

https://www.instagram.com/ tbg\_canada/?hl=en

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### June 1

### POOCH PRIDE

Save Our Scruff Leslieville, Jimmie Simpson Park & Black Lab

Free event, All-ages

Wheelchair Accessible

Show off your pride with a friendly community of dog-loving folk by parading with us down Queen Street East this Pooch Pride!

12-5PM

https://www.saveourscruff.org/

https://www.instagram.com/ saveourscruff

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### June 1

### YOUTH PRIDE DURHAM

Region of Durham Headquarters

605 Rossland Rd E, Whitby, ON L1N 0B7

Free Event, This event is for children, youth and families

Youth Pride Durham is a safe and inclusive celebration for children, youth and families who are part of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Allies are also welcome! This free event champions acceptance through an afternoon of electrifying live performances from talented drag performances, catchy tunes from DJ Psi, face painting, a photo booth and a forum for community organizations and agencies to gather in our vast Resource Village... and much more!

### 1PM

https://yourvoice.durham.ca/ youth-pride-durham

https://www.facebook.com/ YouthPrideDurham/

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June 1

### SING! IN CONCERT: SING! WITH PRIDE,

FEATURING THE KINSEY SICKS "DRAGAPELLA", ON THAT NOTE, AND SPECIAL GUEST STEVEN PAGE (OF BARENAKED LADIES)

Royal Ontario Museum Signy & Cléophée Eaton Theatre, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2C6 Canada

Ticketed Event / Recommended 18 + (coarse language) Fully Accessible

For 30 years, The Kinsey Sicks, America's Favorite Dragapella® Beautyshop Quartet, have dazzled audiences worldwide with their sharp satire, a cappella talent, and outrageous drag. With an impressive performance history—from Off-Broadway and Vegas to international tours-they return in DRAGAPELLA!, delivering fan favorites and fresh tunes. Joining them is On That Note, a top women and gueer-centered a cappella group from Toronto Metropolitan University, known for their original arrangements, bold artistry, and award-winning performances. Special quest Steven Page of Barenaked Ladies will perform alongside both groups and receive the Slaight Music SING! Toronto Legacy Award. A celebration of satire, harmony, and pride!

7:30PM 🕉

https://singtoronto.tickit.ca/ events/28259

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### June 6, 12, 20

### GAY HISTORY WALK

Prime Timers Toronto

Allan Gardens, Palm House, Main Entrance.

Free except for Pride donations / All Ages

GAY TORONTO HISTORY WALK - THEN AND NOW, (Although it covers mostly Gay history it should be of interest to the whole 2SLGBTQIA+ Community)

The Gay Toronto History Walk is a 45-minute tour that begins at the Palm House in Allan Gardens, where Oscar Wilde spoke in 1882. The walk covers significant 2SLGBTQIA+ community spaces on Church Street, including Club Toronto, Zippers, The Barn, and Letros, and features stops at the first "Gay Apartment Block," Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, and Woodv's, which hosted Queer As Folk filming. The tour also includes the AIDS Memorial. The 519's programs, and concludes at Glad Day Bookshop. Inspired by George Hislop, it celebrates Toronto's queer history and community resilience.

2PM 🅉 🔣

### June 7

## FREE INTRO TO SQUARE DANCING

The 519 Community Centre, Room 200

### 519 Church Street, north of Wellesley, Toronto

Everyone is welcome. No partner or experience required.

It's time to get moving and meet new friends! Join Triangle Squares to try out this fun and interactive dance style in a vibrant and supportive environment.

No experience needed. No partner required. Everyone is welcome.

1:45 pm to 4:00 pm (calls are taught in sequence)

Contact: info@trianglesquares. com

www.trianglesquares.com

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### June 7

### SINGING OUT PRESENTS: ICONIQUE

Singing Out

Koerner Hall, Telus Centre for Performance and Learning, 273 Bloor St W, Toronto ON, M5S 1W2

Ticketed Event / All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible

Singing Out presents Iconique – a one-night-only Pride concert on June 7 at 7:00 PM at Koerner Hall. Canada's largest

2SLGBTQQIA+ choir celebrates queer icons through powerful anthems, dynamic vocal arrangements, and dazzling dance performances. This vibrant show honors the voices and spirit of influential queer artists, promising an evening of music, joy, and community. Arrive early to catch the Gayly Forward Marching Band and kick off Pride season in style. Iconique is supported by the Royal Conservatory of Music and Daniels Corp's 2025 My Piece of the City grant. Don't miss this celebration of Toronto's 2SLGBTQQIA+ joy-get your tickets now!

### 7PM

www.singingout.com/ buy-tickets/

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https://www.facebook.com/ SingingOut/\_

https://www.instagram.com/ singingoutlgbtq

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### June 7 FORBIDDEN NIGHTS UK

Forrest Jones Entertainment

Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St, Toronto, ON M5B 1M4

Paid Event/ 19+ event

Wheelchair accessible

Ticketed Event / Recommended 18 + (coarse language)

**Fully Accessible** 

It's not just ladies night out, it's everyone's night out.

Forbidden Nights is the UK's premier inclusive male strip show, perfect for bachelorette/ bachelor parties, birthdays, or celebrating your sexuality. Featuring world-class male strippers, acrobats, and fire performers, the high-energy show blends seductive dance, jaw-dropping talent, and cheeky humour for an unforgettable night out. With electrifying choreography and audience interaction, it's more than just a show-it's an experience. Whether you're out with friends or spicing up your weekend, Forbidden Nights delivers lasting memories, laughter, and maybe a few blushes. A fully 2SLGBTQI+ inclusive event, it also invites quests on stage for up-close moments, celebrating fun, empowerment, and connection in a welcoming space.

### 7:30PM

https://www.heritagetrust.on.ca/ ewg/ewg-home/whats-on/ events-calendar?e=321004&d=

https://www.instagram.com/ forbiddennights/?hl=en

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### COUNTERPOINT **COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA** JUNE CONCERT

**Counterpoint Community** Orchestra

Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave,

\$20/adults; \$12/children & youth, All Ages. Wheelchair Accessible

Counterpoint Community Orchestra (CCO) is Canada's first 2SLGBTQIA+ orchestra, formed in 1984, and performing a primarily classical repertoire continuously since then. We believe we are the oldest and longest running 2SLGBTQIA+ orchestra in the world, Our rehearsals are held at The 519 Community Centre, and the CCO stages three concerts annually, in December, March and June. Several hundred musicians and volunteers have played with and supported the orchestra over the past 40 years. Counterpoint continues to support the principles of sharing the joy of making excellent music together in an environment that is inclusive, diverse, and welcoming.

This season we are featuring works by female composers at each concert. Our final concert of the season will be on Saturday June 7th and feature the Gaelic Symphony by Amy Beach.

7:30PM

https://www.ccorchestra.org/

https://www.instagram.com/ counterpointorchestra/?hl=en

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### June 12-17 TORONTO OUTDOOR PICTURE SHOW OPENING WEEKEND AT FORT YORK

**Toronto Outdoor Picture Show** 

Fort York National Historic Site, 100 Garrison Rd, Toronto, ON M5V 3K9

Free / PWYC/ All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible

To kick off Toronto Outdoor Picture Show's 15th summer season, the festival presents 6 consecutive evenings of open-air cinema at Fort York from June 12th to 17th. This series pairings of feature and short films. highlighting a selection of queer coming-of-age stories onscreen and spotlighting diverse filmmakers behind the camera.

Food & alcoholic beverages for sale (no outside alcohol permitted)

### **BYOBlanket & Chairs**

Films are screened with captioning and all accessibility features can be found at TOpictureshow.com/accessibiltiy

Find all event details at

TOpictureshow.com/fort-york

instagram.com/TOpictureshow

### *FREE*

### June 14

### THE ARQUIVES OPEN HOUSE

The ArQuives, 34 Isabella Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 1N1

Free Event / All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible? Yes -The ArQuives has an accessibility ramp at the front of the building. The narrowest passageway a mobility device will have to fit through in The ArQuives is 72 cm. Alliance NFP We have a lift from the first floor to the second floor. There is no lift access to the third floor. The lift is smaller than the average elevator, therefore it is very difficult, and likely not possible to turn a mobility device around while inside the lift. Please be aware you may have to travel backwards into or out of the lift. A volunteer or staff member may accompany you in the lift if you require assistance.

Join The ArQuives for Our Annual Open House! Take a guided tour of our historic house, visit the Trans Asian Kinship exhibition in our gallery, and learn about volunteer opportunities. Enjoy archival displays throughout the space, meet our team, and connect with community

members as we celebrate Pride and 2SLGBTQIA+ history. Light refreshments will be provided. The ArQuives is a masked space. We can't wait to welcome you!

10AM-4PM

www.arquives.ca

https://www.instagram.com/ thearquives

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### June 15-Labour Day

### **PROMISE CHERRY BEACH '25**

Toronto Music, Arts and Nature

Cherry Beach Park, Toronto

Paid Event / All Ages, 19+ for Beach Bar

Wheelchair Accessible

The 25th season of Promise Cherry Beach! Every Sunday 4-11pm. House, techno & electro. Sink into the beach, sunset & stars. Picnics & pets-go for it. All ages, 19+ for bar. All are welcome, loved & protected.

4PM-11PM

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https://www. promisecherrybeach.ca/ June 18 - December 6

### ROSALIE FAVELL | Belonging (1982-2024)

Onsite Gallery, 199 Richmond St West

Free Event / All Ages. Wheelchair Accessible

Belonging is the first retrospective of renowned Red River Métis artist Rosalie Favell, featuring lens-based works from 1982 to 2024. Highlighting key series like Living Evidence, Plain(s) Warrior Artist, and Facing the Camera, the exhibition explores identity, community, 2SLGBTQ+ desire, and belonging through Favell's deeply personal and subversive lens. A celebrated figure in Indigenous contemporary art, Favell's 40-year career has earned national and international acclaim. Her work is held in major institutions, including the National Gallery of Canada and the Smithsonian. Based in Ottawa, Favell continues to affirm Métis history and champion representation. Admission is free. Open Wednesday to Saturday.

### **Gallery Hours:**

**3 FREE** 108

Wednesday: 12 – 7pm Thursday to Saturday: 12 – 5pm

https://www.ocadu.ca/galleries/ onsite-gallery

https://www.instagram.com/ onsite\_at\_ocadu/?hl=en

### June 20 - July 20

### ALISA MCRONALD RETAIL Feature at the craft Ontario shop

Craft Ontario, 1106 Queen St W, Toronto, ON, M6J 1H9

Free event / All Ages. Wheelchair Accessible

From June 20 to July 20, 2025, Craft Ontario Shop features Alisa McRonald's vibrant punch-needle wall hangings in their Feature Window. Inspired by fairytales, queerness, and pop culture through a kitschy lens, McRonald's 70+ abstract woven faces evoke nostalgia and whimsy. A Queer GenX Feminist artist, her work-crafted from nearly 100% reclaimed textiles combines humor, esotericism, and vintage charm. McRonald is an award-winning artist with international recognition, including features in Harper's Bazaar Japan and the Toronto Star. This monthly retail feature supports artists by showcasing and selling a large body of their work in the street-facing window at 1106 Queen Street West.

https://craftontario.com/pages/ craft-ontario-shop

https://www.instagram.com/ craftontario/

https://www.facebook.com/ CraftOntario/

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### June 23

# OPERA PUB: PRIDE EDITION

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 344

1395 Lake Shore Blvd West, Toronto, Ontario M6K 3C1

Free Admission / All Ages. Wheelchair Accessible

Drag night meets cabaret meets opera at AtG's Opera Pub – Pride Edition!

Opera Pub is an improvised, wild night that offers up your favourite operatic arias and ensembles in a laid-back environment, performed by Toronto's best emerging and established singers - plus some special guests in honour of Pride Month!

The perfect introduction to opera for newbies, and a fresh take for opera vets who want something a little different.

### www.atgtheatre.com

https://www.instagram.com/ atgtheatre/?hl=en

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### June 25-26 THE JULIAN AND SANDY SKETCHES (OR POLARI FOR DUMMIES)

Foy House, 92 Isabella Street

Free Ticketed Event / All Ages

The Julian and Sandy Sketches (or Polari for Dummies) is a staged reading event celebrating the lost gay language Polari, taking place June 25-26, 2025, at Toronto's historic Foy House. Originally from the 1960s BBC radio show Round the Horne, the sketches humorously spotlight queer culture and secret codes used by gay men during times of persecution. This Canadian debut adapts London settings to Toronto and features mid-60s fashion, witty dialogue, and a post-show Q&A. Honouring history and resilience, the event aligns with Pride 2025's theme, "ALL IN," reviving Polari with humour, heart, and a downloadable lexicon for all.

https://www.instagram.com/ bruceeves4343/

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### June 27

### ROOTS & GROOVE (AFRO QUEER PARTY)

EL MOCAMBO, 464 Spadina Ave, Toronto ON M5T 2G8

Paid Event / Must be 19+

Wheelchair Accessible

Roots & Groove is a cultural initiative addressing the marginalization of Black Queer Africans in Toronto's queer landscape. Despite the city's inclusive reputation, this community often faces systemic racism, queerphobia, and lack of authentic representation. Roots & Groove responds by creating a safe, celebratory space that centers both Blackness and queerness-fostering belonging, empowerment, and cultural expression. In June, the initiative will launch its first Afro Black Pride celebration, not just as a party, but as a declaration of the community's presence and resilience. The event marks the beginning of an ongoing effort to uplift and unify Black Queer Africans in Toronto.

8PM-2AM

https://www.instagram.com/ rootsngrooveofficial/

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June 28 **PRIDE & REMEMBRANCE RUN** 

Church & Wellesley (Near the 519), 519 Church St Toronto. ON M4Y 2C9

Paid Event to run. Free to cheer and attend the afterparty, All Ages

Wheelchair Accessible

The Pride & Remembrance Run is a 5km fundraising event organized by the Pride and Remembrance Association, promoting community spirit, goodwill, and sportsmanship within Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ community. Established in 1996, it is the only athletic event during Pride Week and the largest pride run in Canada. Participants can run or walk 5km or 3km, with all charitable pledges benefiting selected community charities. The Pride and Remembrance Association, a volunteer-run nonprofit, is dedicated to supporting Toronto's 2SLGBTQ+ community. The event emphasizes volunteerism and fosters inclusivity, making it a fun and meaningful annual tradition.

9AM

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# FESTIVAL FIERTÉ MONTRÉAL IN COLLABORATION WITH

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Fierté Montréal

### June 28

### PUP YOUR PRIDE

Dogfather & Co

Ramsden Park Dog Park, Accessible from Yonge street and Avenue Road

Free Event / All ages

Wheelchair Accessible

Dogfather & Co is bringing back our annual Pup Your Pride event at Ramsden Park Dog Park.

This event is perfect for people who refuse to go anywhere without their dog, and why would you? Now you can include them in your pride weekend celebration. Shop our retail area of pet pride swag and cool your pup down with dog ice cream by Barker & Snouts. We will be having a best dressed contest and many more giveaways!

Once the event at the park wraps up, we will begin our parade down to the festivities at Church street in the official dog parade of Toronto Pride.

12:00PM meetup, 2:00PM contest 3:00PM Parade

https://www.instagram.com/ dogfatherandco/?hl=en\_

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### June 28

### CHERRY BOMB PRIDE: UNITY!

Axis Club, 722 College Street, Toronto M6G 1C4

Paid event: \$20 + S.C. to \$40 at door / 19+ event

Wheelchair Accessible

Cherry Bomb Pride Party brings the heat with founders and resident DJs Cozmic Cat and Denise Benson, joined by standout Toronto talents DJs Kimiwan, Sofia Fly, and Soundboi. Enjoy sizzling burlesque from Neno Freebird and Rubie Magnitude at the vibrant. two-floor Axis Club (722 College St) — a wheelchair-accessible, inclusive space. This 19+ party is a joyful celebration for queer women, trans, nonbinary folks, and all allies. Get ready to dance, connect, and celebrate QUEER PRIDE!

9PM - 3AM

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https://www.instagram.com/ cherrybombtoronto

https://www.facebook.com/ CherryBombToronto/

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**Jun 28** 

### TASHAN PRESENTS Rangeen

**Tashan Events** 

NOMAD Toronto, 725 Queen St E, Toronto M4M 1H1

Paid Event / Must be 19+

Wheelchair Accessible

Far from home,

Every soul seeking a place to shine...

To reclaim joy, love, and authenticity...

This is your stage, your story, your celebration

In a world that may demand to dim your light,

RANGEEN reminds us to glow..

A homecoming to our roots,

A dance of our passion,

A Truly Queer Bollywood dream... Tashan presents RANGEEN

A Bollywood Toronto Pride event

### 10AM

https://linktr.ee/tashanevents

https://www.instagram.com/ tashan\_events/

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### July 10

### TORONTO OUTDOOR PICTURE SHOW AT Corktown common: Thursday July 10

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show Corktown Common, 155 Bayview AveToronto, ON M5A 0M4 Free / PWYC/ All Ages Wheelchair Accessible

On Thursday July 10th, Toronto Outdoor Picture Show presents a free outdoor screening of a beloved, ground-breaking queer coming-of-age film. This screening will also open with Canadian short films alongside the feature film. Visit the TOPS website for details!

**BYOBlanket & Chairs** 

Films are screened with captioning and all accessibility features can be found at TOpictureshow.com/accessibility

Find all event details at <u>TOpictureshow.com/corktown-</u> <u>common</u>

instagram.com/TOpictureshow

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### July 20

### TORONTO OUTDOOR PICTURE SHOW AT CHRISTIE PITS: SUNDAY JULY 20

Toronto Outdoor Picture Show

Christie Pits Park, 750 Bloor St W, Toronto, ON M6G 3B1

Free Event / PWYC / All Ages. Wheelchair Accessible

On Sunday July 20th, Toronto Outdoor Picture Show presents a free outdoor screening of a new feature film by queer Canadian filmmaker Trevor Anderson, highlighting the coming-of-age story of a non-binary pre-teen. This screening will open with Canadian queer short films alongside the feature film. Visit the TOPS website for details!

**BYOBlanket & Chairs** 

This film will be screened with captioning and audio description. All accessibility features can be found at

https://www.topictureshow.com/ accessibility

Eats & Treats at 6PM / Showtime @ sundown (~9PM)

Find all event details at TOpictureshow.com/christie-pits

instagram.com/TOpictureshow



# We've been making changes.

### Nothing about you, without you

Thanks to 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy, consultation and collaboration, Canadian Blood Services is building more inclusive donation processes and spaces.

### WHAT'S CHANGED

#### • Sept 2022

All blood and plasma donors now answer the same sexual behaviour questions, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. Trans donors are no longer asked about gender-affirming surgeries.

#### May 2024

We formally apologized to 2SLGBTQIA+ communities for the impact of our previous policies and their role in discrimination, homophobia, transphobia and HIV stigma.

### WHAT'S NEXT

We're actively working to roll out non-binary gender options and chosen-name fields in our registration system, so our forms reflect who you are.

### We wouldn't be Canada's Lifeline without you

To those who now feel seen in these changes—thank you. And to those who aren't there yet—we see you, and we'll keep working to earn your trust and make our donor centres more inclusive and welcoming for all communities.

Learn more at **blood.ca/PRIDE** 



# PRIDE CELEBRATIONS ACROSS CANADA

#### May 30

#### BARRIE PRIDE CELEBRATION 2025 Barrie, ON

barriepride.org

### May 30-June 1

EDMONTON DRAG FESTIVAL

Edmonton, AB

edmontondragfestival.ca

#### June 1

STRATFORD PRIDE FESTIVAL Stratford, ON

stratfordpride.com

### June 1–7

TIMMINS PRIDE WEEK Timmins, ON

timminspride.com

### June 2-14

**GRANDE PRAIRIE PRIDE** Grande Prairie, AB

grandeprairiepridesociety.com

### June 5-8

**FESTIVAL FIERTÉ VAL-D'OR** Val-d'Or, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, QC

facebook.com/fiertevaldor

June 5-14

**GUELPH PRIDE** Guelph, ON

guelphpride.com

### June 6–15

**REGINA'S QUEEN CITY PRIDE FESTIVAL** Regina, SK

queencitypride.ca

### June 8-15

KINGSTON PRIDE FESTIVAL Kingston, ON

kingstonpride.ca

### June 9–15 KAMLOOPS PRIDE FESTIVAL Kamloops, BC

kamloopspride.com

June 14

**PRIDE IN THE PARK** Brantford, ON

brantfordpride.com

### June 14

OXFORD COUNTY PRIDE FAMILY DAY Oxford County, ON

oxfordpride.ca

### June 21

2025 SCUGOG PRIDE Port Perry, Scugog, ON

northdurhampride.ca

### June 21-22

YORK PRIDE FESTIVAL York Region, ON

<u>yorkpride.ca</u>

### June 23-29

### TRURO PRIDE SOCIETY'S PRIDE WEEK Truro, NS

truropride.ca

### June 25

**GESGAPEGIAG PRIDE 2025** Gesgapqgiag, QC

### June 28

**CAMPBELL RIVER PRIDE** Campbell River, BC

northislandpride.ca

### June 28

LETHBRIDGE PRIDE FEST Lethbridge, AB

lethbridgepride.com

### June 28

SURREY PRIDE FESTIVAL

surreypride.ca

#### June 28

**WOOD BUFFALO PRIDE FESTIVAL** Fort McMurray, AB

wbpride.ca

### July 4-6

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL PRIDE FESTIVAL Annapolis Royal, NS

annapolisroyalpride.org

### July 5

STRATHROY PRIDE IN THE PARK Strathroy, ON

strathroypride.org





#### July 7-13

**SUDBURY PRIDE 2025** Sudbury, ON

sudburypride.com

July 7-13

**2025 BROCK PRIDE** Beaverton, Brock, ON

northdurhampride.ca

#### July 11-20

**PRIDE LONDON FESTIVAL** London, ON

pridelondon.ca

#### July 18-20

### **TRI-CITIES PRIDE FESTIVAL WEEKEND** Tri-Cities, BC

tricitiespride.ca

### July 19-27

**MUSKOKA PRIDE WEEK** Muskoka, ON

muskokapride.com

July 25-August 3

PRIDE FEST '25 Charlottetown, PE

pridepei.ca

July 26

### **ANNUAL 100 MILE HOUSE** PRIDE PARADE AND FESTIVAL **IN THE PARK**

100 Mile House, BC

### July 26

**BURNABY PRIDE FESTIVAL** Burnaby, BC

burnabypride.com

### July 31-August 10

FESTIVAL FIERTÉ LITTÉRAIRE Montréal, QC

fiertelitteraire.ca

### July 31-August 20

FIERTÉ MONTRÉAL FESTIVAL Montréal, QC

fiertemontreal.com

### August 1-10

**BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL** Sioux Lookout, ON

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### August 3

**VANCOUVER PRIDE** PARADE AND FESTIVAL Vancouver, BC

vancouverpride.ca

August 8-10 **PRIDE AT THE PIER** 

Hamilton, ON

pridehamilton.com

August 8–17 **SAINT JOHN PRIDE** Saint John, NB

sjpride.ca

August 9

**2025 UXBRIDGE PRIDE** Uxbridge, ON

northdurhampride.ca

### August 16

**CK PRIDE FEST** Chatham-Kent, ON

ckpride.com

### August 16-24

**2025 CAPITAL PRIDE FESTIVAL** Ottawa, ON

capitalpride.ca

#### August 18-24

### **MINDEN PRIDE IN THE** HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Minden, Haliburton

County, ON

mindenpride.ca

#### August 29-September 1

**OUEBEC CITY PRIDE** (FIERTÉ DE OUÉBEC) Quebec City, QC

fiertedequebec.ca

**CALGARY PRIDE** 



#### September 8-14

FIERTÉ SHERBROOKE PRIDE Sherbrooke, Eastern Townships, QC

fierelafete.com

September 17-21

**ELK VALLEY PRIDE FESTIVAL** Fernie, BC

ferniepride.ca

### September 19-28

### PETERBOROUGH-NOGOJIWANONG PRIDE WEEK Peterbrorough, ON

peterboroughpride.ca

October 3-13

**BANFF PRIDE FESTIVAL** Banff, AB

banffpride.ca

#### October 22-29

**MASSIMADI'S AFRO QUEER ART & FILMS FESTIVAL** Montréal, QC

massimadi.ca



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# PRIDE TORONTO Advisory groups

Thank you to all of the community advisory committee members who continue to support and guide Pride Toronto. Our community advisory groups play an important role by providing feedback, recommendations, planning and execution of the Community Prides. The community advisory groups ensure that the voices of community members are heard, that community members are represented and seen! These advisory groups run from October to July each year.

### Here is a list of our 2025 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
- Newcomer 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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