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June 4, 2018

Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to join in celebrating the 22nd Annual Brooklyn Pride Week.

Generations of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender New Yorkers have fueled our city's progress and ensured it will always remain a beacon of hope, acceptance, and equality, and we all owe these individuals a tremendous debt of gratitude for their efforts to forge a brighter future. Every year, Brooklyn Pride Week offers our residents a terrific opportunity to come together to honor these trailblazers and reaffirm our shared commitment to inclusion. With a celebration at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 5K run, multicultural festival, the legendary Twilight Parade, and so many other exciting events, this year's Pride Week promises to be one of the best yet. I am proud to join in applauding Brooklyn Pride and all of this event's supporters for their commitment to uplifting the LGBTQ community in Brooklyn and beyond.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I offer my best wishes for a terrific week and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor



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June 4, 2018

Mickey Heller & Jamie Farnam, Chairs
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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this week for the celebration of Brooklyn Pride Week and the 22nd Annual Pride Parade hosted by Brooklyn Pride, Inc. Since 1996, Brooklyn Pride has provided a strong voice for Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ community, promoting equality and cultivating a sense of belonging and freedom throughout the borough.

Over the years, the Pride Parade has grown into a popular and inclusive celebration, bringing together diverse members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual communities and their allies in an affirmation of human rights, civil rights and the power of caring people to effect meaningful change. In addition to the Parade itself, Pride Week activities include a reception, an open house, the pride festival, a five-kilometer run, and a variety of cultural events. Inspired by the courage and determination displayed at the Stonewall Riots of 1969, Brooklyn Pride works year-round to advance visibility, acceptance, public safety and the development of responsive and responsible civic institutions. The dedicated officers, board, members and volunteers of Brooklyn Pride are honoring cherished traditions and building solidarity in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Tom DiNapoli'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Thomas P. DiNapoli
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June 4, 2018

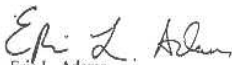
Dear Friends:

Brooklyn has a time-honored tradition of recognizing the outstanding contributions made by members of the many diverse groups that live and work in our great borough. So it is most fitting that we take note of the important cultural, political, and social legacies of Brooklyn's vibrant LGBTQIA+ community, as we gather to celebrate Brooklyn Pride Week.

It is my pleasure to join Brooklyn Pride in acknowledging and celebrating the diverse lives and experiences of Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ community. I commend everyone who is organizing and participating in this year's Pride Week, which culminates in the immensely popular and festive annual Brooklyn Pride Multi-Cultural Festival and Twilight Parade in Park Slope. I applaud Brooklyn Pride's commitment to increase acceptance, inclusion, and visibility, ensuring equality for the LGBTQIA+ community through advocacy work, civic engagement, community events, and education.

On behalf of all 2.6 million Brooklynites, I salute Brooklyn Pride for its leadership and contributions to the LGBTQIA+ community in Brooklyn and across New York City, and for continuing to expand the quantity and quality of services in the community that strengthen and empower our great borough. I thank you for helping our communities move forward as *One Brooklyn* and wish everyone a Happy Pride!

Sincerely,


Eric L. Adams
Brooklyn Borough President

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Jamie Farnam

Co-Chair

Jamie Farnam is a Jersey girl transplanted to Brooklyn 11 years ago. She currently resides in Park Slope and loves how eclectic the borough's neighborhoods are. She is a non-profit professional dedicated to LGBTQIA+ causes, and is so excited to have been able to merge these two passions by working with Brooklyn Pride for five years. It has been her tremendous honor to serve as co-chair of the board of Brooklyn Pride, Inc. for its 22nd year. She wishes to say a huge Thank You to all of the volunteers and supporting partners. Without these folks pride simply does not happen. A giant XO to Jeana P for all of her love, hard work, and support for Brooklyn Pride. You are the most amazing wife, gardener, and doggie mamma any flower could ask for!!!



Mickey Heller

Co-Chair

Mickey Heller, a Native New Yorker from the Bronx, has spent the last 35 years in Brooklyn. A graduate of the HS of Music & Art, Hunter College and Brooklyn Law School, Mickey has been practicing law for over 25 years. A founding board member of the Brooklyn Community Pride Center, Mickey has been doing volunteer work for a number of non-profit organizations, but says he is proudest of his work with Brooklyn Pride, Inc. He began with Brooklyn Pride, Inc. driving former Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz' parade truck/float in 2007 and 2008. That led to volunteering in 2009 on the parade and 5K Run, and in 2010 he became, and currently serves, as the Parade Coordinator. Mickey became Co-Chair of Brooklyn Pride in 2012, Chair from 2013-2015 and is thrilled to be working with Jamie Farnam as Co-Chairs in 2016, 2017 and again for 2018. Mickey also serves on the board of the Piper Theatre Company, returning to the stage last summer in their production of "Priscilla" and this summer in "Peter Pan". Finally, Mickey has been proud to serve as the Fifth Avenue BID's "official" Park Slope Santa for the past four years.



Ariel Sanders

This Brooklyn native is super honored to be a part of Brooklyn Pride for a 3rd year in a row, and a board member for the first time. Being raised by her parents to always be warm, friendly and helpful, coupled with strong community service values instilled by the Quaker High School education she received, Ariel could not be more excited to be representing an organization that represents 2 of her biggest loves – Pride and Brooklyn!



Tyler Evertsen

Secretary

Tyler has led a very adventurous and eclectic life, and the road that has brought him to Brooklyn has been fraught with both highs and lows. However, at this time, as he pursues his Ph.D., teaches at two colleges in New York, and seeks a few precious moments to venture into the community, he is content with contributing his time and energy to keeping Brooklyn Pride a success. The artist formerly known as Tyler Alyxander, he has discharged the heels and dresses and is currently honing his skills in comedy. Only time will tell where the new paths that are presently being tackled will lead.



Mohammad Hamad

Prior to joining the board of Brooklyn Pride in 2015, Mohammad volunteered as a Stage Manager during the summer of 2014. He originally moved to New York from Boston to pursue graduate studies in sociology and remains invested in making quality education accessible to undeserved people and communities. Aside from his involvement as a board member, Mohammad is the chair of our inaugural Diversity & Inclusion Committee, which aims to integrate and empower the most marginalized voices in the LGBTQIA+ community. Beyond Brooklyn Pride, he is an activist in the global movement for Palestinian human rights, enjoys the arts and plays the violin. ▼



PARADE MC

Ron B

Ron B is a nationally known transgender actor and activist who sits on three national committees for SAG/AFTRA, executive producer and host of "No Boundaries: Up Close and Personal" on Spectrum Television, celebrity tribute artist ("Tina Turner"), and Official MC of the Brooklyn Pride Parade. She served on the national LGBT Committee for nine years and currently serves on the national Native Americans Committee. Ron is the longtime host of the original LGBT Expo and was recently appointed to the SAG/AFTRA EEO and Diversity Committee. She is a former Grand Marshal for Staten Island Pride and Brooklyn Pride and the first transgender MC/Host for the City Council LGBT Pride Celebration. Ron was also recently appointed to serve on the 25th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards Theatrical Motion Picture Nominating Committee.



Stage MCs cont'd

clubs, bars and venues to talk to people about the importance of safe sex. Robyn has also released 2 EPs and her first full-length album 'JAW-BREAKER' on May 4th, 2018.



Dominick McClellan

I'm Dominick, my friends and family call me Nick or Dom . I'm a 28-year-old native New Yorker. I started my studies in Hospitality Management in New York, then relocated to Florida to further my studies. I am now a hospitality professional who plans and hosts unique yet amazing events on the water. I spent the past 3 1/2 Years traveling internationally and domestically to places such as Hong Kong, Thailand, Russia, France, and Peru just to name a few, experiencing the culture and all that those countries have to offer. Now that I'm back in New York, I must say there's no LGBTQ community like the one here in New York, especially Brooklyn!



ASST. PARADE MC

Melanie Morgan

Parade Assistant MC

Melanie Morgan has worked in arts and entertainment for over 20 years, most recently as a Production Coordinator/Instructor at Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN). She also served as a videographer/photographer on the long-running television show, No Boundaries: Up Close and Personal, hosted by actor and celebrity tribute artist, Ron B, whom she'll be assisting in announcing the various groups marching in this year's Brooklyn Pride Parade.



Ernest Mingo

Ernest Mingo is an 18-year-old, Queer, Non-Binary artist. Born and raised in Harlem, they have always looked to be a major part of multiple different LGBTQ+ spaces, spearheading LGBTQ+ events at their school as well as being a frequent member of the LGBTQ+ Center Youth space in Manhattan. In addition to performing overall, they take pride in taking part in queer productions. Recently performing as Zaza, the lead in a school production of the musical La Cage Aux Folles. Ernest has also choreographed a Vogue piece for a Dance Concert. Thanks to this exposure, they have been offered opportunities to choreograph Off-Broadway productions where they tackle Vogue, Afro-Caribbean, and step choreography in which they hope will launch them towards being able to be apart of Broadway production teams. Ernest.mingo200@gmail.com



STAGE MCs

Robyn Banks

Robyn Banks was born and raised in Harlem New York. During her graduating year at Harvey Milk High School she discovered drag. Since then, Robyn has used her platform to not only perform but to educate the youth about safe sex and sex education. She has traveled to different school,



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June 4, 2018

Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all who have gathered for Brooklyn Pride Inc.'s 22nd Annual Anniversary Event.

Brooklyn Pride Inc. was established in 1996 and is one of the largest organizations serving Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ community. Daily, Brooklyn Pride Inc. works to create Pride events that commemorate, educate, support, and celebrate LGBTQIA+ communities. Such work, which is truly the lifeblood of the community, so often goes unrecognized and unrewarded.

These coming weeks, Brooklyn Pride will host a number of events celebrating the beauty, diversity and culture of LGBTQIA+ communities citywide. As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I would like to extend my sincere warm wishes to all who attend.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful day and may you enjoy continued success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Letitia James
Public Advocate for the City of New York

The Howard-Jennings Family

Norma Jean Jennings is a founding board member of Brooklyn Community Pride Center, and a board member of Center for Anti-Violence Education, and is currently a member of Independent



Democrats of Brooklyn and Lambda Independent Democrats of Brooklyn. Norma attended Montclair State University, Columbia University Law School and obtained an MA in History from City College of New York (CCNY). She practiced as a staff attorney at the Legal Aid Society, where she and Juliet first met, and Gay Men's Health Crisis. Norma is an Associate Court Attorney in Brooklyn Civil Court and an avid reader and marathoner.

Juliet Howard aka JP Howard curates Women Writers in Bloom Poetry Salon. JP's debut poetry collection, SAY/MIRROR, was a Lambda Literary finalist. A 2018 Brooklyn Arts Council grantee, JP co-edited Sinister Wisdom's Black Lesbians--We Are The Revolution!, was a Split This Rock Freedom Plow Award for Poetry & Activism finalist and is on a Lesbian Poet Trading Card (Headmistress Press). JP holds degrees from Barnard College (BA), CCNY (MFA, Creative Writing) and Brooklyn Law School (JD).

Norma and Juliet have been together for 24 years and are proud Mamas to sons (sons) Jordan and Nicholas Howard-Jennings. Jordan, 20, is a junior at Harvey Mudd College, majoring in engineering and a queer poet, activist, and co-president of Black Lives at Mudd. Jordan plans to obtain his PhD to pursue his love for research and social justice. Nicholas, 13, is an 8th grader, active in his school's GSA club, track team and a visual artist, photographer and activist poet. Nicholas enters Stuyvesant HS this fall.

The Howard-Jennings Family is honored to be one of the 2018 Brooklyn Pride Grand Marshals!

Drag Queen Story Hour

Drag Queen Story Hour is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and community spaces. At DQSH sessions, drag queens trained by children's librarians read books that explore themes of gender and difference, sing songs, play games, and lead kids in simple craft activities such as making crowns, wands, or drag queen paper bag puppets.

DQSH was started in San Francisco by Michelle Tea and RADAR Productions. The NYC chapter was started in Brooklyn, with events at Greenlight Bookstore and Park Slope Library in 2016. Run by Rachel Aimee and Jonathan Hamilt, DQSH NYC became a non-profit in 2017 and now produces regular events in all five boroughs, featuring a team of fifteen drag queens from across the city. In 2017, DQSH NYC produced 45 events in 39 locations. In 2018, the organization began doing bilingual Spanish/English readings, and



started a monthly DQSH program designed for kids with autism and other special needs, in collaboration with the blog Line Up the Books.

The Queens of DQSH NYC are always happy to receive invitations to read at your local library, school, or birthday party. Contact us at nyc@dragqueenstoryhour.org or find upcoming events at dragqueenstoryhour.org or by following us on Facebook and Instagram @dragqueenstoryhour. Your next story hour is only a drag queen away!

Lyosha Gorshkov

Lyosha Gorshkov, is Co-President at RUSA LGBT (Russian-Speaking American LGBTQ Association), and founder the Brighton Beach Pride.

Lyosha holds PhD in Political Science. Lyosha is a former Political Science Professor at Perm

Grand Marshals cont'd

State University in Russia. In July 2014, after being persecuted and physically threatened by Security Services, and Neo-Nazi groups for being openly gay professor, and vocal advocate for LGBTIQ rights, he was forced to leave Russia. Lyosha was granted asylum in the U.S. in March 2017. ▼



5K RUN COMMITTEE

Joanna Hoffman

Joanna Hoffman has been active in LGBTQ advocacy for decades, including as a teaching artist and workshop facilitator at the Brooklyn Community Pride Center; a former board member of Lambda Independent Democrats, and a new member of the Front Runners NY Brooklyn Committee. Joanna is also a poet whose book of poetry, *Running for Trap Doors* (Sibling Rivalry Press) was nominated for a Lambda Literary Award and featured in the American Library Association's list of recommended LGBT reading for 2014. In 2015, she was honored by the (Obama) White House as a Champion for Change for LGBTQ advocacy through art.



John Solano

John Solano, a native New Yorker who recently relocated to Brooklyn in 2016, is elated to join the Brooklyn Pride Committee as a Brooklyn Pride 5K Race Coordinator. An avid runner, John joins us after a two-year tenure as the Front Runners NY Brooklyn Committee Chairperson, in which he successfully revived the Brooklyn Front Runners as a strong, eclectic group within the organization. He hopes to build upon the success of previous race directors' efforts to make the Brooklyn Pride 5K an exciting, inclusive, spectacular way to showcase all things Pride and Brooklyn. ▼



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Jamie Farnam

What an honor to work with a group of people who have the passion to help Brooklyn Pride become an organization that serves all of Brooklyn's LGBTQIA+ family. I see our volunteers & supporters increasing and helping us to bring new events to new parts of Brooklyn. We are hearing so many great perspectives on how to improve what we do even more.

In the spirit of this year's theme of "Don't Hide Your Pride" I encourage you all to live your fullest truths. Though 2017 had some good news on the electoral front for LGBTQIA+ candidates, there are still no nationwide protections for LGBTQIA+ folks. While our trans siblings are achieving greater visibility and acceptance in some areas, they are still impacted by violence at disproportionate rates.

This year's board has been burning their candles at multiple ends to make sure we have a great week of events as well. Ariel, I am so happy to have your energy and enthusiasm as a part of this board. Mohammad, your voice & perspective are immeasurable as a part of our planning. Tyler, thank you for making the music happen. My co-chair Mickey, your dedication and passion for this organization are inspiring. I love working with you in growing Brooklyn Pride.

There are some other key folks who have made this year's planning a little easier. Mark & Joanna from the 5th Avenue BID, Lizzie at the Brooklyn Chamber, Megan and all the folks at Brooklyn Works 159, Kim from Old Stone House, Eugene & Eileen at Borough Hall, thank you all for making collaborating such a pleasure.

Lastly to our friends at Queens Pride, NYC Pride, and Staten Island Pride, thank you for all of your support on so many levels. Wishing you all a wonderful Pride season!



Mickey Heller

Looking at over ten years of involvement with Brooklyn Pride, I have had the honor to work with many incredible people, and establish some wonderful relationships. Now in its 22nd year, Brooklyn Pride has grown from a one-day Parade and Festival near Prospect Park, to an entire Brooklyn Pride Week and events throughout the year.

There are so many people to thank as we look back. To all of the sponsors and advertisers who have opened their hearts and purses to keep Brooklyn Pride afloat, your continued support enables Brooklyn Pride to continue to grow and expand its service to the community. To all of the volunteers; you know that Pride could not go forward without the time you give. A special thank you and welcome to John and Joanna, organizers of this year's 5K Run; your organizational leadership was incredible!

To the current board: thank you Tyler and Mohammad for another year. Ariel, you have truly begun to blossom as a leader and your spirit and enthusiasm are incredible. My co-chair Jamie, you have brought planning and structure, enabling Brooklyn Pride to continue to look to the future optimistically. Thank you for your vision, patience and continued support as we continually strive for excellence.

Continued thanks to Michael, Eddie and our entire AHF/Out of the Closet Family, Yvonne (TD Bank) Mark & Joanna (5th Avenue BID), Kim (Old Stone House), Jerry (78th Pct.), Rori (Pride Guide) and so many others; your support over the years has provided the foundation to keep us going. And of course to Queens Pride, NYC/ Heritage of Pride, Staten Island Pride, NERP and InterPride, your guidance, support and generosity continue keep us all a Pride Family.

Thank you to the Sirens who have opened and led the parade every year for as long as I can remember, Lisa, Jackson and the 5th Brooklyn Scouts who follow right behind, and to all of the organizations and groups following behind, you fill my heart with overflowing joy knowing the Parade has gone forward for another year. And of course Oluyai, thank you for all you mean to me. You will always be home.

To anyone I might have missed specifically, and to everyone who attends Pride, whether throughout the year or throughout Pride Week, thank you, thank you, thank you. I am humbled and honored to be able to serve this fantastic Brooklyn Pride Family! ▼

BROOKLYN PRIDE THANKS YOU...

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

Without your support, encouragement and belief, Pride 2017 would not have been possible.

• **The dedicated volunteers of Brooklyn Pride, Inc. and**

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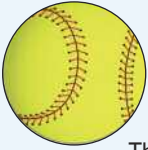
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The Big Apple Softball League (bigapplesoftball.com) began in 1976 when a collective of 12 NYC gay bars each sponsored a team to create a safe space where gay athletes could play sports and socialize outside of the sexually charged atmosphere of the bars. Today, this "bar league" has grown to include 30 teams and 550 players—with a women's division and open divisions for all genders at various levels of competitiveness.

Jeff James, commissioner of the Big Apple Softball League, says, "BASL is the longest-operating LGBTQ+ softball league in the country. We are proud to offer a place for our community to play softball."

It's also a great way to meet new friends. "It's been 15 years," says Daniel Ryan, manager of The Eagle, which is sponsored by the eponymously (in)famous gay bar, "where I've gone to bat with the kindest teammates who've become lifelong friends."

If you're interested in playing other sports with balls, check out Big Apple Recreational Sports (bigapplerecsports.com), which organizes co-ed LGBTQ-friendly leagues for bowling, dodgeball, and kickball. Its mission is to create "an athletic environment free of harassment, discrimination, and drama."

So what are you waiting for? Get out into the sunshine and play ball! ▼



Front Runners New York

Front Runners New York (FRNY) is New York City's LGBT running club. The club was founded in 1979 and has grown to over 700 members annually. FRNY's mission is to create a social running community focused on health and fitness that is welcoming to all LGBT New Yorkers. FRNY offers a robust, inclusive membership experience that includes professionally-coached running workouts, multisport training, social events, and more. The club is affiliated with New York Road Runners (NYRR) and the International Front Runners organization. FRNY provides several activities in Brooklyn, including Tuesday night runs in Prospect Park (all Tuesday evenings except the second one of each month), Tuesday night runs in Brooklyn Bridge Park (the second Tuesday of each month), and Thursday morning runs in Prospect Park. The club also supports many long runs and races in Brooklyn, as well as its weekly activities (including the Central Park Saturday morning fun runs) in Manhattan. You can learn more about the Front Runners at www.frny.org or by reaching out to brooklyn@frny.org. We hope to see you at a run in the park soon! Editor's Note: Front Runners John Solano and Joanna Hoffman coordinated this year's Brooklyn Pride's 5K Run. Thank you both! ▼



The State of the B in LGBTQ

Paul Nocera—lead facilitator of BiRequest NYC, a peer support group for the NYC metro bi+ community, and a Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, resident—stopped by to share his view of the state of bisexuality within the LGBTQ community today. Let's get to it.

The state of bisexuality is in a state of flux right now. Marriage equality gains in the United States have made it easier for bisexual couples to be out and open. And mixed-orientation marriages are very important to this kind of visibility. Media representation has gained, a good thing overall, but it's a mixed bag, often times caught in stereotypes that just aren't helpful.

Social stigma and the absence of visibility for bisexuals in 2018 remains troubling too. It's important that researchers and public health advocates are finally looking at data about bi+ folks specifically (including people who identify as pansexual or queer, or those who are practicing non-monosexuals or no-label identified). However, we are only in the early stages of this effort. Meanwhile, the social, economic, and health disparities compared to lesbian, gay, or straight folks are pretty scary.

Now more than ever, bi+ folk need to be out and proud, without reservation, and certainly without shame from a world that is just learning who we are.

Thanks, Paul! For more info or to join local bi+ activities, find us on Meetup.com (meetup.com/bisexual-nyc) or email Paul directly at Paul@BiRequest.org. ▼

Gotham Cheer

Founded in 2018, Gotham Cheer is a NEW community-based adult cheerleading squad comprised entirely of volunteer members. Our cheerleaders are a diverse and spirited group of dedicated adults from all parts of life—including LGBTQ members and our Straight Allies. Our mission is to amplify the voices of those in our community working hard to bring awareness to LGBTQ issues, HIV/AIDS and other life-challenging conditions by raising money for local charities through our Community Fund and serving the greater New York area through advocacy and working with our Community Partners.

In 2018, our primary Community Partner is the True Colors Fund - working to end homelessness among LGBTQ youth, and creating a world where all young people can be their true selves!

To JOIN Gotham Cheer, BOOK them for your next event, or to get more INFO, contact: GothamCheer@gmail.com
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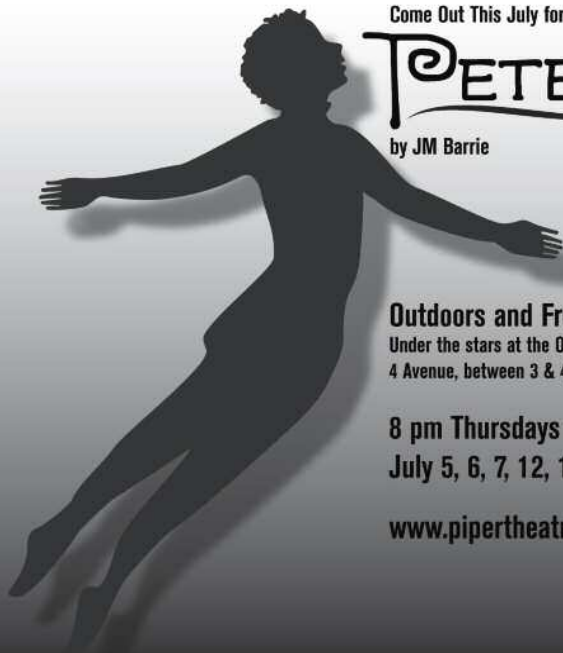


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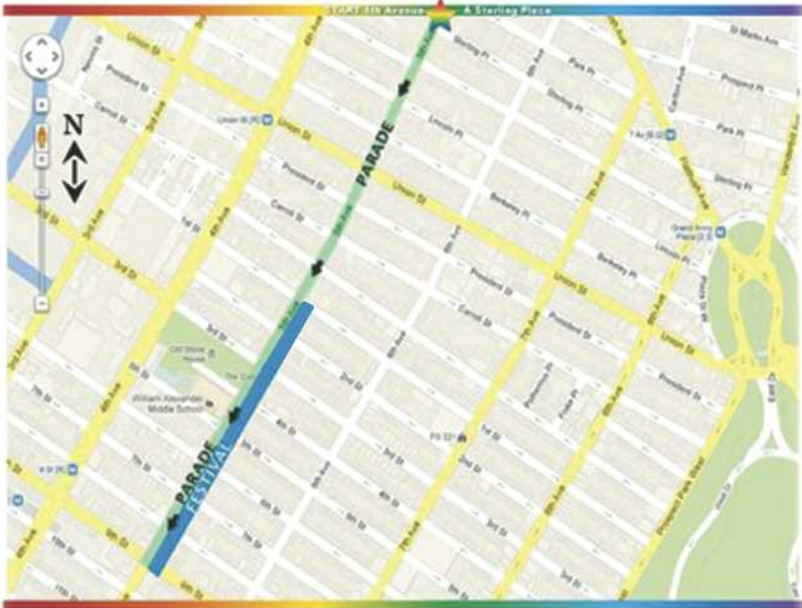
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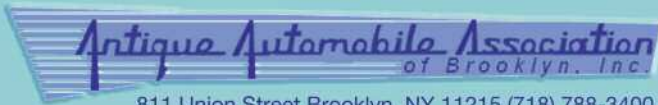
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Brian T

Brian T is a solo artist who writes and produces his own original music. This former X Factor USA contestant describes his musical style as "classic pop". His current single "Lucky Having Loved You" on iTunes is an upbeat up-tempo pop song meant to inspire. Brian's influences include Freddie Mercury, Sam Smith, and Justin Timberlake to name a few. He's also an avid supporter of The Trevor Project and Everytown.



Brooklyn Dreamwolf

Brooklyn Dreamwolf is the award-winning Hip Hop/Storytelling duo made up of multi-discipline Performing Artist/Poet, YaliniDream, and her partner in Art & Love, Brooklyn-born/Two Spirit/Hip Hop MC, Jendog Lonewolf. These international touring artists have graced events in Africa, Asia, and extensively across North America, and shared stages with icons like Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Harry Belafonte, & Joan Baez. Brooklyn Dreamwolf invokes a commanding integration of Hip Hop/Poetry/Artivism, delicately & unapologetically intersecting class, race, gender, and sexuality.



Chix Appeal

Chix Appeal is a female fronted rock band, performing some of your favorite covers by Pat Benatar and Melissa Etheridge to name a few, as well as their own originals! They've played in clubs all over NYC as well as several pride festivals. The band includes – Dottie: lead/backup vocals, Jennifer: lead/backup vocals and acoustic guitar, Aileen: bass/vocals, Gulya: lead guitar, Mayna: keyboard/vocals and on Jamie: drums. You can find us on Facebook!



Cody Bondra

Cody Bondra will be appearing for the 3rd time at Brooklyn Pride. Cody is the lead singer of the group Cody Bondra & The Contraband who is currently promoting their Debut E.P. Nothin' Wrong.



Control The Sound

Control The Sound is a band from Brooklyn made up of talented 11-14 year olds who energize all ages with rock/funk/soul. Together since the age of 7 when they met at Brooklyn public school PS 10, band members are cousins, brothers, sisters and friends who over last 5 years have played close to 100 gigs in NYC. When they play, musicians bob their heads and kids forget about screen-time for a little while.



Damion Anthony

Damion Anthony is a new unsigned Indie Pop Reggae Artist born in Kingston, Jamaica but raised in The Bronx. Studied at the Amas Musical Theater Academy & the Lee Strasbourg Theater and Film Institute, Damion is no stranger to the stage. As a new



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artist he has performed with a myriad of talented artists. Damion has also performed for Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr, Assemblyman Andy King & Marco Crespo; as well as for the First Lady of New York City, Charlene McCray. To his credit, over 50 shows last year alone, Damion Anthony is on his way.

Dolly Trolly

Dolly Trolly is back again at Brooklyn Pride to serenade you with the big harmonies of Gerard Kouwenhoven & Tara Lynne, highlighted by Tami Johnson's beats that will make you wiggle. They welcome special guest Mary Feaster on the bass for this special sampling of their sophomore album "Please Ask, Please Tell!". Dolly Trolly is honored to be involved with Brooklyn Pride, as they have been for the past 6 years, often seen blowing up the Branded Saloon Pride float!



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Jae Sam

My name is Jae Sam and I am an entertainer. Coming out of Queens a shy guy to becoming the artist known as Jae Sam. I believe I was put on this Earth my God for this purpose. To be an entertainer and change the world with music, dance, and celebration. Here I Am ...Jae Sam.



Keith Taylor

Keith Taylor has acted in music videos by LGBT artists such as YouTube sensation Sherry Vine & Miss Peppermint from Rupaul's Drag Race Season 9. He wrote & produced his first short poetry/music film "The Last Day" in 2015; showcased at the NYU Film Festival and again in 2016 for his 2nd short musical film called The Stage directed by Dj Infinite. Keith recently took the stage for the LGBT Expo 2017 performing "Joy Boy" Remix by Trevon Lat In with LGBT Rapper Durrty Hanna, Artists Samara Riviera & Monica Loren at The Original LGBT Expo.



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PRIMME

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producer, PRIMME aims to bring storytelling back to mainstream pop - masterfully crafting accessible lyrics into infectious hooks. Since the release of his debut EP, PRIMME has been carving out his own piece of the pop landscape, hoping to empower and bring people together through music.

Rhythm Locura

RHYTHM LOCURA is an LGBT Latin and Ballroom dance group here in NYC. Our group originally started out over 8



years ago as an LGBT performance class at Stepping Out Studios and then transitioned into a performance dance company founded by our artistic director, Simone Assboeck. Our repertoire includes routines in the styles of Salsa, Merengue, Rumba/Cha-Cha, Tango, and Swing. We have been fortunate to have had many opportunities to perform at various venues in the NYC Metro area as well as the Tri-State area.

Salvo & Hugo

Driving Spanish rumba rhythms mixed with spicy Latin grooves create the soundscape for "Salvo & Hugo." Inspired by world fusion - drawing from Flamenco, Spanish/Classical, Latin and Bossa Nova, the band plays a mix of original and remixed songs. Salvo and Hugo celebrate Brooklyn pride with songs from their album, "About Time," presenting body moving rhythms and transporting melodies.



Sarah Factor

Sarah Factor is a Brooklyn-based singer/songwriter who was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. She started writing music after graduating from The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. After teaching herself a few chords, she started playing open mics all over the city and hasn't stopped performing since. Sarah Factor is



an international artist who regularly plays shows in both Toronto and New York City. She frequents such historical venues as Pianos and Rockwood Music Hall, who have seen the likes of Martha Wainwright and Jessie J.

Sylvia Pullum

Sylvia Pullum, better known as SP the artist is a Singer, Songwriter, MC, Actress, Model, Producer, and Designer delivering new flavor to the Hip Hop and R&B world. With an androgynous style from the streets



of Brooklyn New York, SP is here to share her many talents with the world. SP have always loved music with a passion, and had even began writing her own songs from her early teenage years. Now in her adulthood, there's nothing holding SP back from bringing her creativity to life.

Tony Banks

A vocalist and producer, Brooklyn's own Music Bear Tony Banks has awakened the musical world with a new and unique sound. This up-and-coming Hip-hop storyteller has made a name for himself with his smooth rhythms, sick beats, and serious vocals. With a mix of pop, hip-hop, soul and dance his lyrical content matches his high-powered personality. Tony stands out from the crowd as outspoken, unapologetic and uniquely talented. A must see performance.



El Artista

Nuevo Hit El Artista, is a Latin Pop Urban singer and composer from Brooklyn, New York. His music is a mix of Latin Pop and Reggaeton music. His talent has taken him to perform at many Latin festivals, clubs and open mics all over the United states. Nuevo Hit is making his dream a reality and he is living it every sin-



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gle day, giving his fans great music and always a good showcase. The world awaits for this great talented artist discovery Nuevo Hit El Artista. Follow him on Instagram under @nuevohit and Youtube under l nuevohit.

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In a world where chaos ensues, Sellah attempts to break from negativity. After years of heartbreak, near death experiences, and loss, he surrounds himself with like-minded individuals all around the world and manages to keep going. Sellah is building an empire to make a difference in the lives of young individuals. You can be a part of the movement too no matter your race, size, or gender. I am Sellah. We are Sellah.



The Brooklynite Choir

The Brooklynite Choir is a 40 person contemporary choir based in Gowanus, Brooklyn. The group has been working together since November 2015 and its all about singing fun, kooky, feel good songs in glorious harmony. They focus on bringing people together to sing a rage of fun and inspiring material, develop vocal and harmony skills, meet new people and basically have a great time through group singing. For more information: www.urbanchoirproject.org ▼



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Diversity & Inclusion

In responding to the needs of a diverse and ever-changing Brooklyn, the Diversity and Inclusion Committee is tasked with conducting an ongoing and wide-ranging assessment of Brooklyn Pride, Inc.'s programs and practices regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion. While its priorities will constantly shift as Brooklyn Pride, Inc. grows, this committee aims to amplify the voices of the most marginalized people in the LGBTQIA+ community by redistributing power and building networks and community relationships. Our mission is to ensure that Brooklyn Pride, Inc. is recognized as a leader and change maker within and beyond our community and borough. The Committee is chaired by Board Member Mohammad Hamad and for more information: mmh@brooklynpride.org. ▼



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appeared in a commercial for *Dear Kate Underwear*, and became a regular on *SiriusXM Raw Dog*, landing her own monthly show and becoming a regular guest host on the popular *SiriusXM Stars AM show Wake Up with Taylor!* she also appeared on *FuseTV* and made her late night debut *The Late Show* with *Stephen Colbert*.

Gina Yashere (Headliner)

Gina was born & raised in London UK, of Nigerian parents, and previously worked as an elevator engineer for *Otis*. Gina has been a stand up and TV star in the UK for several years now, with appearances on iconic TV shows such as *Live At The Apollo & Mock The Week*, as well as creating & performing popular comedic characters on *The Lenny Henry Show*. She broke onto the American comedy scene with her appearances on *Last Comic Standing* (NBC), where she made it to the final 10, and then never went home! Gina went on to be named one of the top 10 rising talents in the *Hollywood Reporter*. She is also known in the US for being the only British comedian to ever appear on the iconic *Def Comedy Jam*, as well as for her hilarious appearances on *The Tonight Show* (NBC), *Crashing* (HBO), *@Midnight* on *Comedy Central*, her two separate 1 hour *Stand Up Specials*, *Laughing To America & Skinny B*tch* on *The Starz* network (US), & *Showtime*, & now as the *British Correspondent* on *Comedy Central's The Daily Show* with *Trevor Noah*.



Her 3rd *Stand Up Special*, *Gina Yashere: Ticking Boxes*, filmed at the iconic *02 Brixton Academy*, London, in front of over 2000 of her fans, was sold to *NBC* owned, *Seeso TV* in the US, in 2017, and she has since shot a 4th stand up *Special* for *Netflix*, which is currently garnering rave reviews on the network.

Chewy May

Chewy is a comic born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She has over 20 years of social awkwardness under her belt which fuels her comedy mind and her perspective on life. Chewy has been featured on *Crosstown Comedy Festival*, *Nasty Women Unite Fest*, *Women in Comedy Festival*, *Stand Up NY Comedy Festival*, *ThunderFest*, *Harlem Comedy Festival*, and the *She-Devil Comedy Festival*.



Emma Willman

Emma Willmann is one of the *New York* scene's fast risers. Her credits are excellent despite that she's fairly new in comic years. In the past two years alone, she was featured in *Just for Laughs New Faces*, on the cover of *Time Out New York* as one of *10 Funniest Women in New York* featured in *Elle Magazine*, passed at the *NY Comedy Cellar*, and all the other top clubs in *NYC*, featured in *8 NACAS*, headlined her own sold out show in *The New York Comedy Festival*, performed at *The Bridgetown Comedy Festival*.



Lois Thompson (Host & Producer)

A founding member of *Comic Diversity*, Lois has performed at *Caroline's*, *Gotham Comedy Club*, *Broadway Comedy*, & *Stand-Up NY* to



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name just a few. For the past five years she has produced and hosted the all-female Blacklight Comedy Show at the Brooklyn Moon in Fort Greene. As a brand new parent Lois is excited to be out of the house and honored to be hosting the Brooklyn Pride Celebration Comedy Show for the 4th year in a row!

Whitney Chanel Clark

Whitney Chanel Clark has done incredible things in her short time in the comedy business. A natural comic, Whitney has been able to parlay her autobiographical and non-politically correct observations into huge laughs at comedy venues all over New York City. She has been featured on Stellar Underground and runs her own mic called Clark House of Comedy at The Nabe Restaurant in Harlem. ▼



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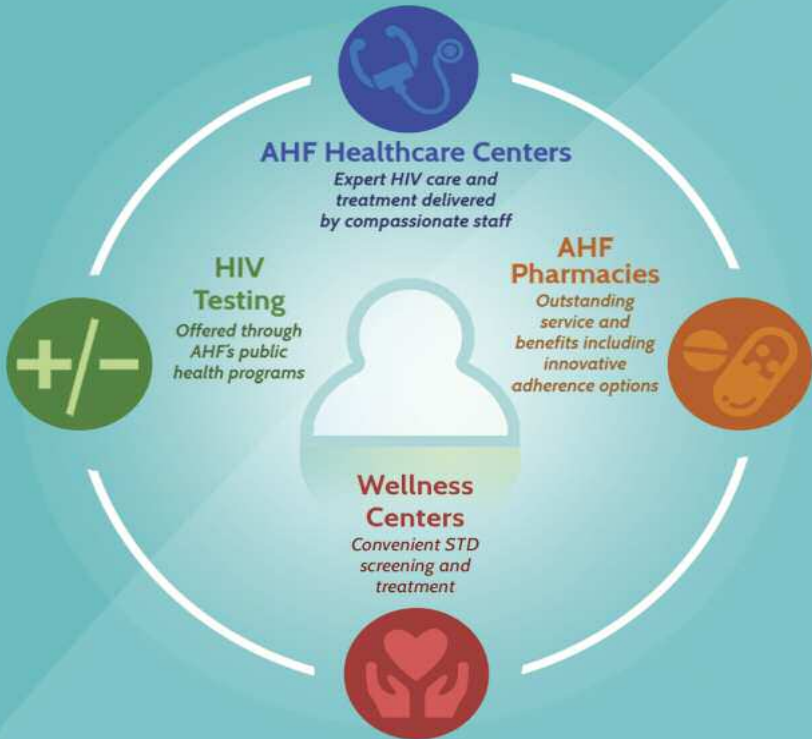
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