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The COVID-19 pandemic was difficult for everyone to navigate. In the world of non-profits, it changed how we raised money and engaged our audience. Fortunately for Boise Pride, we not only survived the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic but also thrived. The support from the community allowed us to return to an in-person event after a year’s hiatus. We also set the bar in 2021 with COVID protocols that kept all attendees safe.

The 2022 Festival is in September again this year after the timing shift in 2021. While COVID pushed us from our traditional date last year, this year, the decision was intentional after receiving feedback from attendees, sponsors, businesses, and local officials that September was a welcome time to host Boise Pride. We escape some of the hottest parts of the summer, attract more young people with area colleges and universities back in session, and families typically return from summer vacations with children returning to school. Most importantly, however, it allows Pride to extend from not just Pride month in June but makes it more of a Pride season. In the future, we’ll start to host smaller events in June to honor the traditional Pride month, but we’ll use September to gather and celebrate as an entire community. An unexpected positive outcome of this shift also found us attracting more visitors looking to explore Boise and our ever-growing LGTBQ scene.

Within the past year, we were also able to hire an executive director, our first full-time employee. The organization’s growth has far exceeded expectations, and operating as an all-volunteer Board of Directors has become unsustainable. Donald Williamson volunteered for five months last year and officially joined as our executive director in January of this year.

We look forward to continued growth with Don at the helm, coupled with the support of the board. We also plan on greater community engagement outside of the Boise Pride Festival each year.

Thank you again for your continued support of Boise Pride. Keep your voice strong. Stay safe, and please enjoy the 2022 Boise Pride Festival!

Sincerely,

Michael L. Dale
President, Board of Directors
Target Corporation
On behalf of myself and the board of directors of Boise Pride, we want to welcome everyone to the 33rd annual Boise Pride Festival!

As an organization that strives to promote unity, celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions, we know how challenging the past few years have been to our LGBTQIA+ community.

More and more states are expanding their discriminatory legislation against the LGBTQIA+ community, with an emphasis on targeting transgender youth, and Idaho is no exception.

We’ve seen threats against our community coming from local church sermons, vandalism of the Pride flags hung on Harrison Blvd, and various Pride events around the nation, including this year’s North Idaho Pride Festival; But we are still here!

These threats are a reminder of the continued need for Pride events and visibility throughout the year. Representation, being loud & proud, and having our voices heard are more important than ever! Hateful rhetoric and anti-LGBTQIA+ actions are things this community has dealt with for decades. This type of rhetoric can be loud, but we can and must be louder!

Look around you today. You are the superhumans! Surrounded by thousands of other superhumans, all members of the LGBTQIA+ and allied communities! While we need to push back against those who seek to eliminate our rights, we can also take the time to celebrate our community and our superpowers!

In the words of Barbara Gittings, “Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts.”

We must remain vigilant, fight homophobia and discrimination, and continue the battle to secure equal rights and opportunities for the LGBTQIA+ community, both locally and across this nation!

As we move forward, we want to continue building on Boise Pride’s tradition. Continue to grow festival attendance, expand the ways we impact the community, and our ability to connect people with the resources they need.

With Pride,

Donald Williamson
Boise Pride Guide Welcome Letter

Happy Pride Boise!

Each year, I look forward to September and the opportunity to walk alongside you in celebration of Pride. I am grateful for the connection and celebration this event offers, the opportunity to acknowledge how far we’ve come, and the reminder that there’s more work to be done, together.

I am proud that Boise was among the first cities in Idaho to address LGBTQIA+ discrimination by enacting a non-discrimination ordinance to protect Boise residents from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. However, too many of our LGBTQIA+ residents – our friends, neighbors and loved ones – continue to experience acts of discrimination simply because of who they are; from denial of lifesaving, gender affirming healthcare to the inability to participate in sports.

It is events like Pride Fest that remind me of who we are as a city. That in times of adversity, we continue to preserve and stand firm in our commitment to ensuring a path forward for our LGBTQIA+ community, near and far.

While our city is in a pivotal moment of change and growth, as your Mayor, I will continue to guide this change in a way that creates a city grounded in our shared values of compassion and equality. This starts by actively working towards a city that is truly for everyone, one that ensures that those who choose to call Boise home feel welcomed and able to fully participate in and contribute to our thriving, vibrant city.

Boise’s Pride does not end with the festival – it is an ongoing opportunity to support this community throughout the year. From patronizing our LGBTQIA+ owned businesses, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our community members fighting for equal rights, to celebrating together. Because it is in celebration that we’re reminded of the impact that the connections we have to each other, and our commitment to equality, has.

Thank you for making Boise your home. It’s an honor to welcome you and a privilege to serve you.

Lauren McLean
Mayor
The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and other (LGBTQ+) communities contribute to the culture and history of our Treasure Valley communities; and,

WHEREAS, People who identify as LGBTQ+ are important parts of our families – our grandparents, parents, siblings, children and more – and should be treated with the same love and compassion as any member of the family; and,

WHEREAS, all citizens are created equal, and are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as such rights are contemplated by the Declaration of Independence and protected by the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Pride Festival is marking its 33rd Anniversary in Boise and provides the Treasure Valley with an opportunity to recognize diversity through events and activities to bring the community together; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Meridian promotes inclusion, kindness and progress among the community, and works to push back discrimination and prejudices of any kind so that people may live openly and freely without fear of harm.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim September 9-11, 2022 as Boise Pride Festival 2022

in the City of Meridian, and encourage all citizens to make a commitment to end discrimination and prejudice so that all people may coexist in harmony.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2022

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

Brad Hoaglin, City Council President
Joe Borton, City Council Vice-President
Treg Bernt, City Council
Luke Cavener, City Council
Liz Strader, City Council
I’m thrilled to welcome everyone to Boise, Idaho to celebrate the super humans who make our city what it is and recognize what we continue to strive for - a vibrant, welcoming place that values all our residents. Over the past many years we’ve deepened our relationships and commitments to make our goals a reality. Building an inclusive city is the right thing for our people, and it’s also the right thing for our visitors and businesses. I hope that you feel this commitment while you’re enjoying Pride!

Valuing the diverse contributions and needs of our community is one of Boise’s superpowers and one we’re always working to strengthen. Whether we’re gathering input on what our city’s priorities should be, looking for folks to engage on commissions, or recruiting talented folks to serve our residents as employees of the city, we strive to make these opportunities open and accessible to all. To loosely use a famous quote, ask both what Boise can do for you, and what you can do for Boise.

While you’re participating in the festivities, walking in the parade, or taking some recreation time on the Greenbelt or floating the river, take a moment to reflect on the many decisions and contributions that have created these opportunities. Whenever I do, I develop a greater appreciation for those who have come before me, and more hope for people who will step up after me to continue to make Boise all it can be.

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Holli Woodings
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Boise City Council
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-Scott Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer

Building a culture of inclusion begins with us all.
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Monét X Change

Born and bred in New York City, Monét X Change is an entertainment spitfire and the first double crown winner from RuPaul’s Drag Race having earned the title Miss Congeniality on season 10 and becoming the first queen of color inducted into the hall of fame after winning All-Stars 4. Most recently she was runner-up in the wildly popular RuPaul’s Drag Race All Stars 7. Known for delivering energetic and show-stopping performances, Monét’s showmanship is a reflection of a tireless work ethic to cultivate and perfect her immaculate lip-syncing skills, comedic chops, and (mostly) pitch-perfect live singing skills. Combining her passion for the art of drag with her uniquely fresh spin on it, Monét has recently been touring with her stand-up comedy act and can soon be seen in the Sibling Rivalry tour with Bob the Drag Queen.

Greyson Chance

Greyson Chance is a magnetic combination of his Oklahoma roots and more eccentric center-stage aesthetic. He shines through his music’s inexplicable ability to incite tears and dancing simultaneously. With over 100 million YouTube views, multiple world tours, and over a decade of industry experience under his belt at age 24, singer-songwriter Greyson Chance is a rare breed of modern entertainer. Currently working on a forthcoming album, Chance’s previous LP’s “Trophies” and “portraits” show the singer in full stride.
Malia Civetz pushes buttons through powerhouse vocal delivery, sharp songwriting, and a thoughtful overarching message. She initially made waves with the independent single “Champagne Clouds” debuted by Ryan Seacrest on his KIIS FM show “On Air With Ryan Seacrest,” and championed by Taylor Swift on her Apple Music and Spotify “Favorite Songs” playlists. Malia made her major label debut in 2020 with her first EP, The Flip, and recently unveiled her latest EP, Heels In Hand, showcasing Civetz singing honestly about love and life over tracks you can’t help but sing along to. Surpassing 70 million total streams, Malia is now independently taking charge of her next era of music.

Dahli is a drag artist and musician who competed on Season 2 of The Boulet Brothers’ Dragula, The Boulet Brothers’ Dragula Resurrection, and Season 4 of The Boulet Brothers’ Dragula where they won the title of The World’s Next Drag Supermonster. Dahli and has released multiple singles as a solo artist.

Gottmik is an LA-based drag performer and glam makeup artist. Known for their boldly avant-garde and vintage circus-glamour-inspired makeup artistry, they were signed to a makeup agency by age 21. Gottmik has worked with iconic celebrities including Cindy Crawford, Heidi Klum, Lizzo, Lil Nas X, Adam Lambert, Pabllo Vitar, Kim Petras, RuPaul, and Paris Hilton, among others. Gottmik is the first-ever transgender man to compete on RuPaul’s Drag Race and was a finalist on season 13. Challenging the definition of modern drag and shaking up the “cis-tem” is intrinsic to Gottmik’s image and power. Striving to bring trans men the representation and visibility they mostly lack in mainstream media, Gottmik’s work is a testament to the fluidity of the individual. They are a must-watch as an artist and influential, trendsetting, ground-breaking performer.
Slayyyter is a self-made pop star who isn’t afraid to raise some hell. Growing up in the suburbs of St. Louis, Slayyyter worshipped pop culture from afar, a devout acolyte of such top 40 stalwarts as Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, and Lady Gaga. She began to record music in her bedroom as Slayyyter, a pseudonym she borrowed from her favorite Dazed and Confused character. Early singles such as “BFF,” alongside “Daddy AF” and “Mine,” earned critical praise from Rolling Stone, The FADER, V Magazine, Paper Magazine, and more. Her critically acclaimed debut album, “Troubled Paradise,” was released in 2021.

Siena Liggins is a Detroit-raised, Atlanta-based artist whose sensual and bold visual album, “Ms. Out Tonight,” captured the likes of Paper, Billboard, Refinery29, along with playlists like Spotify’s New Music Friday, Fresh Finds, New Fire, and the cover of Tidal’s Rising: Pop playlist. Carving out a space that didn’t exist when she was growing up, Liggins brings femme needs and desires to the forefront of her music. Meeting at the center of softness and aggression, Liggins’ forward lyricism mirrors her experience as a queer artist and offers a safe space for listeners who also break the binary.

Vassy is one of the most sought-after vocalists worldwide in dance music due to her unique sound and anthemic lyrics. The Australian powerhouse’s discography includes numerous Global Chart-topping hits earning her multiple #1s in over 30 Countries. The singer-songwriter, whose productions range in style from dance to soul & jazz, has topped the Billboard Dance Charts & Dance Radio in the US eight times. VASSY has become a mainstay act at major EDM festivals around the world, including Miami’s Ultra Music Festival, Belgium’s Tomorrowland, and New York’s Electric Zoo. With eight #1 Billboard Singles, multi-platinum award-winning artist VASSY has positioned herself as one of Dance Music’s most prominent authentic female artists.
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FESTIVAL GROUNDS

FRIDAY

6:00 PM  Rocci Johnson Band
7:00 PM  CoreVette Collective presented by the HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Prevention Program
7:15 PM  Boise Burlesque
7:30 PM  Joshua Emara
7:40 PM  Sudaa’ Nar Fire Tribe
8:00 PM  VASSY presented by Fred Meyer
9:00 PM  Slayyyter presented by Mike’s Hard Lemonade Seltzer
10:00 PM Fireworks

Friday night will also feature performances from Gottmik, Dahli, and 103.5 KISS FM

*All schedule times subject to change.
SEPTEMBER 10
SATURDAY

FESTIVAL GROUNDS
10:00 AM  Rally
11:00 AM  Festival Opens
11:15 AM  Boise Choruses
12:00 PM  Red Light Challenge
1:00 PM   FUSE Dance
1:30 PM   The Starbelly Dancers
2:30 PM   Hometown Drag Spectacular presented by Citi
5:00 PM   Monét X Change presented by Zions Bank
6:00 PM   Siena Liggins presented by Jack Daniels
7:00 PM   Malia Civetz presented by Wells Fargo
8:00 PM   Greyson Chance presented by Hotbox

SEPTEMBER 11
SUNDAY

PARADE ROUTE
10:00 AM  The Fred Meyer Pride Parade
          (N. 9th & W. Jefferson Streets)

FESTIVAL GROUNDS
11:00 AM  Festival Opens
11:00 AM  Treasure Valley Pound Posse
11:30 AM  9/11 Remembrance
11:45 AM  Drag Story Time
12:15 PM  Get up and Dance with the Corevette Collective
          presented by Project Filter
12:45 PM  Drag Kids
1:30 PM   Akashic Moves Bellydance
2:00 PM   Ophidia Studio
2:30 PM   LezBe Kings
3:45 PM   The Pearl Tones
4:30 PM   McKenna Esteb and the Silent Film Club
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63. Boise Choruses
64. Teleperformance
65. Morrison Center
66. Pride Foundation
67. HP
68. Dreamstyle Remodeling
69. Liberating Spirit Metropolitan Community Church
70. Tibetan Art and Jewelry
71. The Community Center
72. Terry Reilly Health Services
73. Youth Alliance for Diversity (A project of The Community Center)
74. Santos Merchantising
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Corevette Collective is a vibrant force of empowered queers on a mission to spread radical self-expression via high-voltage dance experiences. Corevette showcases the magic that inevitably transpires when you let your personality run free and give others permission to do the same.

@corevettcollective
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Drag Story Time

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Fuse is an adult dance company specializing in jazz and contemporary dance. They help increase dance opportunities for all ages in the Boise area and to connect with our community through art.

@fusedanceID

LezBe Kings are Idaho’s premier non-profit Drag King collective producing drag shows for Boise’s queer scene. Their goal is to expand queer performance art while creating spaces and opportunities for women & non-binary members of our community.

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@Mckennaeesteb
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What can you do about Monkeypox?

- Know how it’s transmitted - most recent cases have been transmitted through close contact. This includes sex, kissing, snuggling, dancing, and other skin-to-skin activities.
- Know the symptoms - symptoms include rashes and sores (including on the genitals), fever, headache, swollen lymph nodes, body aches, and fatigue.
- Know what to do - if you have symptoms or have been exposed, reach out to your medical provider.
- Get support - if you test positive or have a known exposure, you may receive a call from someone at your local health department. You should also reach out to your support network so they can help you during your isolation period.
- Contact and connect - during this outbreak, it might be helpful to get general contact details from anyone you hook up with, just in case you need to notify them that they’ve been exposed.
- Be kind - if you find out you’ve been exposed, don’t take your feelings out on the contact who lets you know. And make sure that you are kind to yourself! There is no shame in catching monkeypox (or any other virus or bacterial!)
- Try to relax - it is still possible to experience joy, pleasure, and intimacy. We’ll get through this together!
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