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Erick Hernandez Asst. Parade Coordinator Welcome to Rhode Island PrideFest 2023 and the Illuminated Parade, brought to you by Rhode Island Pride. Last year, as we gathered here, uncertainty filled the air after enduring 2.5 years of a relentless pandemic. However, you, our incredible attendees, provided the resounding answer by embracing your true selves and demonstrating your pride in record-breaking numbers. Your unwavering presence spoke volumes, and it comes as no surprise that our pride event was recognized by US News and World Report in their recent article titled "21 Top Pride Parades and Celebrations in the U.S. for 2023." We are thrilled to announce that our pride celebration, listed

second only to the iconic New York City, is a testament to the dedication of our volunteer-based organization and the extraordinary community that fuels its success.

The theme for this year's Rhode Island Pride celebration, "Remember · Resist · Rejoice," is a powerful and inspiring message that emphasizes the importance of remembering our history, standing up against oppression, and celebrating the progress we have made as a community. It acknowledges the struggles and victories of the LGBTQIA+ community, from the early days of the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis to the Stonewall Uprising and the first Pride event in Rhode Island 47 years ago.

By remembering our past, we can honor the sacrifices and contributions of those who have come before us and gain a deeper understanding of the struggles we continue to face today. Every day, we witness a barrage of attacks targeting our community, particularly our trans and gueer BIPOC members, through what we see, hear, or read. It is important to acknowledge that the fight for equality is ongoing, and that we must remain vigilant in our resistance against any efforts to restrict or erase the rights and existence of LGBTQIA+ people. We believe in a world where everyone is embraced and celebrated for who they are.

At the same time, the theme of rejoicing reminds us of the power of pride and celebration, and the joy that comes from being able to express our true authentic selves and celebrate our community. This joy is reflected in the thousands of people who come together for PrideFest, as well as in the simple act of raising a rainbow flag outside our homes.

We extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy and safe Pride celebration this year. We encourage everyone to embrace love and patience in their interactions. While the journey for equality continues, we, as a resilient community, stand united. Pride is more than a mere event; it is a testament to our commitment to living authentically. Together, let us uphold the call to "Remember • Resist • Rejoice!"

Rodney Davis President

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Friends,

One of the many reasons why I love our city is because we have a diverse community where everyone is welcome, safe, and are free to be exactly who they are. As Mayor, I am thrilled to welcome you to Providence as we celebrate Pride Month and the many ways our LGBTQ+ community are a critical part of the fabric of Providence. There will be celebrations happening in all different parts of our city, so I also encourage you to explore the many criticallyacclaimed restaurants and arts institutions that continue to garner Providence its reputation as the Creative Capital.

Whether you're a visitor or a resident, let's come together to safely enjoy all the festivities, and celebrate our LGTBQ+ community!

Sincerely,

Mayor Brett P. Smiley 39th Mayor of Providence



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RI PRIDE WEEKEND EVENTS

Friday, June 16: Pride Ride | Burnside Park, Providence @ 7pm

Join Providence Bike Jam for their annual PRIDE RIDE: a dance party on wheels through the City of Providence celebrating our queer community! We will meet on Friday, June 16th at 7pm in Burnside Park, and roll out for an 8-12 mile bike ride at 7:30. There will be two stops at local parks for dancing, and the ride will end (location TBA) around 11pm. Riders of all levels are welcome – the pace is slow and social. Bring lights, friends, and a working

bicycle – we'll take care of the rest! No sign-ups necessary. For any questions, contact PVD Bike Jam on Facebook or Instagram. http://instagram. com/pvdbikejam

Friday, June 16: Rhode Island Pride Kickoff VIP

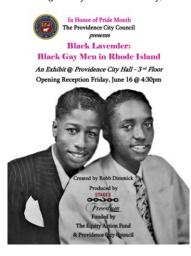
Party @ Aloft | 191 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI @7:30 - 9 pm

Join us at this RI Pride kick-off at the **Aloft Providence Downtown Hotel**, at the WXYZ Lounge and outdoor patio. Located across the street from the RI PrideFest area, you will enjoy live music by **The Femmes** and a guest performance. A cash bar, signature Tito's Pride Cocktail and lite apps will be available. This event is free with donations accepted at the door.



Friday, June 16: Black Lavender: Black Gay Men in Rhode Island | Providence City Hall,

3rd Floor | 25 Dorrance Street, Providence @ 4:30 pm Covering 100 years of history, the exhibit begins with Duke Hawkins, an African American



waiter embroiled in the 1919 Newport Sex Scandal and, coming forward, others entangled in the legal system for their sexual preference. The bar scene, pride parades, politics, salons, theater and academia provide surprising windows into how Black gay men in Rhode Island have navigated the duality of race and homosexuality. Artists, authors, and activists such as Joe Wilson, Jr., Rodney Davis, and Derek Livingston, and national heroes such as James Baldwin, Langston Hughes and Countee Cullen, create a wonderful constellation of excellence that crown this landmark exhibit with power and dignity. Created by Robb Dimmick, the exhibit is produced by Stages of Freedom, and funded by the Equity Action Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation and the Providence City Council. The event is free and open to the public.

Gallery Night

Gallery Night will be held on Thursday, June 15. Six guided tours to different art spots around Providence! Please note that the 5 and 6:30 pm tours leave from the WaterFire Arts Center. The other tours leave from The Graduate Hotel. The 6:30 pm tour will be in both English and Spanish! You can see the descriptions for all 6 of the tours on the Upcoming Events page.

Saturday, June 17, 2023 | Rhode Island PrideFest: Remember • Resist • Rejoice | 11:00

am - 7:00 pm | 195 District Park | Providence, RI

RI PrideFest will feature over 260 vendors in the LGBTQ+ marketplace, social resource organizations, food trucks, local, regional and national entertainment all day long, and the

Beer Wine & Spirits Garden. Enter the Festival either at the Dver Street entrance or via the Pedestrian Bridge from South Water Street. Headlining this year's PrideFest, LUXX NOIR LONDON AND ROBIN FIERCE, who were fan favorites from Season 15 of RuPaul's Drag Race, will bring their incredible talents and performances to the stage. Joining them is the talented Pop/R&B singer and American Idol finalist. DAVID HERNANDEZ. His performance is bound to captivate the audience with his soulful voice and energetic stage presence. And to top it all off, International Pop, R&B, and Dance Diva INAYA DAY will add her dynamic and electrifying voice to complete this incredible lineup. This event is free with donations accepted at the entrance.



Saturday, June 18: Illuminated Night Pride Parade | 8:00 pm | Downtown Providence, RI |

Route & Details @ prideri.org/parade

One of the annual highlights of Rhode Island Pride's PrideFest celebration is the LGBTQIA+ Pride Illuminated Night Parade, New England's only night parade! With a dazzling display of brightly lit-up floats, performing artists, marching groups, businesses, and tens of thousands of spectators, this incredible Pride Parade regularly makes national "top ten" lists and can't be missed! For the best place to watch the Parade, we recommend the Main Reviewing Area, which is on Weybosset Street near the Providence Performing Arts Center. The energy in the City is electric, and we send an open invitation to everyone to participate in the weekend events that transform the City of Providence into a vibrant and visibly LGBTQIA+-supportive City.



DARK LADY & ALLEY CAT - IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME NOW: 20 YEARS OF RAINBOWS & GLITTER

The Dark Lady and Alley Cat are proud to present a wicked cool block party starring Idina Menzel LIVE in concert with local talent from across New England!

This Pride Season, Dark Lady and Alleycat are proud to present a second block party on Saturday June 17th, celebrating 20 years of rainbows and glitter in Providence! It's All Coming Back To Me Now will feature talent from across New England, performing hits from all the divas & superstars since our inaugural year, hosted by Viza D. Klein and beats by DJ Joey Dee & DJ Transcendence. With over 30+ Drag Queens, Drag Kings, dancers, the party goes from 6pm to 3am.

We are bringing you all a show where we come together and celebrate what this day means to us and why we should celebrate! Sunday, June 18th we will celebrate together down at THE DARK LADY! Doors are at 9pm and we are OPEN LATE! Can we just imagine what this night will consist of? Food, drinks, friends, conversations, laughter, dance, and a DRAG show!

Show will be hosted by Kiya DaSlaya along with your favorites Calypso Phoenix Brown, Rage Ramzee-Brown, Blacc Brandi, Zon Legacy Phoenix, and special guest performances by Kvng Neptune and Mi Kabee. A memorable moment we can all keep alive, appreciate the moments, grow, and support each other. Chloe Savage and Rico Suave will be dancing all night! DJ J-Savage (Jaydon Morel) will be giving us the beats and tunes for the night.

EGO - THE MAIN EVENT

EGO Providence is thrilled to be your headquarters for all your PRIDE events from Thursday to Sunday night. Kicking off on Thursday evening 6/15, EGO presents **Yung Onyx's Bday Bash** with performance with Complete Destruction, Niellechic, Coco Lafreak, Crystal and beats by DJ Chipz. **Twerk Fridays Pride Block Party feat. Coi Leray** Doors at 10pm (no entry after 1am). Ages 18+, Featuring Coi Leray + DJ Rukiz. Show at midnight!

Saturday Night will be the **MAIN EVENT, EGO's Massive Block Party with Superstar Megamix DJ/Producers Thunderpuss (Chris Cox & Barry Harris)** will be taking over Richmond Street. NEW this year is an All Access VIP ticket. This ticket will gain you entry to the *outdoor* block party along with an *indoor* VIP party featuring a performance by Alyssa Edwards! The indoor portion of EGO Providence will be reserved for VIP ticket holders only! Doors open at 9pm.

Sunday Night will feature EGO's **Sazón Latin Sundays: Pride Finale!** For more information and tickets, visit EGOpvd.com.

MIRABAR PRIDE PARTIES

Mirabar will be celebrating Pride with their afternoon **Tea Dance** on Saturday, June 18 with **DJ Rich Michael** starting at 2pm. After the Parade they will be hosting their **Pride After Dark Party with LUBE WRESTLING** with **Ricky Roman** and **Logan Star**. The match is sponsored by Fleshjack and refereed by **Kandi Dishe** and **DJ Patrick** spinning. Fleshjack raffles to benefit RI Pride.

PROVIDENCE EAGLE - RI Pride Weekend Block Parties

Come join us June 16 to June 18 for the Providence Eagle Pride Block Party.

On Friday we start with the **Eagle PVD Pride Bar** at 2pm and the **Stag Pride Opening Party** starts at 10pm with DJ Jay Riley inside and DJ Jake outside.

On Saturday, the party begins at 12 noon. **DJ Jake** from 4-9 pm and **DJ Cisco** from 9pm to 3am. **DJ Sandy Snow** will be playing from 9 pm to closing. As always this is one of the hottest nights in the City.

The party continues on Sunday with an **Outdoor T-Dance** from 12 noon to 6pm with **DJ Aaron** and then inside **DJ Cisco** from 6-9 pm and closing with **Disco Sunday Night** with **DJ Sandy Snow** starting at 9pm

THE GEORGE PRIDE BLOCK PARTY

Join us to celebrate PRIDE on Washington and Mathewson street this SATURDAY as we welcome you for a day and night full of music, drinks, delicious bites, and much more!

It all starts at 3pm with NYC's Sound Factory DJ Jonathan Peters and the George resident DJs Osheen, Tony Dispirito, Dena, Koffee + Kandee, Vondoom, Marcus Christian, Dupe, Julian Kim, Lucian G will be providing the absolute best of house, techno, and more... Presented by the team that brought you Pulse Nightclub, Therapy and the Summer Block Party Series. Open til 2am! Located at 121 Washington Street.

THE STABLE PRIDE BLOCK PARTY

The Stable is kicking off RI Pride Weekend with our largest block party yet! Music by resident **DJ Coleslaw** and special guest **DJ Pacifico**. Performances by Boulet Brothers Dragula Season 3 Winner Landon Cider, Drag Race Star Naysha Lopez, Dragula Season 4 Finalist Sigourney Beaver, Dragula Season 3 Contestant Violencia!, Ninny Nothin and Ladda Nurv. Hosted by Ava Unit One. Also joining The Stable Block Party is our friends from Open Door Health, Rory's and Murphys.

The fun continues on Saturday (12pm-2am) with the **Stable's biggest Block Party** to date! Don't miss incredible performances by **Drag Race Star Kennedy Davenport, Drag Race Star AJA, The Dragon Sisters, LaDiva Jonz, Ava Unit and Avery Goodlay**. Music by **DJ Nicole, Coleslaw and Ranny!** Our friends from Rory's will be joining in on the fun while cooking up some delicious food all day!

We close out with the **Sangria Sunday Block Party** on Mathewson Street with **DJ Coleslaw**, **Ninny Nothin** and **Hot Haus Star Saint Anique** (No Cover).

4TH ANNUAL PRIDE BLOCK PARTY AT ASKEW!!

Join us for Askew's 4th Annual **PRIDE BLOCK PARTY** on Saturday 6/17/23! Outside we will have **DJ Wayne Michael** (of A-House & Macho Bar in Provincetown). Inside we will have **Randy Andy & Co** Drag Performances. Located at 150 Chestnut Street, Providence.

PRIDE AT THE UNDERGROUND

Saturday, June 17: Rejoice! - An Alcohol and Substance Free Pride Dance Party | The Underground | 250 Main Street, Pawtucket @ 10 pm

Join Wanda B and Renee G for a night of dancing in celebration of Pride. Special guest **DJ DJ Miah** will be spinning and mocktails will be served up by Linda S. This party is 18+ and there is no cover.

LESBIANNIGHTLIFE.COM AT PLATFORMS

Saturday, June 17: LesbianNightLife.com | Platforms | 165 Poe St, Providence @ 10 pm **DJ BEBA & FRIENDS** - Calling all: Queens, dolls, dandies, daddies, studs, allies, aliens, soft butches, hard femmes, lezzies, gender blenders, gay goddexxes, allies and ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL QUEER HUMANS! Welcome! We will have an optional **Foam pit outside**- (if you plan to play in the foam you may want to bring a towel and dress accordingly). 21+, \$10 in advance

Sunday, June 18: 6 Year Anniversary Drag Brunch | The Black Sheep | 397 Westminster

St., Providence @ 10 am & 1 pm For details go to: https://blacksheepri.com/drag-events

Sunday, June 18: Freshly Squeezed Drag Brunch | Boomerangs Roadhouse | 293

Providence St, West Warwick, RI @ 9 am & 12:30 pm For reservations go to: https://app.promotix.com/events/details/Sunday-Drag-Brunch----Boomerangs-tickets

Freeplay GAYME Night: Every Monday

7:00 pm - 1:00 am | Freeplay Bar Arcade | 182 Pine St, Providence, RI An LGBTQIA+ and friends night at Freeplay Bar Arcade. Pizza, Drinks, Drag, Games, & Fun! \$4 entry. 18+

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, June 15: Providence Poetry Slam *Queer Arts Fest Edition* featuring Oom Pa!

| AS220 Main Stage | 95 Empire St., Providence @ 7:30 pm

Come to ProvSlam on Thursday, June 15th for a very special Queer Arts Fest edition of our show! We will still be having an open mic, but ask that folks give space & priority to those with queer identities. We will also be hearing from vendors who will be selling books at the QTZ Fest 2017!, as well a feature set of poems from none other than Oom Pa, the current Women of The World Slam Champion from Boston, MA! It's going to be a very magical night!

Thursday, June 15: Roller Disco - Pride Edition

Roller Disco is back at The Providence Rink in City Center on Thursday and Friday (6/16 and 6/17) from 5-10PM! Find the Rink transformed into a massive outdoor Roller Disco. Groove to some of the city's hottest DJs and live acts while the pulsing lights and spinning disco ball set the vibe. The Trinity Beer Garden will be on hand with beverages and snacks to keep the party rolling. \$7 Admission | \$7 Quad or Inline Skate Rentals | \$3 Locker Rentals | \$2 Helmet Rentals | \$2 Wrist Guard Rentals. RESERVE via TheProvidencerink.com

Friday, June 16: Don't Queer the Reaper | AS220 Main Stage | 95 Empire St., Providence @ 9 pm Queer Punk night Featuring Bed Death, Husbands, Strap-On Ritual, and Cathy Cathodic

Friday, June 16: Dyke & Trans People of Color March \mid Burnside Park \mid 40 Kennedy Plaza Providence @ 5:30 pm

Friday, June 16: Gamm Theatre Pride Karaoke- Family Event | 1245 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02886 @ 6-9 pm

The Gamm Theater is hosting a Family Pride Karaoke Night on June 16th from 6-9pm. Come sing a song in our lobby, try snacks and drinks from our café, and enjoy the weather on our patio. The evening will be full of music, fun, and face painting for the kids! Bring the family and have a fun prideful night out!

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Saturday, June 17: Providence River Pride Rides

It's time to sparkle along the shores of Providence, people! Unleash your queer pride and vibe with Captain Tim as he guides you throughout the Providence waterways. Together, we'll cruise by the festival grounds at District Park – along our historic Riverwalk – to the basin of Waterplace Park and back for a memorable boat ride (and a nice break from the crowds at the festival). You can expect some bomb beats, TikTok-worthy moments, and epic views of our capital city....and maybe...just maybe...a special guest appearance or two.... Climb aboard for one hour of unity, love, and non-stop joy! Space is very limited to just (18) passengers per time slot, so book YOUR seats here today!



Thursday, June 22: A Magical, Fairy-Pants Storytime | Cumberland Public Library | 464 Diamond Hill Rd. Cumberland, RI @ 6:30 pm

Drag magician Darren Tashine and drag queen Daishadore Famouz will read some favorite children's books, perform a little bit of magic and music, and then we'll make a sparkly craft to take home. This storytime is for children of all ages and their caregivers. Registration and fancy dress are encouraged!

Sunday, June 18: 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Festival 12-9:30 pm, Roger Williams Park -Temple to Music

Juneteenth is a celebration that commemorates the June 19, 1865, emancipation of enslaved African Americans throughout the Confederate States of America. This year's event will have live music, vendors, amazing food and will conclude with a fireworks show! For more information go to http://juneteenthri.com.



Friday, June 24: Newport Pride Drag Cruise | Newport, RI @ 6:30 pm

On Friday, June 23rd, from 6:30-8:30 pm as they kick off the Newport Pride Weekend festivities in the most fabulous way possible. Prepare to be dazzled by the one and only Trailer Park Girls, a fierce squad of drag performers known for their sidesplitting comedy routines and outfits that defy the laws of fashion. They'll have you in stitches and living your best life as they take the stage and command your attention. Get ready to clutch your pearls, darlings! For tickets: https://www.newportprideri.org.

https://www.newportprideri.org. Saturday, June 24: Newport Pride Fest & Market 2023 | Great Friends



Meeting House | 21 Farewell St, Newport, RI @ 12-6 pm

Join Newport Pride on Saturday, June 24th! We are proud to host an event that celebrates the diversity of our city, where everyone can feel accepted and embraced. This event will be filled with live music, art displays, food and drinks, and various activities for all ages. Come out and show your pride! Let's make this a day to remember!

Saturday, June 24: Newport Pride Ride 2023 | Great Friends Meeting House $\;|\;21$ Farewell St, Newport, RI @ 12-1 pm

Grab some friends and join Newport Pride, in partnership with Bike Newport, for the super fun annual Newport Pride Ride on Saturday, June 24th at 12 pm. This easy 2-mile bike parade around Newport starts and concludes at the Great Friends Meeting House (21 Farewell St) in time for the Pride Fest. Come and display your Pride and support for our



LGBTQ+ community. Please wear a helmet, bring a water bottle, and listen for and follow the instructions on the day.

Thursday, June 29: South County Pride | 327 Main Street, Wakefield, RI @ 3-9:30 pm

South County Pride will feature booths and vendors, live bands, a drag show, RI Black Storytellers, a DJ, and more! Family-friendly atmosphere and all are invited! Entertainers include: Amy The Mime, RI Black Storytellers, DJ Jamila Afrika, Sherente Harris, Ninny Nothin, Darren Tashine, Ladda Nurv, Lucy Diamonds, Luke Warm, Rage Ramzee, Russel Sprouts





Rhode Island Pride is pleased to announce the selection of three exceptional individuals and groups as grand marshals for this year's celebration.

One of the distinguished grand marshals is **Brett Smiley**, the newly elected mayor of Rhode Island's capital city. This selection marks a historic moment as Mayor Smiley becomes the second openly gay chief executive in the state. His appointment as a grand marshal recognizes not only his personal achievement but also the progress that has been made in embracing diversity and equality in the political sphere. Mayor Smiley's presence as a grand marshal serves as a symbol for the LGBTQIA+ community, showcasing the possibilities for representation and leadership.



Another outstanding grand marshal is **David Cicilline**, the first openly gay mayor of Providence. David's remarkable contributions extend beyond his role as a mayor and encompass his dedicated advocacy work. He served as the Congressional representative for Rhode Island's 1st District for 12 years, during which he became a respected leader and champion for LGBTQ+ rights. As the co-chair of the esteemed LGBT Caucus, David has been at the forefront of advancing equality and promoting legislative initiatives that benefit the LGBTQ+ community. David Cicilline's leadership as the lead sponsor of the Equality Act is particularly noteworthy. This groundbreaking legislation seeks to prohibit discrimination based on sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation. By advocating for the Equality Act, David has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring equal rights and protections for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or

gender identity. The Act's goals go beyond addressing discrimination, as it also aims to advance various other essential purposes, such as promoting economic fairness and social progress.



Our final grand marshal is **Thundermist Health Center**, a beacon of inclusivity and compassionate care, has long been a champion of LGBTQ+ rights and healthcare equality. With a steadfast commitment to serving all members of the community, Thundermist has long created a safe and

welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ individuals to receive comprehensive healthcare services. Their dedicated team of healthcare professionals ensures that every patient is treated with respect, dignity, and personalized care, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. Thundermist Health Center is being recognized for their tireless efforts in promoting LGBTQ+ rights and advocating for inclusive healthcare policies. Their leadership and unwavering support have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals, fostering a sense of belonging and empowering the LGBTQ+ community in Woonsocket, West Warwick and South County as well as across the state to live their authentic lives. We recognize particularly the Trans Health Access Team, a group of medical, behavioral health, and allied service professionals working to improve access to culturally and clinically competent healthcare for the trans community and to to act proactively and deliberately to address the discrimination trans individuals face in the health care system, and to address the many health disparities experienced by trans people.



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We are happy to host more than 270+ exhibitors including local community groups, businesses, food vendors and organizations looking to share their products and services to our community. Engage, learn and celebrate with the many diverse individuals that represent the spectrum of our community.

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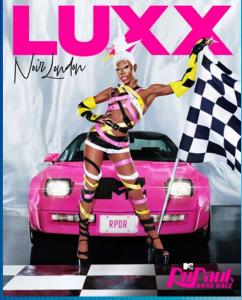
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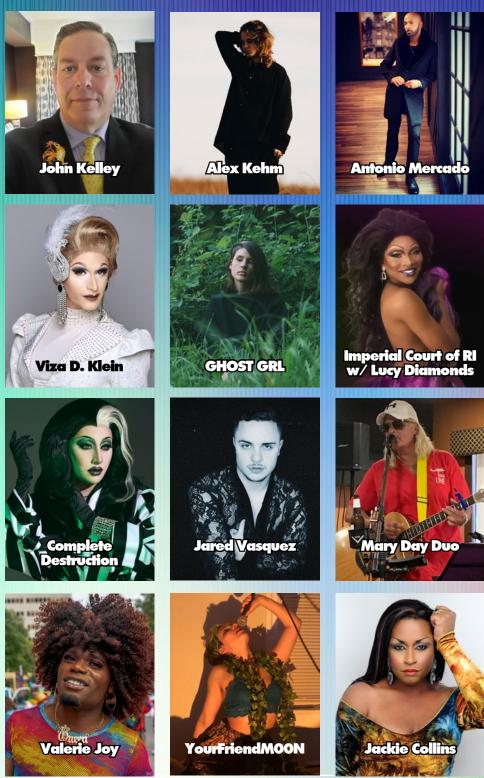






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RI Pier DEFEST Main Stage Entertainment 2023



Accessible Viewing Area at Main Stage Area

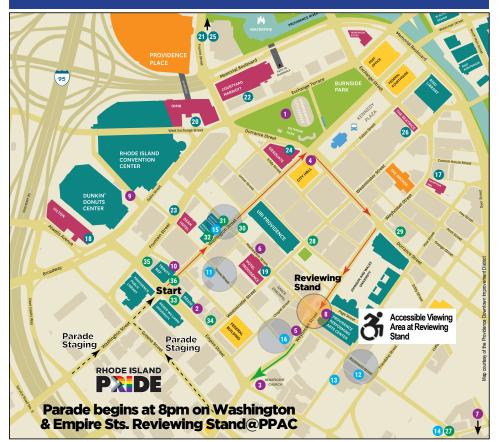


Entertainment Schedule

12:00 pm	Welcome to PrideFest
12:10 pm	Alex Kehm
12:32 pm	Ghost Grl
1:07 pm	Jared Vasquez
1:32 pm	Yourfriendm00n
1:52 pm	Antonio Mercado
2:25 pm	Imperial Court of RI
2:30 pm	Mary Day Duo
3:20 pm	National Anthem and Pride Rally
3:53 pm	Jackie Collins
4:05 pm	Blacc Brandi
4:15 pm	Existenz
4:50 pm	Dragstravaganza with Complete Destruction, Valerie Joy, Zest, Alizé T. Stratton, Kennedy Plaza, Ladda Nurv, KVNG Neptune, Claire Annette, Blacc Brandi & Veina Darling
5:30 pm	David Hernandez
6:00 pm	Inaya Day
6:30 pm	Finale Luxe Noir London & Robin Fierce
	Hosted by John Kelley, Viza D. Klein, Valerie Joy and Complete Distruction

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Parade and Downtown Map



PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1. BankNewport City Center 2 Kennedy Plaza
- 2. AS220 115 Empire St.
- 3. Beneficent Church 300 Weybosset St.
- 4. City Hall 25 Dorrance St.
- 5. Eagle's Nest 257 Weybosset St.
- Matthewson Street Church 134 Mathewson St.
- 7. Megaplex 257 Allens Ave.
- 8. PPAC 220 Weybosset St.
- RI Convention & Visitors Center Dunkin' Donuts Center - 1 Sabin St.
- 10. Trinity Repratory Company 201 Washington St.

BARS & CLUBS

- 11. Alley Cat / Dark Lady 19 Snow St.
- 12. EGO 73 Richmond St.
- 13. FreePlay Bar & Arcade 180 Pine St.
- 14. Mirabar 15 Elbow St.
- 15. Stable 125 Washington St.
- 16. Providence Eagle 124 Snow St.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- 17. Hampton Inn 58 Weybosset St.
- 18. Hilton Providence 21 Atwells Ave.
- 19. Hotel Providence 139 Mathewson St.
- 20. Omni Providence 1 W Exchange St.
- 21. Providence Marriott Downtown 1 Orms St.
- 22. The Courtyard Marriott 32 Exchange Terrace

- 23. The Dean Hotel 122 Fountain St.
- 24. The Graduate Providence 11 Dorrance St.
- 25. The Renaissance Providence 5 Avenue of the Arts
- 26. The Beatrice 90 Westminster St.

RESTAURANTS

- 27. Askew 150 Chestnut St,
- 28. Kleos 250 Westminister St.
- 29. Providence G 100 Dorrance St.
- 30. Friskie Fries 100 Washington St.
- 31. The George 121 Washington St.
- 32. Viva Mexico 129 Washington St.
- 33. Res 123 Empire St.
- 34. Black Sheep 397 Westminster St.
- 35. Trinity Brewhouse -186 Fountain St.
 - 36. Clementine's 200 Washington St.





On behalf of the Providence Tourism Council, I would like to welcome you to the City of Providence.

Our creative capital is proud to host one of the best pride celebrations in the country while celebrating all aspects of our vibrant and diverse comunity. RI PrideFest brings together members of the LGBTQ+ community, their friends, allies, and supporters in celebration of the unique spirit and culture of our City.

Be be sure to take some time to explore and discover the many attractions of our beautiful city during the weekend.

Alexis Gorriaran Chair & Commissioner



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Getting to PrideFest

PrideFest takes place at the Providence Innovation District Park (GPS location:120 Peck Street, Providence, RI 02903) in the heart of Downtown Providence along the Providence River waterfront. There are two main entrances - Dyer Street near District Hall and at the pedestrian bridge. The fun starts at noon and continues until 7:00 pm, leaving you with just enough time to get ready for the Rhode Island Pride Illuminated Night Parade, which kicks off at 8:00 pm just a few blocks away.

Parking

There are several surface lots and garages around the city. We recommend parking for the full day and walking over to PrideFest. Parking meters are in effect on Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. Street parking is significantly restricted on June 18 within the immediate vicinity of PrideFest and the Illuminated Night Parade. The Dyer Street parking lots are adjacent to the Festival and within walking distance from the Parade. Providence Place Mall and RI Convention Center parking lots are also just a ten-minute walk to the park.

Local Transportation

Public Transportation to Providence within RI: The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) offers bus service to the city of Providence from various locations throughout the state of RI. For scheduling information visit RIPTA's web site at www.ripta.com or call them by phone at (401) 781-9400. There are several taxicab companies that service the greater Providence area and Uber and Lyft are a great option (Use this address to schedule a ride service:120 Peck Street, Providence, RI 02903).

Bicycles, Skateboards, Skates & Scooters

For the safety of our guests, bikes, skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, scooters and motorized vehicles of any kind, with the exception of wheelchairs and mobility scooters, are prohibited from the festival grounds.

Festival Admission

PrideFest is open to all ages, and admission to PrideFest is \$1. Your \$1 donation helps offset the production costs of this massive celebration. For your convenience, ATMs are located near the main entrance on Dyer Street.

Trash and Recycling

Bins are located throughout the PrideFest site. Please pitch in and be responsible with your trash and recyclables to help keep our city as clean as possible.

PrideFest is Pet Friendly

Pets are allowed on the festival grounds during the event. For everyone's safety, please keep your pet leashed and be courteous to pick up after your animal should they answer the call of nature.

Alcoholic Beverages

PrideFest is a place to party, and some people like to do that with a drink. The Beer, Wine and Spirits Garden is located adjacent to the Main Stage. Proper ID (21+) will be required enter the Beer, Wine and Spirits Garden and to purchase alcohol. All beer, wine and spirits must be consumed within the fenced area. Please party responsibly.

Non-Smoking/Vaping Areas

The Beer, Wine and Spirits Garden and the Kids' Pride Zone are non-smoking/vaping areas. Please be courteous when smoking/vaping at PrideFest and refrain from smoking/vaping in crowded areas. Do not litter and make sure that all smoking materials are completely extinguished.

Safety Tips

PrideFest volunteers and RI Pride Security can be identified by their t-shirts and identification badges. If you need information or assistance within the PrideFest grounds please feel free to approach a volunteer.

If you have a medical or safety emergency dial 911. If you have a non-emergency medical need there is a first aid tent located near the Pride registration tent.

Take care of all personal belongings and be aware of those around you. Keep wallets, purses, bags, mobile phones, and cameras secure and within sight at all times.

Many organizations, including RI Pride, will be asking for donations at PrideFest. Individuals soliciting donations for organizations should be identifiable by badge identification or affiliation information.

Even though the PrideFest is a safe and friendly venue, we still recommend the buddy system. Spend the day with a friend, travel to and from the festival in a group and make sure that you stay aware of your personal safety. Remember you should carry identification with you at all times. We want your Pride experience to be as safe and enjoyable as possible. Please report any concerns to RI Pride Security or a PrideFest volunteer.

Lost & Found

Although RI Pride does not operate an official lost-and-found service (and is not responsible for any lost articles), people sometimes turn in lost items to the Pride Information / Security Tent. Lost children should be taken to the nearest police officer, RI Pride Security, or to the Pride Information / Security Tent.

Viewing the RI Pride Illuminated Parade

The RI Pride Illuminated Parade winds its way through the streets of Providence from the the intersection of Washington and Empire Streets through downtown and past the Providence City Hall and ends at the Providence Performing Arts Center. We work extremely hard to keep the thousands of people who crowd the streets of Providence safe and happy. By following these simple suggestions you can help us help you maximize the viewing experience:

- You must remain on the sidewalk as the parade passes. Do not jump the barricades. People standing on the street are not only a safety hazard but also block the parade from passing and slow the procession.
- Intersections along the parade route can become very congested please do not crowd the corners
 or stand outside of the barricades.
- Many of the city streets remain open to traffic during the parade. Parts of Kennedy Plaza, and downtown cross streets remain very busy as the parade passes. Please observe all police direction and obey traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Keep your children safe and out of danger. Use extra caution with strollers on the parade route and hold young children's hands. Children should not be allowed to enter the parade route for any reason without adult control.
- Many crosswalks will be closed during the parade. If you need to crowd the streets look for the designated breaks in the barricades.
- Do not approach floats or vehicles in the parade. Vehicles are likely to move without notice. If you are not officially registered in the parade, please do not enter the parade route.

A Final Comment

We hope you have a great day with RI Pride at the PrideFest and Illuminated Night Parade. However, even in the fun atmosphere of a festival, the City of Providence is responsible for enforcing all applicable state laws and local ordinances during the Pride event which include, but are not limited to: public decency, alcohol, controlled substances, public safety, and parking.

RI Pride, as the event organizer, reserves the right to decline admittance to anyone who violates the reasonable policies established for public safety, tries to gain entrance to restricted areas or causes serious disruption to the good order of the event.

Have a happy, fun and safe Pride!





Weekend 2023 June 16th, 17th & 18th

DAY 1 | JUNE 16TH EAGLE PVD PRIDE BAR 2 PM - 2 AM STAC PRIDE OPENING PARTY 10 PM - 2 AM DJ JAYK FULY (INSIDE) DJ JAKE (OUTSIDE)

DAY 2 JUNE 17TH EAGLE PVD PRIDE DAY BLOCK PARTY NOON - 3AM DJ 3AKE (OUTSIDE 4 PM - 9 PM) DJ CISCO (OUTSIDE 9 PM - 3 AM) DJ SANDY SNOW (INSIDE 9 PM - 3 AM)

DAY 3 | JUNE 18TH EAGLE PVD PRIDE TEA DANCE NOON - 6 PM

DJ AARON

EAGLE PVD PRIDE CLOSING PARTY 8 PM - 2 AM

8 PM - 2 AM DJ CISCO (6 PM - 9 PM) DJ SANDY SNOW (9 PM - 1 AM)



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AFTER PARADE PARTY





Refereed by KANDI DISHE

Ricky Roma

DJ PATRICK • \$10 COVER Fleshjack raffles to benefit RI Pride!

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Logan Starp

An Alcohol & Substance-Free Pride Dance Party Saturday, June 17

Music by

DJ Miah

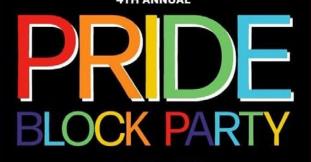
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OUTSIDE DJ WAYNE MICHAEL OF A-HOUSE & MACHO BAR (PROVINCETOWN)

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Don't be trashy!

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Rhode Island Pride will spend thousands of dollars keeping PrideFest clean. Help us save money by throwing your trash in a container and not on the ground. Thanks!

