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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Dallas Pride 2022: We're back in person and ready to Live Out Proud.

These past two years, the world has learned about isolation in a way that our LGBTQ+ communities may have understood more than most. Something else we already knew: That coming together in any way possible to help support each other is more critical than ever. We are grateful for the support shown to our non-profit organization as Dallas Pride kept on pursuing its mission of strengthening, supporting and celebrating the LGBTQ+ community by creating events and initiatives that foster connections between members of the community, our allies and our supporters. In 2020 we were virtual, and in 2021 we had a fantastic musical series in person.

And now, in 2022, Dallas Pride is ready to Live Out Proud.

Dallas Pride weekend kicks off Saturday, June 4, with the Dallas Pride Music Festival. The whole family is invited to join us in Fair Park, making for a weekend of fun honoring the LGBTQ+ community, its allies, sponsors and supporters. With live music from Texas artists, dancing, shopping, teen entertainment, animal rescue groups and other community organizations, and all sorts of activities for kids, there truly is something for everyone.

And then, the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade marches through Fair Park on Sunday, June 5, with fun floats, outrageous costumes, bands, performers and groups all showing support for the

LGBTQ+ community. Named in honor of the late Alan Ross, long-time executive director of Dallas Pride, this mile-long event will feature more than 200 parade entries.

The theme Live Out Proud was chosen for the many things it means: Living – truly living. Being out. Showing our Pride. And moving on in our authentic existences full of pride for who we are and what our community contributes to this world. We acknowledge our roots and honor our history, while we advance our hard-earned place in this culture — and we look forward to living out the next chapter with pride.

Serving as executive director of Dallas Pride offers me a front-row seat to see how Pride changes lives. As our movement has grown collectively across the world, we become more and more visible in our respective cities. We serve as an ever-brighter beacon for our community. Our goal with Dallas Pride is to bring the whole of the LGBTQ+ community together, which has evolved and changed along with our society over the years, along with our allies, to show the state of Texas and the entire world that Dallas is a place where all are welcome. Dallas Pride, and many amazing LGBTQ+ organizations in the community, can make this happen when we come together — when we Live Out Proud.

See you at Dallas Pride 2022.

Gratefully,
Jaron Turnbow

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



It's time, North Texas! Dallas Pride brings us all together again in 2022.

The LGBTQ community is ready for the notice and attention it deserves. Like everyone, we have had to lean on each other in ways none of us might never have before expected in these past two years. Thanks to the vision and dedication of our Dallas Pride Executive Director Jaron Turnbow and a team of committed volunteers, sponsors, supporters and allies, Dallas Pride continued to raise money and awareness for the LGBTQ community even without our usual in-person festivities. Their hard work in the face of unexpected circumstances is commendable and will serve as a model for turning lemons into lemonade.

Now, being back together again for 2022, we are excited to Live

Out Proud and celebrate with one another in Dallas's historic Fair Park. The growth of Dallas Pride — mirroring the growth in size and strength of our community — necessitated the move to Fair Park in 2019, and we're excited to continue to make our new home in a location that will easily allow us continued growth and support for the LGBTQ community. As parents, singles, grandparents, teenagers, children, friends, sponsors, allies and more find their way to us through our inclusive environment, we welcome them with open arms and hearts.

Coming together is exciting. See you at Dallas Pride 2022: Live Out Proud!

Frank Holland
President of Dallas Pride





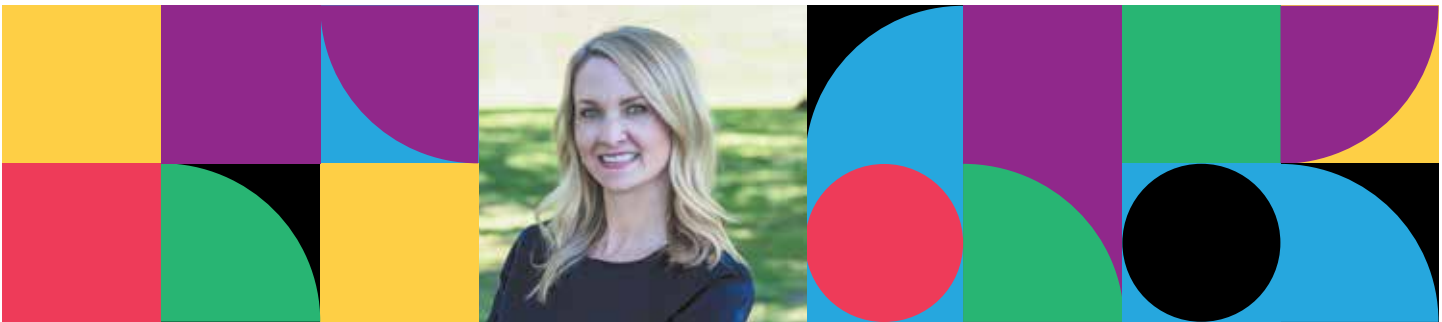
On behalf of the City of Dallas, I am pleased to welcome you to Dallas Pride 2022. This is one of the most anticipated annual events in our region, and I am excited that this year's festivities — which again include the Dallas Pride Miller Lite Music Festival and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade — will return to historic Fair Park.

Dallas is a welcoming and inclusive city that cherishes our diversity. Our city's greatest asset is our people, and we celebrate their ability to overcome any challenges and obstacles that we face.

Whether you are a resident of or a visitor to Dallas, I hope you enjoy our hospitality and take advantage of everything our great city has to offer. Enjoy Fair Park, enjoy yourself, and enjoy time with each other. And have a great Dallas Pride 2022.

Cheers,

Eric Johnson
Mayor, City of Dallas



Welcome friends! On behalf of the City of Fort Worth, it's my pleasure to welcome you to the Dallas Pride 2022! Dallas Pride is an annual event dedicated to highlighting the North Texas LGBTQ+ community and showcasing our strength through diversity.

As mayor, it is with great pride that we share with you our city — a city of cowboys, culture and community. In one visit, you can enjoy an enormous range of experiences — from art to animals, and from fashion to family fun. Take an authentic western tour of the Historic Stockyards, visit our newest and grandest stadium, Dickies Arena, watch auto racing at Texas Motor Speedway or enjoy a relaxing night of shopping and dining in the luxurious Shops at Clearfork. The choice is yours!

While you are in Fort Worth, we hope you get a chance to visit:

- Our downtown area, a nationally-noted model of successful urban renaissance filled with restaurants, museums, art galleries, theaters and an abundance of retail shopping. The Sundance Square area of downtown is a must-see for everyone visiting the city.
- The Cultural District is recognized as the "museum capital of the Southwest" and is home to world-class museums. We are proud to be home to the Texas Cowgirl Hall of Fame, an outstanding Equestrian Center, one of the country's top-ranked zoos, and a multitude of beautiful parks, trails and gardens.

• Northside's Historic Stockyards area offers a delightful journey into the city's western heritage. You are sure to enjoy the area's many shops and restaurants while finding a real-life cowboy or two outfitted with horses on the cattle drive of the Fort Worth Herd of longhorns!

Fort Worth is a city of cowboys, culture and community. As the 12th largest city in the United States, known for its small town feel in a big urban package, we understand that diversity is crucial to an inclusive environment from our residents, visitors and businesses. In 2021, Fort Worth scored a perfect 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index for the third straight year. We have a passion for people from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Here in Fort Worth, we believe "Y'all all means All," and we want to ensure that this message is heard in our community and beyond. I commend each of you for the voice and strength you bring to the LGBTQ+ community. I am so glad you chose to visit Fort Worth and hope that you'll enjoy your stay in the Modern West.

Sincerely,

Mattie Parker
Mayor of Fort Worth



Hello friends!

On behalf of the city of Plano, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Plano — the City of Excellence!

We are a world-class, globally diverse and inclusive city where everyone is welcome. In 2015, city leaders passed the Plano Equal Rights Ordinance to solidify a commitment to the belief that everyone should enjoy equal human rights and that discrimination is detrimental to the peace, progress and welfare of the city.

The city of Plano is a destination city for the entire region because of our great employment opportunities and the abundance of amenities we offer our residents and visitors. This has allowed us to attract many iconic companies such as Toyota North America, Liberty Mutual Insurance and JP Morgan Chase Bank NA — who now all call Plano home.

Our diversity is evident when you consider more than 80 different languages are spoken in Plano homes. We realize diversity in action and inclusion. As a result, we have been named one of the best and safest cities to live in America. Our families enjoy great neighborhoods, an award-winning school district and a thriving business community.

Our doors are wide open, and we look forward to seeing you soon in the City of Excellence!

Warm regards,

John B. Muns
Mayor



Greetings!

On behalf of the residents of Arlington, I want to join my fellow North Texas mayors in welcoming you to Dallas Pride 2022. At its core, Dallas Pride is an annual event dedicated to highlighting the North Texas LGBTQ community and showing how we are stronger through the diversity that exists in all of our communities. I know that's the case in Arlington, where we recently passed the city's first ever anti-discrimination ordinances, which helped us earn a perfect 100 score in the 2021 HRC Municipal Equality Index, joining just five other Texas cities with that ranking. Arlington's LGBTQ residents are part of the reason our community has been listed

among the most diverse in the country, and it's one of the things I am most proud of.

Please enjoy the festivities planned for this year's Pride, and thank you for all that you and the LGBTQ community do to make Arlington and North Texas a more welcoming place for people to live and visit.

Sincerely,

Jim Ross,
Arlington Mayor



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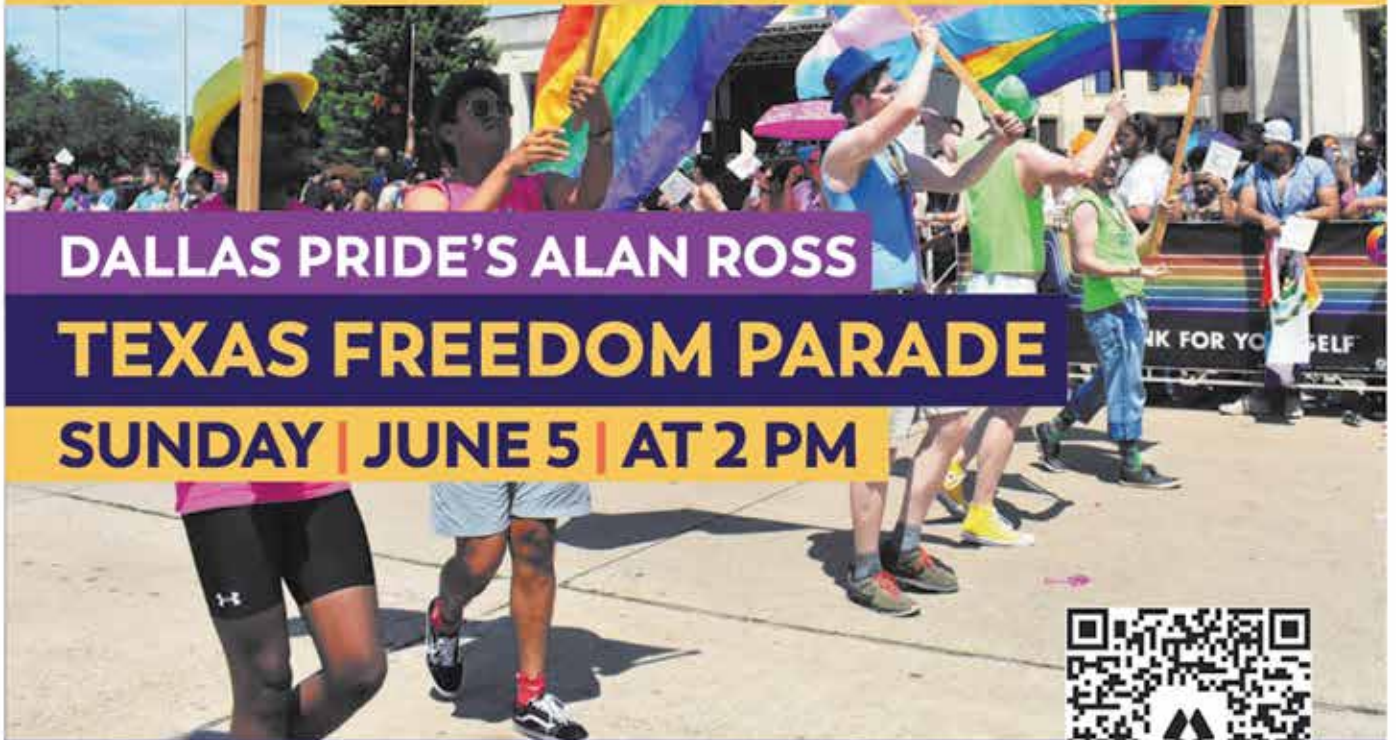
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DEDICATION | Don Maison

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The Dallas Pride Committee dedicates the 2022 Dallas Pride celebration to Don Maison, the attorney who carried the battle for LGBTQ equality into the courts in the late 1970s and through the 1980s before taking over as executive director of the agency then known as the PWA Coalition of Dallas (now known as AIDS Services of Dallas) in 1989.

When Maison retired as president and CEO of AIDS Services of Dallas at the beginning of 2019, after 32 years as head of the organization, he was the longest-serving head of an AIDS service organization in the country. He died on Feb. 21 this year following a long illness and a short battle with esophageal cancer.

Maison's first big battle in the fight for LGBTQ equality started in 1979 when police raided Village Station (a bar then located at the cor-



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ner of Throckmorton and Cedar Springs in the building now occupied by Roy G's and Outlines, and which over time evolved into S4) and arrested a number of men for lewd conduct because the men had touched each other while dancing. The cases went to court, but Maison used one of the arresting officers' sworn testimony — he said that while standing near the bar's entrance he had seen men touching each other on the dance floor — to bust the prosecution's case. He did so by using a copy of the bar's floor plan to prove that the officer was lying, because they could not possibly have seen the dance floor from where they said they had been standing. That case did not completely stop police harassment in the bars, but it was certainly a turning point.

Maison was also known as the attorney who represented Gregory Wilson, the man who sued Southwest Airlines when he applied for a job as a flight attendant only to be told he was "the wrong sex" for the job. Maison and (now judge) Ken Molberg filed

the class action employment lawsuit *Wilson v. Southwest Airlines*, which eventually guaranteed that the airline would hire men as flight attendants and ticket agents.

As head of AIDS Services of Dallas, Maison helped focus the agency on providing housing for people impacted by HIV/AIDS. Within a few years of changing its focus, ASD became a national leader in providing housing for people with HIV, and Maison established a national reputation. When Elizabeth Taylor created her AIDS foundation, Maison's facilities were an early stop on her national tour and a recipient of her largess.

Through the years, Maison led ASD through continued growth, starting with purchasing and renovating a facility known as Ewing House, despite protests by area residents who, fueled by homophobia and AIDS-phobia, thought a housing project for people with HIV would hurt property values in what was already an impoverished area. Instead, because of the impeccable

job ASD had done turning what had been an eyesore of a dilapidated building into a showplace, area property values soared. Under Maison's leadership, ASD continued to purchase and renovate more buildings in the area to house those impacted by HIV and AIDS, including Revlon House, Hillcrest House and Spencer Gardens — fighting through more homophobia, AIDS-phobia, bureaucratic red tape and even an arson fire. Shortly before his retirement at the beginning of 2019, Maison and his team acquired another small apartment complex down the street from the other facilities. ASD broke ground on that renovation just weeks before the COVID pandemic hit and everything was locked down. The project was further delayed a year later by a fire that destroyed one of the two buildings and damaged the other.

Work on that property is underway now under the direction of his successor, Traswell Livingston, and it will become part of Maison's ASD legacy.



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PRIDE 2022 | THE GRAND MARSHALS

In 2020, for the first time since 1982, Dallas' Pride parade — The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade — and the annual Festival in the Park, both planned for the first weekend in June, were cancelled as Texas continued to see record or near-record numbers of new COVID-19 cases daily. In addition, most of the attention of our country, including here in North Texas continued, rightfully so, to be focused on the ongoing protests happening across the nation in the wake of the May 25 murder, at the hands on a Minneapolis police officer of Black man George Floyd.

June 2020 was a time not just to focus on safety precautions against the coronavirus but for the LGBTQ community to harken back to the origins of our Pride movement, born of protests, and join Black Americans and other people of color and of conscience and take to the streets to demand justice.

Dallas did celebrate Pride in 2020, but that celebration came in the form of a virtual party in late July. Still, even without an in-person parade, Pride needs grand marshals. But instead of submitting a list of nominees to the community for a vote as in the past, in 2020 the Dallas Pride committee decided to name the top six nominees — seven actually, because “one” nominee was a couple who have dedicated their lives together to helping the community — as 2020 Dallas Pride co-grand marshals. While June 2021 did see a live Pride event in the form of The Dallas Pride Miller Lite Showcase, two nights of live entertainment presented by Smirnoff and staged in the Coliseum at Fair Park, Dallas Pride returns in full force and in person in 2022, with the Festival at Fair Park on Saturday, June 4, and the 2022 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on Sunday, June 5, also in Fair Park. But as Pride committee members looked back at the last two years and got geared up for this year's celebration, they realized that those seven co-grand marshals had missed out on the full grand marshal experience; they had not had the chance to lead the parade.

That's why, Dallas Pride Executive Director Jaron Turnbow explained, the Pride committee has chosen to bring them back, once again naming them all as co-grand marshals of Dallas Pride. So this year's grand marshals are, listed in

alphabetical order: Danny Cabrera (aka Liquor Mini), David Hearn, Bill Lindsey and Michael Champion (aka Linze Serrell and Sable Alexander), James Love (aka Cassie Nova), Adam Medrano and Kristi Wilson.

Danny Cabrera, aka Liquor Mini

Danny Cabrera has been a flight attendant for American Airlines for 24 years where he has been part of the flight service recruitment, image and training departments. He helps organize events with the American Airlines PRIDE Employee Business Resource Group, which in 2018 partnered with Billboard Music to sponsor Capital Pride in D.C. At that event, Cabrera was one of the six drag queens representing American Airlines on the main stage at the festival and in a marketing video filmed for Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.



In 2019, on the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Cabrera was the captain for the drag queens in the March for World Pride in New York City. He helped plan and organize the American Airlines events for World Pride and the Stonewall 50th anniversary, including the history-making Pride Flight from Philadelphia to New York City LaGuardia Airport. He was one of the drag queen crew members for that flight.

Cabrera volunteers with the Wings Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization that helps American Airlines flight attendants in need, and with several other organizations including Lip Sync Dallas which he co-chairs.

Cabrera described himself as “a proud member of the Dallas recovery community” and said that one of his biggest accomplishments in life was admitting he had a problem with drugs and alcohol. He has

been clean and sober for more than 10 years now and in 2017 was chair of the Big D Roundup recovery conference in Dallas. He speaks at recovery conferences around the country as well as performing in drag show fundraisers benefitting Texas' recovery community.

Cabrera is the resort director for VACAYA, an LGBTQ travel company that charters cruises and resort destination vacations, and he is the lead flight crew drag queen member for FABSTAYZ, a company specializing in vacation rentals that are safe and friendly for the LGBTQ travelers. He hosts regular drag brunch events at Reservoir at the Toyota Music Factory and performs at other drag events around the DFW Metroplex.

David Hearn

David Hearn began working the stock room at JCPenney in 1973 while going to night school. He moved into the company's visual merchandising department in 1975 and was promoted to be visual manager for the Knoxville JCPenney in 1978. From there, Hearn moved around the country as he moved upward in the JCPenney ranks until 1988, when he was transferred to JCPenney Corporate Office in Plano. He worked at the corporate headquarters until 2011 when he retired after 38 years with the company.



Hearn has had two partners who died of AIDS. The first was Gerald Kennedy, his partner from 1972 to 1980, who died in 1987, and Greg Dollgener, his partner from 1989 to Dollgener's death in 1994. In 1996, Hearn and a group of his friends founded the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund in

memory of Hearn's partner, and Hearn has served on the organization's board since its founding. After serving as president and treasurer, Hearn is now the organization's assisting treasurer.

Through the years, Hearn has participated in numerous organizations, including being a member of GALA North Texas from 2012-2017, a member of the GALA North Texas Business Group from 2013-2017, and being on the board of AIDS Services of McKinney from 1996-1998, a member of Cathedral of Hope since 1996, and on the board of Prism Health North Texas (previously known as AIDS Arms) from 2012-2015. Hearn has been recognized many times for his volunteer work, including winning KRLD Citizen of the Week for volunteering with AIDS Services of McKinney, the 2009 Open Heart Award from C.U.R.E., the Randy Franklin Memorial "I Care" Community Service Award from Dallas Bears, the 2012 Hearts and Heroes Spirit Award from Health Services of North Texas, the 2015 John Leaphart Memorial Award for Community Service from the Leather Knights, the 2016 RVA LGBT Role Award voted on by Dallas Voice Readers, the 2016 Heart and Hands Award from Prism Health, the 2018 Linda Sparkman Memorial Spirit Award by the Miss Gay Texas State Pageant System and the Diamond Rose Award from the United Court of the Lone Star Empire.

Bill Lindsey and Michael Champion, aka Linze Serrell and Sable Alexander

For more than 30 years, Bill Lindsey, a hair stylist, and his husband Michael Champion, a registered nurse, put their time, talents and passion to use advocating for LGBTQ equality and raising money for LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS causes. The two dedicated their lives together to the LGBTQ community until Champion's untimely death from COVID in January 2021, which he contracted

while caring for patients at the nursing home where he was director of nursing. Since then, Lindsey has continued their work with the support of the extensive chosen family he and Champion had created.

As a registered nurse, Champion worked tirelessly to educate the community about HIV and on dealing with LGBTQ people in the aging and long-term care communities. He received the National Director of Nursing in Administration Award in 2009 and again in 2017.

Beginning in the late 1980s through the mid-1990s and beyond, Lindsey and Champion founded and led an organization called Glitz-n-Glitter that brought together a variety of performers who staged regular fundraising shows to benefit organizations and individuals in the community. Both competed in drag pageants as Linze Serrell and Sable Alexander, and both won several titles. Lindsey sings live and was a Voice of Pride semi-finalist. His drag titles includes Miss Charity America (twice) and 2005 Miss Gay Texas At Large. Champion was Miss Charity America Emeritus 2006 and Miss Gay Texas State at Large.



In 2008 Lindsey and Champion founded the Miss Gay Texas State Pageant System which, like the couple's other undertakings, focuses on fundraising for the community. Throughout their years in the community, the couple worked with community bars and other organizations to stage fundraising shows benefitting the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund, EduCare, North Texas Pride, the Miniature Schnauzer Rescue of North Texas and many more organizations.

Since his husband's death, Lindsey continues his work, living by his motto, "Raising one dollar at a time for any cause!"

James Love, aka Cassie Nova

James Love grew up in and around Dallas, performing in drag for the first time at a Presidents Day show benefitting the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance. He was president of DGLA's youth group, GLYA, in the early 1990s.



Love has worked in the Rose Room, the largest show bar in the South, as Cassie Nova, since 1993, and he became the Rose Room show director about seven years ago. He is the regular emcee of the Rose Room shows, hosts Cassie's Freak Show each Monday at JR.'s Bar & Grill and in 2020 hosted Dallas Voice's virtual Pride Party.

As Cassie Nova, Love has participated in numerous fundraising efforts over the years, and each December he hosts Cassie's Annual Freakmas Party at JR.'s, a drag show and raffle that raises money for the Secret Santa Program which purchases Christmas gifts for students in the Personalized Learning Preparatory program at Sam Houston Elementary Program.

Love is also a contributing columnist for Dallas Voice, offering help and humor in his Ask A Drag Queen column, published online and in print on the second and fourth Fridays of every month. He and his husband of 17 years, Jamie, live in Midlothian with their five dogs and a giant tortoise named Ruby.

Adam Medrano

Former Dallas City Councilman Adam Medrano was first elected to that office in June 2013. In his fourth and final term on the council, he was one of three openly-gay council members and Dallas mayor pro tem, after being chosen by his colleagues as deputy mayor pro tem in his second

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term. Medrano was chair of the city's LGBT Taskforce for more than seven years. Under his leadership, the taskforce supported full inclusion of spouses and partners of LGBTQ employees in city pension benefits for civilian and first responder employees, full inclusion of spouses, partners and dependents of LGBTQ employees in city healthcare benefits, and fully-inclusive city healthcare benefits per WPATH standards for trans employees and their spouses and dependents.



The taskforce organized a meeting between community leaders Dallas Police Department officials in 2016 to discuss updates regarding a then-ongoing spate of attacks in Oak Lawn and interfaced with Mobility Planning to explore safety implementations in Oak Lawn area that same year. The taskforce also established the Outlast Youth 501(c)(3), installed 10 rainbow crosswalks in Oak Lawn and Cedar Springs and championed a resolution to fly the custom-designed city of Dallas Pride Flag in each June since 2020.

Before being elected to the city council, Medrano served on the Dallas ISD Board of Trustees. First elected in 2006, he was elected first vice president of the school board in 2007, then was elected board president three separate times. He also worked as a supervisor with the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Medrano continues to volunteer with a variety of public service projects and organizations.

Kristi Wilson

Kristi Wilson is the national accounts man-

ager for Andrews Distributing and a long-time LGBTQ community advocate. She's worked for Andrews for 16 years, and, since the beginning of her career, has served as Andrews' primary representative for the company's partnership with the Dallas Tavern Guild.

Wilson regularly attends Dallas Tavern Guild meetings and said she appreciates the chance to support the LGBTQ community through building relationships and spreading awareness. Her goal as the voice of Andrews has always been to work hard to earn the trust and confidence of those in the LGBTQ community.

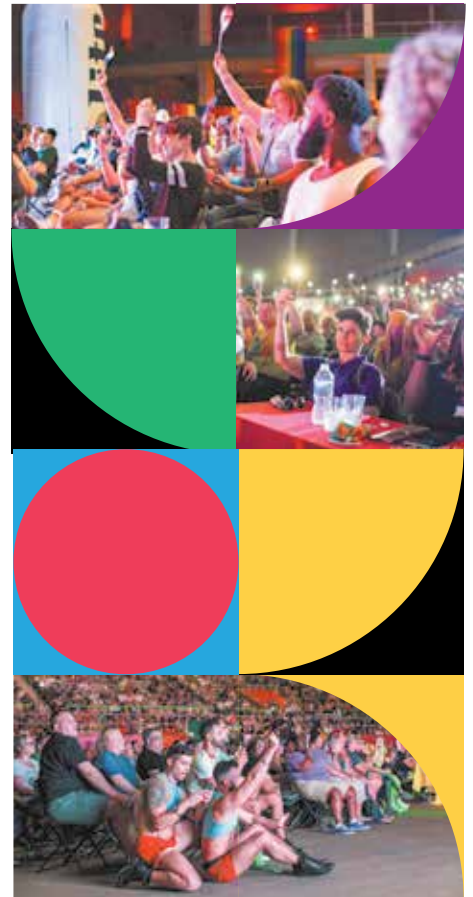
In addition to her work with Dallas Tavern Guild and supporting bars and organizations, Wilson has, for the last decade, also worked with Caven Enterprises' The Holiday Gift Project for Sam Houston Elementary.

Wilson and her husband Mike, an active LGBTQ advocate for the last 27 years, have been married for 17 years and have two children, Garrett and Brylee. When asked what the grand marshal nomination meant



to her, Wilson said, "It means so much to even be acknowledged as someone who has made an impact in this community; that is what I have wanted from the beginning. I hope to continue to work closely with the Dallas Tavern Guild and all the bars and organizations contributing to this community.

"Pride is not about one day or one event," she added. "It's supporting everyone all year. I'm blessed to even be nominated for such an honor."



PREVIOUS GRAND MARSHALS

1985 | Grand Marshals

Rita Mae Brown | Howie Daire

1986 | Grand Marshals

Jackie Baker | Don Baker

1987 | Grand Marshals

Karen Herndon | DPD Sgt. Earl Newsom

1986 | Grand Marshals

Lory Masters | Alan Ross

Hon. Grand Marshal

Mike Richards

1989 | Grand Marshals

Kathy Jack | Bill Nelson

1990 | Grand Marshals

Gloria Goodwin | Gary Swisher

1991 | Grand Marshals

Carolyn Dunbar and Sue Schrader (tie)

John D. Thomas

Special Grand Marshal

Patti Le Plae Safe

1992 | Grand Marshals

Jan Barton | City Councilman Chris Luna

Special Grand Marshal

Michael Lee

1993 | Grand Marshals

Deb Elder | Tom Davis

Special Grand Marshal

Sheri Powers

1994 | Grand Marshals

DPD Sgt. Lynne Albright | Tim Seelig

Hon. Grand Marshal

Bill Hargis

Special Grand Marshals

Karen Thompson | Sharon Kowalski

1995 | Grand Marshals

Cece Cox | Rex Ackerman

Special Grand Marshal

Denis Wier

1996 | Grand Marshals

The Rev. Michael Piazza | Feleshia Porter

Hon. Grand Marshals

Dennis Vercher | De'An Olson

1997 | Grand Marshals

Joe Elliott | Robert Moore

1998 | Grand Marshals

Jose Plata | Harryette Ehrhardt

Hon. Grand Marshals

Walt Whitman | Community School and Women's Communities Assn.

1999 | Grand Marshals

The Rev. Mona West | Steve Atkinson

2000 | Grand Marshals

Alan Gellman | Christy Kinsler

Special Grand Marshal

Miss Texas 2000 Tara Watson

2001 | Grand Marshals Unfilled;

Dedicated to the victims lost in the tragedy of Sept. 11.

2002 | Grand Marshals

Brady L. Allen, M.D. | Karen Estes

Hon. Grand Marshals

The Hon. Laura Miller, mayor of Dallas

2003 | Grand Marshals

None: All grand marshals, honorary grand marshals and special grand marshals from the previous years were honored.

2004 | Grand Marshals

Dee Pennington | Jim Gadiant

2005 | Grand Marshals

Don Maison | Louise Young

Hon. Grand Marshals

Mark Tewksbury | Frances Stevens

2006 | Grand Marshals

Leo Cusimano | Veletta Lill

Hon. Grand Marshals

Bruce Vilanch

2007 | Grand Marshals

Ed Oakley | Melissa Grove

2008 | Grand Marshals

Laura Miller | Mark Frazier

Hon. Grand Marshals

Jeff Key

2009 | Grand Marshals

Jesse Garcia | Lupe Valdez

Hon. Grand Marshals

Larry Kramer

2010 | Grand Marshals

Paul Lewis | Erin Moore

Hon. Grand Marshals

The Hon. Annise Parker, mayor of Houston

2011 | Grand Marshals

Chris Bengston | Gary Miller and

Alan Pierce

Hon. Grand Marshal

Joel Burns, Fort Worth city councilman

2012 | Grand Marshals

The Rev. Jo Hudson | Gene Voskuhl

2013 | Grand Marshals

Cece Cox | Robert Emery

2014 | Grand Marshals

The Rev. Carol West | Rafael McDonnell

2015 | Grand Marshals

Patti Fink | Evilu Pridgeon

2016 | Grand Marshals

Burke Burnett | Todd Maria

2017 | Grand Marshals

Omar Narvaez | Nicole O'Hara Munro

2018 | Grand Marshals

Neil Cazares-Thomas | Wayne Davis

2019 | Grand Marshals

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Mack Campbell (Marsha Dimes)

2020 | Grand Marshals

Adam Medrano

Bill Lindsey aka Linze Serrel

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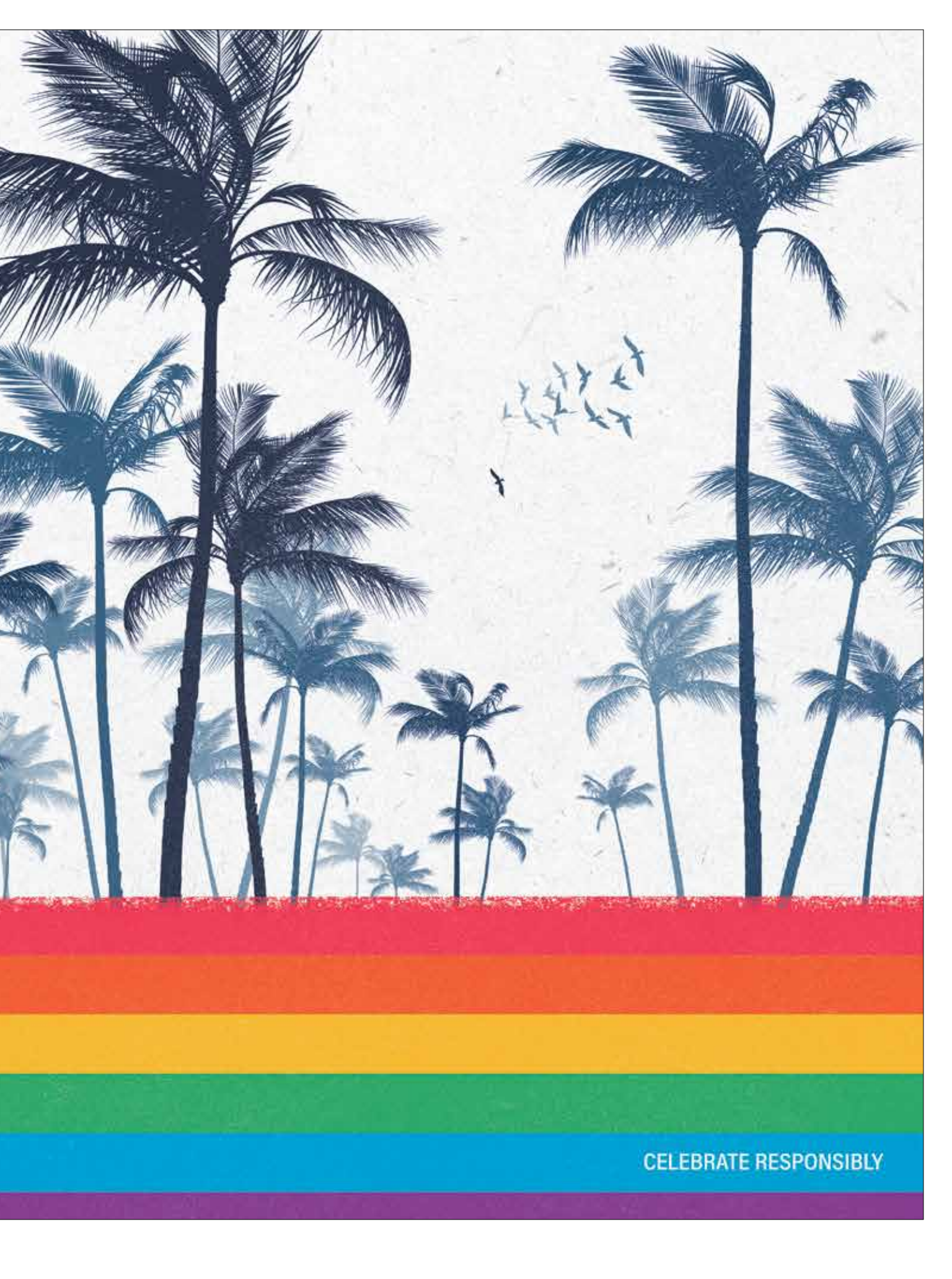
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JUNE

• June 2: PFLAG Fort Worth

Fort Worth Chapter of PFLAG meets the first Thursday each month by Zoom or and in person at 6:45 p.m. at Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth. PFLAGFortWorth.org.

• June 3: MetroBall

The Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund kicks off Dallas 2022 Pride Weekend with the 15th annual MetroBall, featuring headliner Tiffany, along with Martha Wash, Thea Austin and Chris Chism, along with a silent auction. The party begins at 7 p.m. at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. Tickets start at \$40.

• June 4: Dallas Pride's Miller Lite Music Festival

The Dallas Pride Miller Lite Music Festival takes place in the Centennial Building, the Automobile Building and the Esplanade at Fair Park. The festival begins at 11 a.m. Events in the Centennial Building and the vendors will be open until 7 p.m.; Family Pride Zone and Teen Pride, both in the Automobile Building, are open until 6 p.m., the festival events and concerts take place in the Esplanade until 9 p.m. Admission is free for children 12 and under, admission for teens ages 13-19 is \$5 and admission for those 20 and older is \$10. Visit DallasPride.org for details and to purchase tickets.

• June 4: Carrollton Pride

Carrollton Pride Celebration is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church, 1641 Hebron Parkway in Carrollton. Visit [Facebook.com/events/926718201339975](https://www.facebook.com/events/926718201339975) for more information.

• June 4: Jade Jolie

Jade Jolie from RuPaul's Drag Race and Boulet Brothers' Dragula performs at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• June 4-12: Newsies

Casa Manana, 3101 W. Lancaster Ave. in Fort Worth, presents its production of Disney's *Newsies*. Tickets are available at TicketMaster.com.

• June 4: The Women's Chorus of Dallas presents DIVAS

The Women's Chorus of Dallas presents its DIVAS Cabaret fundraiser, featuring popular music and a silent auction, at the

Sammons Center for the Arts, 3630 Harry Hines Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert, drinks and silent auction. Music starts at 8 p.m.

• June 4: Longview Pride

Live Out Loud Longview holds its Family Style Event in the park on June 4. For details visit [Facebook.com/LongviewPride](https://www.facebook.com/LongviewPride).

• June 4: ShrevePride

ShrevePride hosts Field Gay, a day of outdoor intramural sports competitions designed to foster community and teamwork, with check in at 9 a.m. and games beginning at 10 a.m. at Shreveport's A.C. Steere Park. Visit ShrevePride.com for more information.

• June 5: Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade

The 39th Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade steps off at 2 p.m. inside Fair Park. The parade will begin at the Coliseum, circle the Cotton Bowl and pass in front of the Hall of State before returning to the Coliseum. Admission is free. Parking in the State Fair parking lots is \$10. The DART Rail Green Line goes to Fair Park.

• June 7: The Golden Girls

Six episodes of *The Golden Girls*, including two with Blanche's gay brother, will screen at 7 p.m. at local AMC and Cinemark theaters.

• June 7: PrimeTimers

First Tuesday lunch and games at 11:30 a.m. at Flaming Buffet, 11722 Marsh Lane.

• June 7: Classic Chassis Car Club meeting

Enjoy the car out in the parking lots and then enjoy the food from 6-8 p.m. at Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave. ClassicChassis.com.

• June 8: Same-sex spouse grief group

Grief support group for people who have lost a same-sex spouse or partner meets on Zoom on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. For notifications, contact Richard DeKnock at tastefullyrichard@gmail.com.

• June 10: Silky N. Ganache

Silky N. Ganache from *RuPaul's Drag Race Season 11* and *Drag Race All Stars 6* performs at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• June 10 and 11: SPRING by Bruce Wood Dance

BWD's newest program will feature the world premiere of *When The Sky Fell Purple* by Chicago-based choreographer Stephanie Martinez, the mainstage premiere of Joy Bollinger's *Slip Zone Suite* and Bruce Wood's *The Rite of Spring*. Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St. BruceWoodDance.org.

• June 11: Longview Pride

Pride East Texas Longview holds its Pride Festival from 2-8 p.m. at Heritage Plaza in downtown Longview at the heart of Longview's Arts and Cultural District. This year's theme is Longview Pride Reboot 2022.

• June 11: Pride Night Lights Rave

Pride Night Lights Rave at 10 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• June 11: Bastrop Pride

Bastrop Pride holds its first Pride in the Park, a family-friendly event at Fisherman's Park, 1200 Willow St. in Bastrop, 3-7 p.m. Visit the Facebook event page for more information.

• Through June 12: Murillo: Picturing the Prodigal Son

Murillo's series of six paintings illustrating the parable of the prodigal son travels to the U.S. for the first time. Meadows Museum, 5900 Bishop Blvd.

• June 16: DSP Juneteenth

Dallas Southern Pride kicks off Juneteenth Weekend 2022 with DSP for Her/DSP for Him — Cypher from 8 p.m. to midnight at Amplified, 10261 Technology Blvd. E. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for details.

• June 17: Pride Block Party

Also known as Arts District Pride, the block party includes events at the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher and the Crow museums as well as participation by Resource Center, The Dallas Way, Human Rights Campaign, Visit Dallas and Uptown Players. From 6 p.m.-midnight.

• June 17: DSP's Juneteenth Weekend Reception

Dallas Southern Pride hosts its Juneteenth Weekend Welcome Reception from 7-10 p.m. at Thrive, 1015 Elm St. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for details.

• **June 18: Blue Moon Dance**

Women-only dance on the third Saturday of the month from 7 p.m.-midnight at DanceMakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820, Suite 140, Fort Worth. BYOB. \$10.

• **June 18: DIFFA's Picnic: Promenade in the Park**

DIFFA Dallas hosts its second annual Picnic: Promenade in the Park from 1-4 p.m. at Turtle Creek Park. Visit DIFFADallasw.org/picnic for details.

• **June 18: Pride Bar Crawl**

A guided tour of gay bars on The Strip with proceeds benefiting the Trevor Project. 5 p.m. BlackfriarPub, 2621 McKinney Ave. \$10-\$15. CrawlWith.us.

• **June 18: Juneteenth Unity Festival and Pool Party**

Dallas Southern Pride hosts its Juneteenth Unity Festival and Pool Party from 5-9 p.m. at the Samuell Grand Aquatic Center, 3201 Samuell Blvd. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for details.

• **June 18: Juneteenth Mega Party**

Dallas Southern Pride presents its Juneteenth Mega Party from 10 p.m.-

3 a.m. at Amplified, 10261 Technology Blvd. E. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for details.

• **June 18: Landon Cider**

Landon Cider, winner of Boulet Brothers' Dragula, performs at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• **June 18: TAG Pride in the Park**

Tyler Area Gays hosts its annual Pride in the Park celebration from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lindsey Park, 12557 Spur 364 in Tyler (on the soccer field side). Visit TylerAreaGays.com for more information and email info@TylerAreaGays.com for vendor and food truck applications.

• **June 18: Greatest Little Pride in Texas**

The Central Texas Pride Community Center hosts its second annual event, The Greatest Little Pride in Texas, from 6-10 p.m. at the Wild Meadows Arts Collective, 3034 FM 2313 in Kempner (outside of Killeen). There will be a drag show, DJ, vendors, a poetry performance, a mini-parade, musical performances, food trucks and more. Visit the Facebook event page for more information.

• **June 19: Black Royalty Emancipation Ball II**

Dallas Southern Pride presents Black Royalty: Emancipation Ball II, from 2 a.m.-6 a.m. at Crowne Plaza Downtown Dallas, 1015 Elm St. The event is hosted by Gulfcoast Fatha Shemar Garcon. For details and tickets visit DallasSouthernPride.com.

• **June 19: Kirk Myers Signature Brunch and Pool Party**

Noon-4 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Dallas, 1015 Elm St. Visit DallasSouthernPride.com for details.

• **June 21: Paws Cause**

Proceeds benefit spay/neuter clinics in Dallas from 6-9 p.m. at The Rustic, 3656 Howell St. PawsCauseDallas.com.

• **June 24: Priyanka**

Priyanka, winner of Canada's Drag Race, performs at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• **June 25: Trinity Pride Fest 2022**

Trinity Pride Fest celebrates Fort Worth's Queer Community from 3-10 p.m. at Magnolia Green, with free parking at 1201

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• **June 25: After Party**
OUT Ft. Worth Pride After Party begins at 9 p.m. at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• **June 25: Shreveport Q-Prom**
ShrevePride hosts Shreveport Q-Prom, a safe place to interact, entertain and have fun for northwest Louisiana's LGBTQ community. The event is being held at The Supper Club in Shreveport. Visit [ShrevePride.com](https://www.ShrevePride.com) for details and to purchase tickets.

• **June 25-26: AKC Meet the Breeds**
From Affenpinschers to Yorkshire Terriers, the American Kennel Club gives attendees the opportunity to meet and play with a variety of different dog breeds while learning about responsible pet ownership and how to find the best breeds for their lifestyle. Dallas Convention Center. \$30. [AKC.org](https://www.AKC.org).

• **June 25: Mexico City Pride**
Mexico City's GLBTQ+ Pride Parade returns after being cancelled the last two years. Participants should gather at the Angel of Independence on Paseo de la Reforma in La Zona Rosa beginning at 10 a.m. The parade steps off at noon to march to The Zócalo in the Mexico City Center. More than 1 million people are expected to attend.

• **June 26: Glamazon Prime Drag Brunch**
Glamazon Prime Drag Brunch begins at noon at Urban Cowboy Saloon, 2620 E. Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth.

• **June 26: Celebrating Pride with Christina Wells and Friends**
Sexy Sisters Productions presents Celebrating Pride with Christina Wells and Friends, featuring Houston's Christina Wells, Carmella Dubuque, Sienna Silver, Marcus David, Dahlia VonHexx, Linze Serell, Toni Faye Alexander and Wayne Smith in a show benefitting North Texas Pride Foundation and The Miss Gay Texas State Pageant System. Doors open at

2 p.m. Show starts at 3 p.m. at Six Springs Tavern, 147 N. Plano Road, Richardson. Cash donations at the door of any amount.

• **June 28: PrimeTimers**
Last Tuesday lunch at 11 a.m. at Hunky's, 3930 Cedar Springs Road.

• **June 29: Same-sex spouse grief group**
Grief support group for people who have lost a same-sex spouse or partner meets in person at 6:30 p.m. at Union Coffee, 3705 Cedar Springs Road.

JULY

• **July 14: 13th annual Bastille on Bishop**
Celebrate the French national holiday in Oak Cliff by wearing your fabulous beret and enjoying wine, music and foods. 5 p.m. [GoOakCliff.org/Bastille](https://www.GoOakCliff.org/Bastille).

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• **Aug. 6: Landmark Dinner**
Lambda Legal's annual fundraising dinner returns to Dallas for the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic,



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beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Statler, 1914 Commerce St. For information visit LambdaLegal.org/LandmarkDinner.

• **Aug. 20: Bloomin Ball**

Bloomin Ball: A Summer Celebration benefits AIN from 6:30-11:45 p.m. at Renaissance Dallas Hotel, 2222 N. Stemmons Freeway. AINDallas.org.

• **Aug. 27: Fashion Cited**

Annual fashion show featuring up and coming Dallas clothiers and designers benefits Legal Hospice of Texas at The Empire Room, 1225 N. Riverfront Blvd. from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

• **Aug. 29-Sept. 3: NAGAAA Gay Softball World Series**

Each year, NAGAAA partners with a host city for the Gay Softball World Series, the largest annual LGBT single-sport, week-long athletic competition in the world. Teams from the 46 member cities across North America compete to qualify and represent their city in one of five divisions. Competition takes place at Kiest Park, 2324 W. Kiest Blvd. (at Hampton Road).

SEPTEMBER

• **Sept. 1: PFLAG Fort Worth**

Fort Worth Chapter of PFLAG meets the first Thursday each month by Zoom or and in person at 6:45 p.m. at Celebration Community Church, 908 Pennsylvania Ave., Fort Worth. PFLAGFortWorth.org.

• **Sept. 5: Labor Day**

• **Sept. 8-25: Clue**

Based on the movie which was inspired by the board game, this farce meets-murder mystery begins at a remote mansion where six guests assemble for a dinner party with murder and blackmail on the menu. Wyly Theatre, DallasTheaterCenter.org.

• **Sept. 17: North Texas Pride**

GALA North Texas holds a Pride festival at the Plano Arts Center and Haggard Park from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

• **Sept. 17: Blue Moon Dance**

Women-only dance the third Saturday of the month from 7 p.m.-midnight at DanceMakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820 Suite 140, Fort Worth. BYOB. \$10.

• **Sept. 18: PositivTEA: A Legacy Brunch**

Project Grace fundraiser from noon-3 p.m. at Mack Ballroom, SMU, 3300 Dyer St.

• **Sept. 24: Black Tie Dinner**

Sheraton Dallas Hotel. BlackTie.org.

• **Sept. 24: Texas Latino Pride**

Reverchon Park. 3-9 p.m.

• **Sept. 25-27: Rosh Hashanah**

Holiday begins at sunset on Sunday through sunset on Tuesday.

• **Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Matteo Lane**

Queer comedian headlines the Addison Improv with five performances in three days. 4989 Beltline Road. MatteoLaneComedy.com.

• **Sept. 29-Oct. 2: Dallas Southern Pride**

• **Sept. 30-Oct. 2: Queer History South conference**

QHS brings together archivists, historians, librarians, educators, students and community members invested in preserving and researching Southern LGBTQ history to talk best practices, network, and have a great time celebrating the rich and diverse histories of LGBTQ people in the US South. [Dallas and Denton. InvisibleHistory.org/qhs](http://DallasandDenton.InvisibleHistory.org/qhs).

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OCTOBER

• **Oct. 1: Dallas Latino Pride**

Celebrate Pride in Reverchon Park.

• **Oct. 4-5: Yom Kippur**

Holiday begins and ends at sunset.

• **Oct. 8: LifeWalk**

• **Oct. 10: Indigenous Peoples Day**

• **Oct. 13-30: Trouble in Mind**

Follow an experienced Black stage actress through rehearsals of a major Broadway production in Alice Childress's funny, moving, and ultimately shattering look at racism, identity, and ego in the high-stakes world of New York theater. Kalita Humphreys Theater, 3636 Turtle Creek Blvd. DallasTheaterCenter.org.

• **Oct. 15: Blue Moon Dances**

Women only dances the third Saturday of the month from 7 p.m.-midnight at DanceMakers of Texas, 6125 SW 820 Suite 140, Fort Worth. BYOB. \$10.

• **Oct. 29: Quest: LGBTQ+ Music and Arts Festival**

ShrevePride hosts Quest: LGBTQ+ Music and Arts Festival at The Seventh Tap Brewery in Shreveport. Visit ShrevePride.com for details and tickets.

• **Oct. 31: Halloween**

NOVEMBER

• **Nov. 8: Election Day**

• **Nov. 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance**

• **Nov. 1: Classic Chassis Car Club meeting**

Enjoy the car out in the parking lots and then enjoy the food from 6-8 p.m. at Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave. ClassicChassis.com.

• **Nov. 1: PrimeTimers**

First Tuesday lunch and games at 11:30 a.m. at Flaming Buffet, 11722 Marsh Lane.

• **Nov. 3: PFLAG Fort Worth**

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DECEMBER

• **Dec. 1: World AIDS Day**

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• **March 16-19: TBRU 27**

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PRIDE HISTORY



1972: Three years after the Stonewall riots in New York City, between 250 and 300 men and women gather in downtown Dallas to show their Pride. As they marched, the watching crowd swelled to about 3,000 people, with some people stepping off the sidewalks to join the parade.

1980: The second Pride parade is held in Dallas.

1982: The newly-established Dallas Tavern Guild takes over planning for Dallas's Pride parade.

1983: The Tavern Guild moves the parade from the usual June date to the third Sunday in September, renaming it the Texas Freedom Parade to commemorate Judge Jerry L. Buchmeyer's ruling that first negated the Texas sodomy law.

1985: The Tavern Guild begins presenting awards to outstanding parade entries and begins naming parade grand marshals. The first grand marshals were Rita Mae Brown and Howie Daire.

1986: For the first time, the Tavern Guild dedicates the parade to DTG who had died of AIDS during the preceding 12 months.

1991: To honor Alan Ross, the tavern guild's longtime executive director who had been in charge of organizing the annual parade, the Tavern Guild renames the event the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. Ross died of AIDS in 1995.

1994: Dallas Police Chief Ben Click becomes the city's first top law enforcement official to speak at the rally following the parade.

2001: The parade takes place less than two weeks after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and organizers decide to leave the carriages empty that usually transported grand marshals, except for a sign reading, "Dedicated to the victims lost in the 9-11 tragedy."

2002: Laura Miller became the first sitting Dallas mayor to participate in the parade.



2003: The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas* striking down the Texas sodomy law.

2004: The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade celebrates the Massachusetts Supreme Court's ruling legalizing same-sex marriage.

2015: The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling making marriage equality the law of the land.

2018: Michael Doughman, who had taken over as Dallas Tavern Guild executive director and the primary organizer of Dallas' an-

nual Pride celebration after Alan Ross stepped down, retires from the position after the 35th annual parade in September and moves to Puerto Vallarta. Doughman passes away less than a year later.

2019: Dallas Pride, including the Festival in the Park and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, moves from Oak Lawn to Fair Park, and from September to the first weekend in June. The parade is also televised live, on CW33, for the first time in its history.

2020: For the first time since 1982, Dallas' Pride celebration is cancelled, falling victim — like most if not all other Pride celebrations that year — to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Dallas Pride committee streams a virtual Pride celebration in late July.

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PARADE HISTORY



2021: Amid a surge of new COVID-19 infections caused by the delta variant, the Pride festival and parade are once again cancelled, replaced this year by a two-night stage show in The Coliseum at Fair Park and hosted by Marsha Dimes.

2022: Pride returns in person! The Dallas Pride Miller Lite Music Festival is set for Saturday, June 4, and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade is Sunday, June 5, both at Fair Park. Stay tuned for 2023 when Dallas Pride will celebrate its 40th anniversary.

PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

In the early days of Dallas' Pride Parade, as last of the parade entries passed down The Strip on the way to, first, Turtle Creek Park and, later, Reverchon Park, spectators would spill out into the street, following along to gather at the park to listen to music, watch drag performers and find out which parade entries won what awards. Eventually, Pride organizers realized that those few hours between when the parade ended and when the sun went down weren't really enough time to truly enjoy all that the Festival in the Park had grown to be.

That's when they decided to move the festival to the Saturday before the parade on Sunday, create an all-day party and thus expand Pride in Dallas from just one afternoon to a whole weekend of rainbow-flavored fun.

This year, Dallas Pride returns to a full weekend of in-person celebration at Fair Park, with the Miller Lite Music Festival kicking off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, followed at 2 p.m. on Sunday, with the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

This year's theme, noted Dallas Pride Executive Director Jaron Turnbow, is Live Out Proud, and it has two meanings: "We should always Live Out Proud as an LGBTQ community, but we can now also Live Out Proud by coming together again after two years of mostly isolation from each other."

Turnbow said that theme, Live Out Proud, is exactly "what we're planning on doing. I email, text and chat on the phone every day with hundreds of people while we are planning Pride. I hear so much excitement in literally every communication about how ready and happy everyone is to be able to gather for an in-person Pride again, and that is extremely encouraging," he said. "We need the kind of togetherness that this one weekend brings every year for every age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and subculture — including our amazing allies. It's going to be the biggest year yet."

For Dallas Pride, 2019 was a year of huge changes. Turnbow had just stepped into Michael Doughman's enormous shoes as executive director, and Dallas' Pride had been switched not only from Oak Lawn





to Fair Park but also from September to the first week in June. And then, a year later, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of Pride in 2020 and a drastic re-imagining of it in 2021. So while COVID-19 seems to be on wane, Pride organizers have still been left scrambling, trying to put a whole year's worth of work into just a few months. Because of that, Turnbow said, rather than evolving and expanding plans this year, the Pride committee's top priority for 2021 has been just making sure the events happen.

"But," he added, "having to go virtual and figure out how to stream Pride in 2020 and 2021 brought us a slew of ideas for future years. We have certainly learned some new skills over the last couple of years, and we will be implementing those in 2023, once we have regained our footing."

Turnbow said organizers will absolutely "remain vigilant" in terms of COVID-19 awareness and prevention measures, because even though the pandemic seems to have subsided, and the rate of new infections has dropped in most areas, we have all seen how quickly that can change. "We will adjust course as needed" should that happen, he said.

Circumstances have slowed the rate of people registering to be vendors at the festival or to participate in the parade, Turnbow acknowledged. However, as more people have realized that Dallas Pride is just weeks away, he has seen an influx of applications for vendor booths and registrations for the parade.

We do already have a ton of new vendors that we've never had before. I hope to [reach 150 parade participants] like we had in 2019, and me being able to take vendors up until the festival, we just might surpass the 2019 numbers there," he said.

Even with the hectic last-minute scramble to get all the final details in place, Turnbow said he can't wait for Pride to get here. Especially considering all that has happened since the last time Dallas celebrated a full Pride weekend in person, he said, this celebration is sorely needed.

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PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

"I think people need to know how much this community is loved — how much we love each other and how much our allies love us," he said. "It brings tears to my eyes to hear from so many of our allies about how excited they are for us as a community to be able to celebrate in-person again and to be able to stand with us side by side. It truly is inspiring.

"It reminds me," Turnbow continued, "that the fire within our community and among our allies is spreading. People need to know that it's going to be a great year for Pride. Let's get out there and Live Out Proud!"

THE MILLER LITE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Turnbow and the Pride committee announced May 3 that North Texas native and drag performer extraordinaire Shangela will be headlining the Live Out Proud show at the Miller Lite Music Festival on Saturday.

Shangela, who is from Paris, Texas, and last fall received Black Tie Dinner's inaugural Vanguard Award, first came to national attention on *RuPaul's Drag Race* Season 2 then again on Season 3 and on *Drag Race All Stars* 3. She appeared in the award-winning 2018 movie *A Star is Born* with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper and later went on to star in two seasons of the inspirational and award-winning HBO series *We're Here* with Eureka O'Hara and Bob The Drag Queen.

This is Shangela's first appearance at Dallas Pride since becoming one of the best known drag performers in the world.

Local drag entertainers performing in the show will be Jada Pinkett Fox, the Sisters-in-Action, Sister Helen Holy and A'keria C. Davenport, another *Drag Race* alum. Also in the entertainment lineup at the festival are the cast of the *Rose Room*, Black Girl Magic, Kameron Ross from *America's Got Talent*, Kylee O'Hara *Fatale* and the finalists from *The Queer Off*, *The Roommates*, *The Saloon Girls*, *Mi Diva Loca*, *Double Trouble Does Pride* with Raquel Blake and Bleach, *The Etheridge Experience* and performers from *Uptown Players*. Also featured will be performances by *Averi Burk*, *Cameron Mc-*

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For LGBTQ teens having a space where they can not only feel safe in being who they are but can actually celebrate themselves and their communities is a rare and special thing. In North Texas, the nonprofit organization Real Live Connection provides that space, and that includes hosting Teen Pride each year as part of the Dallas Pride weekend celebration.

Of course, Real Live Connection's activities and support are there for LGBTQ teens year-round. The organization is, as its website notes, dedicated to providing positive development programs and events to LGBTQ youth through workshops and events within a safe space that encourages them to be who they are.

The full Dallas Pride weekend experience returns in force June 4-5 at Fair Park this year for the first time in three years, and Teen Pride organizers and participants are excited to offer a full day of top notch entertainment, vendors and more. This year's theme, "We're All In This Together," pays special tribute to the lives of youth lost to

COVID-19 and pledges support for trans youth in the face of continued efforts exclusionary efforts in schools.

Real Live Connection cofounders Amanda Robinson and Sherrell Cross are "beyond thrilled to be in person again for the first time since 2019," Cross said. "These past two years were hard for our youth; even though we did things virtually, it wasn't the same as being able to gather in person to hug and talk face to face with them.

"So many youth were in unsafe environments during the pandemic with no outlet or place to go. We are excited for them to know that we are here, and we are standing with them, especially now with the current actions that are being taken against LGBTQIA youth," Cross continued, "We love the community support, and we need it now more than ever."

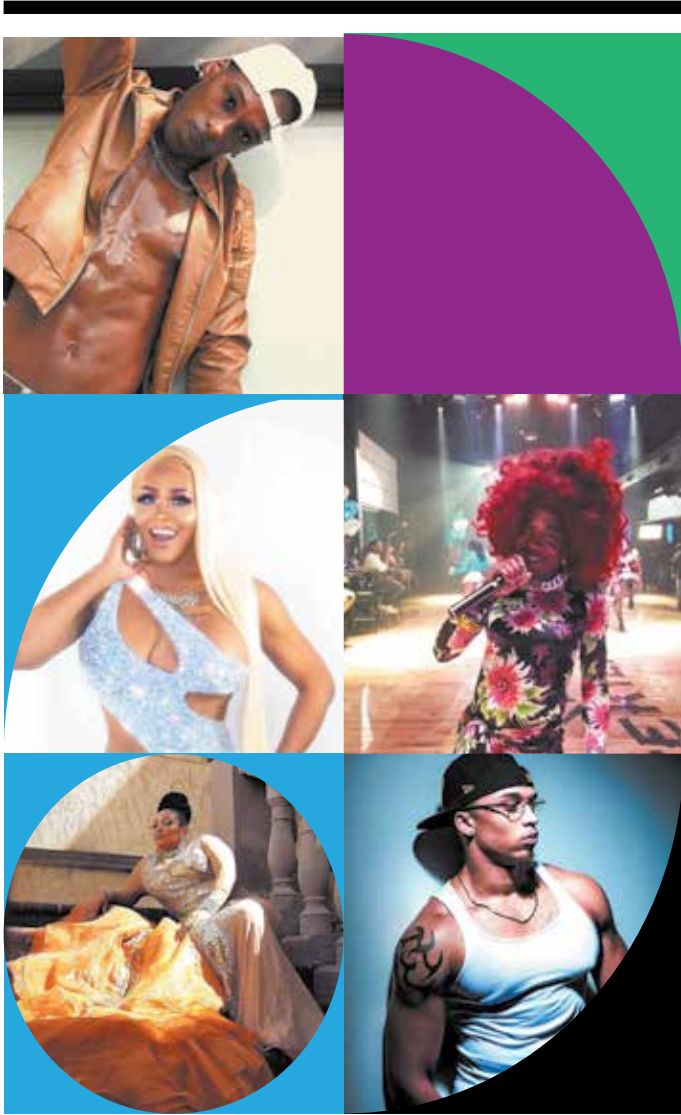
Teen Pride is a space at Dallas Pride exclusively for LGBTQ youth, and this year, as in the past, it will feature a live DJ, local performers, arts and crafts tables, vendors and

opportunities to connect with local organizations and businesses offerings resources for LGBTQ youth.

"As you know, Dallas Teen Pride is known for having a crazy line-up of entertainment," Cross said. And this year, that includes "famous *RuPaul's Drag Race* girls, amazing bands from all parts of Texas, youth poets, singers and two amazing DJs who will keep everyone dancing," she said. Teen Pride will also feature eight bounce houses, games, a mechanical bull, obstacle courses, photo stations and guest speakers. Some of the vendors participating include Great Wolf Lodge, Work/Shop and HOT 93.3 FM, Cross said.

On stage entertainment at Teen Pride will include some special surprise guests you don't want to miss, Cross said. And the list of entertainers that have been announced is already exciting enough to make everyone happy.

Entertainers include Barbie Davenport Dupree, Beyondshade Lee Starr, Kiana Lee,



Hakeem Davenport, Devin Bryant Banx, Ruby Scott, Glam Davenport, Ariel O'Hara, April Rition, Ivan Nolan and Suki O'Hara.

Admission to the Miller Lite Music Festival — with vendors and the Centennial Building events open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. — is free for children under 12, \$5 for those ages 13-19 and \$10 for those age 20 and older. There is no additional cost for admission to Teen Pride section, which will be in the Automobile Building, but admission is restricted to teens and to older individuals attending with a teen.

Teen Pride will be open from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information about Teen Pride, visit DallasPride.org. For more information about Real Live Connection, visit the website at RLC365.org, or follow the organization on Facebook @TeenPrideUSA365 and on Instagram @RealLiveConnection.



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FAMILY PRIDE ZONE



It's no secret that Pride celebrations are often geared toward adults. But it's also no secret there are plenty of LGBTQ families that include children as well as adults. Sometimes there are LGBTQ adults with children, and sometimes there are non-LGBTQ adults with LGBTQ children; either way, there are always children attending Pride. And Family Pride Zone makes sure

those kiddos have fun activities and entertainment created specifically for them.

First held in 2013, Family Pride Zone was created as a cooperative effort between Dallas Pride organizers and the Rainbow Roundup. It was the first such effort among Pride celebrations in Texas to include an area specifically for children.

This year, as Dallas Pride returns to Fair Park for two days of celebration, with the Miller Lite Music Festival on Saturday, June 4, and the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on Sunday, June 5, Family Pride Zone returns for the in-person party as well.

There will be games, entertainment, bounce houses, face painters, vendor

booths and much more on hand. Entertainment will include ventriloquist Dennis Lee with Nana Puddin' and the singing group The Micro Chicks. Magician Daryl Howard will be there, and the folks from Creature Teacher will also be on hand, giving the kiddos — and the grown-ups too — a chance to get up close and personal with some fascinating animals. Spiderman and other costumed characters are expected as well.

Dennis Lee and his puppets have been a perennial Family Pride Zone favorite, which is no surprise since Dennis has been entertaining people since he was 10 years old. He won the international ventriloquist competition in 1986, and since then has produced 56 DVDs. Dennis presents about 450 shows a year, reaching more than half a million children with a single, simple message: Everyone counts; everyone matters, and everyone can make a difference.

The Microchicks are another returning Family Pride Zone favorite. While they started out "modern tweens creating a new narrative on what a young girl group looks like," their website says, they have grown into young women from diverse backgrounds whose "number one priority is not just per-

forming but giving back to their audiences who have circumstances that don't allow them the same opportunities."

Daryl Howard has been studying magic since he was just a kid himself, and now he specializes in close-up magic, taking mentalism, sleight-of-hand, psychology and showmanship and blending them all together to create his own style of performing. There aren't any trap doors, mirrors or hidden devices in his show, either — just his bare hands and whatever props he is working with.

As for the Creature Teachers, well, anyone with a handful of animals can do animal programs. But these guys do it the right way. They have all the proper licenses and you can rest assured that their facilities have been thoroughly checked out by the USDA. In addition, all their teachers have college degrees and have teaching experience, so they know what they're doing. Their aim is to make sure you learn something and have fun at the same time.

Family Pride Zone, a designated safe space for families with children, will be inside the Automotive Building. It will be open from

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Security professionals will staff the balloon-festooned entrance to make sure no coolers and no alcohol are taken inside, and that those entering are properly dressed for a child-friendly area.

Admission to the Miller Lite Music Festival is free for children under 12, \$4 for those ages 13-19 and \$10 for those over 19. No additional admission free is required for Family Pride Zone.

Family Pride Zone entertainment schedule

- **Micro Chicks**
11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Dennis Lee**
1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Creature Teacher**
2:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Micro Chicks**
3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Creature teacher**
4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Dennis Lee**
5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.



PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ENTERTAINMENT



Cloud of Cure for Paranoia, Carley Bearden, Johnny Bee & The Leo Sun Project, Kaatii, Lorelei K and xBValentine.

American Sign Language interpreters will be present at each stage to perform live translations. The evening will conclude with a dazzling rainbow-themed fireworks display over Fair Park.

The Dallas Pride Miller Lite Music Festival begins at 11 a.m. and runs through 9 p.m. at Fair Park. Tickets are \$10 for adults age 20 and older, \$5 for teens ages 13-19 and free for children 12 and under is free.

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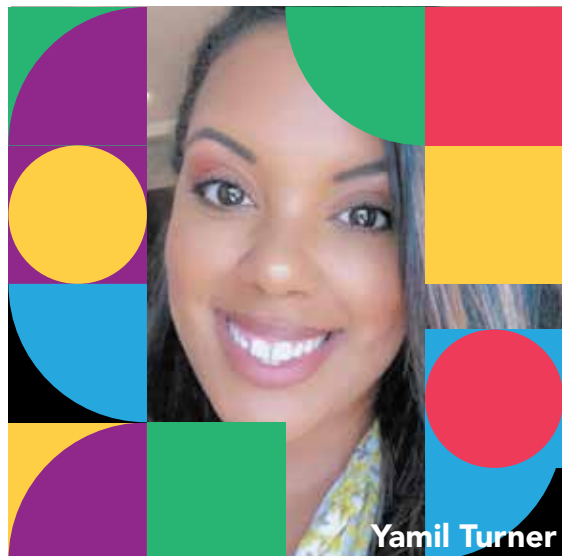
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