

A vibrant sunset scene over the Dallas skyline, with a rainbow flag held prominently in the foreground. The sky is filled with golden light and clouds, and the city buildings are silhouetted against the bright sun. In the foreground, a person is seen from behind, holding a large rainbow flag. Other people and smaller flags are visible in the background, creating a sense of a large community gathering.

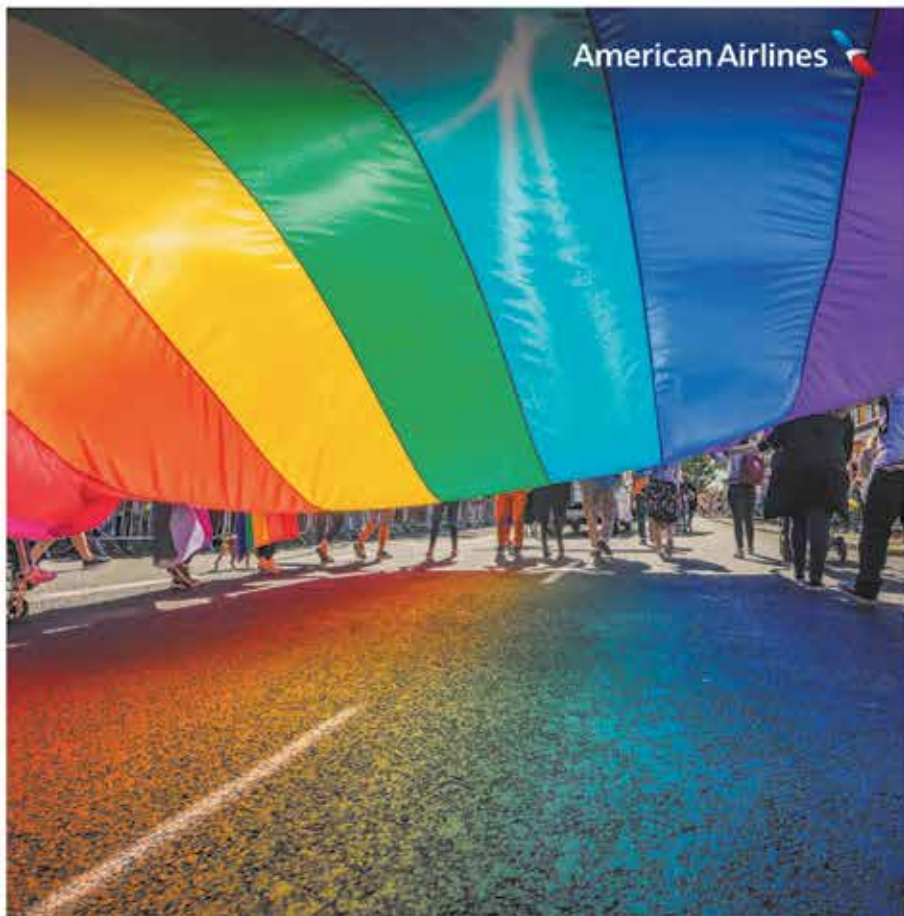
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

**Dear Dallas Pride
Community,**



It is with immense pleasure and honor that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you as the newly appointed Executive Director of Dallas Pride. As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the incredible moments and milestones that lie ahead.

Dallas Pride has long been a beacon of hope, resilience, and celebration for the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. It is a vibrant tapestry of diversity, unity, and unwavering strength. As we approach the monumental occasion of the 2024 Pride festivities, I am inspired by the rich history and profound impact of this

organization, and I am deeply committed to building upon its legacy.

This year's Pride theme, "Unity in the Community," encapsulates the spirit of empowerment, authenticity, and advocacy that defines our community working together. It is a reminder that we stand tall and proud, unyielding in our commitment to equality, acceptance, and love. Together, we will continue to amplify our voices, champion social justice, and create a more inclusive and equitable world for all.

The Dallas Pride Guide serves as a testament to the vibrancy and dynamism of our community. It is a platform for showcasing the incredible talent, creativity, and resilience of LGBTQ+ individuals and organizations and is inclusive of all ages and walks of life. As we come together to celebrate our identities and our stories, let us also recognize the importance of intersectionality and allyship in our fight for equality.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director, and I am eager to collaborate with each of you in the months and years ahead. Together, we will uplift and empower one another, celebrate our diversity, and continue to pave the way toward a brighter and more inclusive future.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and passion for Dallas Pride. I am incredibly excited to embark on this journey with you, and I look forward to the incredible memories and milestones that await us.

With Pride and Gratitude,
Sherrell Cross,
Executive Director, Dallas Pride



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends,



As President of Dallas Pride, I have the distinct honor to officially welcome you to Dallas Pride!

Whether this is your first year to celebrate Dallas Pride, or your 41st, your presence here is important. We are glad you are here.

The Dallas Pride Music Festival and Dallas Pride Parade give us a unique opportunity to welcome everyone into our mission. Each year, we throw open the gates to Fair Park and spend a weekend together to celebrate the unique contributions of all individuals who make Pride the beacon of hope that it is. Attendees, vendors, performers, committee members, sponsors, elected officials, community organizations and moms who give hugs – we see you and appreciate you. Thank you for being an important part of Dallas Pride.

In the pages of this Pride Guide, you'll find everything you need to know about the festivities, events, and happenings during Dallas Pride. From the colorful Parade to the exhilarating performances at the Music Festival, each moment is here for you to experience and enjoy. I challenge you to use these events as an opportunity to build connections with others who are also here to celebrate Pride. Because after all the confetti has been popped and all the glitter thrown, what we have is our Pride in ourselves and each other.

A non-profit organization, Dallas Pride lives by the generosity of others as we pursue a distinct mission to strengthen, support and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community. By prioritizing inclusiveness, Dallas Pride fosters a feeling of belonging for everyone from youth to seniors by creating events, initiatives and programs that foster connections between members of the community, its allies and its supporters. I invite you to join us in our mission year-round by volunteering with Dallas Pride. We welcome you and your spirit.

Like the pages of this guide, we are bound together. We share a common interest in celebrating what makes us unique, what makes us who we are as individuals. And together, our individuality powers something great: Dallas Pride.

Thank you for being here, and being a part of the Dallas Pride family. Here's to a Pride celebration filled with joy, love, and endless possibilities.

With Pride,
Frank Holland President,
Dallas Pride

DALLAS PRIDE DEDICATION



THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

THIS year, as transgender people continue to face relentless attacks from right-wing forces, in North Texas and across the country, the Dallas Pride Committee has chosen to dedicate the 2024 Dallas Pride Festival and Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade to the transgender people and women in our community, honoring their place in our history, in our current community and in our future.

While the roots of LGBTQ Pride certainly extend further back into history, it is the Stonewall Riots of June 28, 1969 that we look to as the birth of the modern LGBTQ rights movement. It is, in fact, believed that it was the drag queens and the trans folk who actually started the riots that early New York morning, igniting the movement that has led to overturning of sodomy laws, legal protections against discrimination in all areas of life — including the workplace — and, of course, legal recognition of same-sex marriage. Mention Stonewall, and most people think immediately of Marsha P. Johnson

and Sylvia Rivera — two trans women who frequented the Greenwich Village bar. Johnson has said that neither she nor Rivera were in the bar that night when the arrests started and the first brick was thrown, but they got there as soon as they heard what was happening. The two remained powerful voices in the fight for liberation until Johnson's death in 1992 — a death many believe was an anti-LGBTQ hate crime — and Rivera's death in 2002.

While over the years, Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera have become well-known names in our community there was another name that remains much less well-known — that of Stormé DeLarverie, the butch lesbian who was, if not transgender, at least what we today would call gender-queer. DeLarverie has said that they were the person seen struggling with the officers leading them in handcuffs to the waiting paddy wagon and who, when an officer hit them over the head with a police baton, called out to the angry bystanders, "Why don't you guys do something?" — a furious plea that helped ignite the waiting powderkeg.



Mural honoring Marsha P. Johnson and Silvia Rivera on Cedar Springs



Marsha P. Johnson



Stormé DeLarverie

While it's true that questions and controversies remain even now, 55 years later, there is no doubt that transgender women and men played a vital role in the Stonewall Riots. And there is no doubt they have continued to play vital roles in the growth and success of the LGBTQ rights movement through the years — even when the “mainstream” LGB movement was willing to leave them behind in the name of short-term gains, including allowing transgender protections to be left out of equal rights legislation and hate crimes legislation.

Today the transgender community continues to be a visible target for extremists — from the halls of Congress to the state legislatures to the streets. In Texas alone last year, some 141 anti-LGBTQ bills were introduced in the legislature. Among those that made their way into law were bills barring lifesaving gender-affirming health care for trans minors and bills barring transgender students from participating in school sports. According to TransLegislation.com, 25 anti-transgender laws have passed so far in 2024, and 22 have already been signed into law across nine states in areas related to bathrooms, education, incarceration, civil rights, healthcare, sports and more. Last year, according to the Human Rights Campaign, at least 32 transgender and gender-expansive individuals died violently. So far in 2024, that number is at least 10.

Dallas Pride is dedicated to ending the violence and the discrimination aimed at our transgender community, and dedicating this year's festival and parade to that community is just one step toward that goal. We call on all of our community and on our allies to step up and stand with transgender Texans and the transgender community worldwide.

Transgender advocacy and resource organizations

- Transgender Education Network of Texas: [TransTexas.org](https://www.TransTexas.org)
- Texas Trans Pride: [TXTransPride.org](https://www.TXTransPride.org)
- Transgender Pride — Dallas: [Facebook.com/TransgenderPrideOfDallas](https://www.Facebook.com/TransgenderPrideOfDallas)
- Black Transmen/Black Transwomen: [BlackTransMen.org](https://www.BlackTransMen.org), [BlackTransWomen.org](https://www.BlackTransWomen.org)
- DFW Trans Kids and Families: [DFWTKF.com](https://www.DFWTKF.com)
- Trans Kids & Families: [TransKidsAndFamiliesOfTexas.org](https://www.TransKidsAndFamiliesOfTexas.org)
- Trans Pride Initiative: [TPride.org](https://www.TPride.org)
- National Black Trans Advocacy Coalition: [BlackTrans.org](https://www.BlackTrans.org)
- Trans Lifeline: 877-565-8860

GRAND MARSHALS

BETTY NEAL

Betty Neal knows what it means to be a leader — from her high school days as a student athlete to her role today as a well-known and well-respected leader in the North Texas LGBTQ community. As a high school student in Fayetteville, Ark., Neal racked up a lot of “firsts.” Then, in 1979, she moved to Dallas.

Starting off as a DJ and door person for Sassy’s Bar, Neal became focused on using her position and her personality to open doors and break down barriers in an LGBTQ community that was too often segregated by race and even by gender. Speaking in February to Dallas Voice, Neal recalled that “back in the day,” DJs in the gay clubs weren’t supposed to play hip-hop music; she played it anyway.

There were clubs that made it difficult if not impossible for people of color and for women to get in; she went there anyway. When the AIDS crisis was at its height, and Neal saw her friends, growing ill and dying, she worked with Dallas County officials to bring HIV testing to club parking lots, finding ways to incentivize getting tested so more people would participate.

For Neal, “pride” has always been a cornerstone of her identity, whether that is pride in herself, pride in her family or pride in her community. So it stands to reason that volunteering with Pride organizations and for Pride events has been a large part of her life.

Neal was there in the early days of the Black Gay Pride celebration held each fall in Dallas, centered in part around the annual Prairie View A&M/Grambling University showdown at The Cotton Bowl. She was still there and still working when Dallas Southern Pride was formed and took over the main organizing duties



for the Black Pride celebration, and she was one of the early organizers of the Juneteenth celebrations, an annual event that has become one of the largest Pride month parties in the area.

She volunteered for years with the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and the Festival in the Park that were staged each September by the Dallas Tavern Guild. And in 2019, when that morphed into the Dallas Pride festival and parade and moved from September to June and from Oak Lawn to Fair Park, Neal was still there as a steadfast volunteer and Dallas Pride Committee member. And because she knows there is plenty of Pride to go around, Neal is also a board member and volunteer with Pride in Dallas, and she is the main organizer for Black Lesbian Pride, too.

As Neal told Dallas Voice earlier this year as she got ready to celebrate her birthday, “If there’s something you’re not allowed to do, figure out why and fight it.” And because she has been fighting for decades not just for herself, but for her community, we honor Betty Neal as Dallas Pride co-grand marshal for 2024.

STEVEN PACE

It was 1982 and Dallas County had just seen its first recorded AIDS patient. At the time, very little was known about the condition that was still called Gay-Related Immune Deficiency and how it was spread, and many people were scrambling to distance themselves from anything and anyone related to the disease. That too often included health professionals and clergy, who were turning their backs on people who needed them the most.

But not Steven Pace. While everybody else was running the other way, Pace stepped up to stand in the gap, making history as the first clergy member to offer solace and support to Dallas' first AIDS patient. His "physical interaction with people living with AIDS helped dispel the many myths about HIV transmission," as the Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins pointed out in a December 2023 resolution honoring Pace at his retirement.

Pace served for a while as interim pastor of The Metropolitan Community Church of Dallas — now known as Cathedral of Hope UCC — and he brought other local faith leaders together to join efforts in founding the AIDS Interfaith Network, now known as Access and Information Network, or more commonly, as AIN.

Through the years, Steven Pace has continued to be one of the leaders of the fight against HIV/AIDS in Texas and in efforts to provide those living with HIV the services and resources they needed to not only survive but to thrive. He was the first on-site house director for the PWA Coalition's residential facility (a program that has since morphed into AIDS Services of Dallas), and he worked with the late Dr. Ron Anderson, former CEO of Parkland Hospital to create a clinic there devoted exclusively to HIV/AIDS



healthcare services there.

Pace helped find and develop nursing home facilities for hospice care for those with HIV/AIDS; he was the first person to bring a Vietnam veteran with AIDS to the Dallas Veterans Administration Medical Center; he played a central role in founding what is now the Resource Center Food Pantry, and he was a case manager at AIDS Arms Inc., now known as Prism Health North Texas. And as a minister, he presided over more than 500 funerals and memorial services for those with HIV/AIDS, staying firm in his dedication to the community throughout it all.

Last December, when he retired from his position as CEO of AIN, Pace had spent more time — 40 years — as the head of an HIV/AIDS organization than anyone else in this country. Judge Jenkins and the Dallas County Commissioners Court honored Pace at his retirement for his "unwavering commitment to the Dallas community" during the course of the last four decades. And now Dallas Pride, too, honors Pace for his love of and dedication to the LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS communities across North Texas and beyond by naming him co-grand marshal of the 2024 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.

PREVIOUS GRAND MARSHALS

1985

Rita Mae Brown
Howie Daire

1986

Jackie Baker | Don Baker

1987

Karen Herndon
DPD Sgt. Earl Newsom

1988

Lory Masters | Alan Ross
Honorary Grand Marshal:
Mike Richards

1989

Kathy Jack | Bill Nelson

1990

Gloria Goodwin
Gary Swisher

1991

Carolyn Dunbar and
Sue Schrader (tie)
John D. Thomas

1992

Jan Barton
City Councilman
Chris Luna
Special Grand Marshal:
Michael Lee

1993

Deb Elder | Tom Davis
Special Grand Marshal:
Sheri Powers

1994

DPD Sgt. Lynne Albright
Tim Seeling
Honorary Grand Marshal:
Bill Hargis
Special Grand Marshals:
Karen Thompson
Sharon Kowalski

1995

Cece Cox | Rex Ackerman
(Heda Quote)
Special Grand Marshal:
Denis Weir

1996

The Rev. Michael Piazza
Feleshia Porter
Honorary Grand Marshals:
Dennis Vercher
De'An Olson

1997

Joe Elliott | Robert Moore

1998

José Plata
Harryette Ehrhardt
Honorary Grand Marshals: **Walt Whitman**
School Women's Communities Association

1999

The Rev. Mona West
Steve Atkinson

2000

Alan Gellman
Christy Kinsler
Special Grand Marshal:
Miss Texas 2000
Tara Watson

2001

Grand Marshals positions unfilled. Dedicated to the victims lost on the tragedy of Sept. 11

2002

Brady L. Allen, M.D.
Karen Estes
Honorary Grand Marshal:
The Hon. Laura Miller,
mayor of Dallas

2003

All grand marshals, honorary grand marshals and special grand marshals from previous years were honored

2004

Dee Pennington
Jim Gadiant

2005

Don Maison
Louise Young
Honorary Grand Marshals:
Mark Tewksbury
Frances Stevens

2006

Leo Cusimano
Veletta Lill
Honorary Grand Marshal:
Bruce Vilanch

2007

Ed Oakley
Melissa Grove

2008

Laura Miller | Mark Frazier
Honorary Grand Marshal:
Jeff Key

2009

Jesse Garcia
Lupe Valdez
Honorary Grand Marshal:
Larry Kramer

2010

Paul Lewis | Erin Moore
Honorary Grand Marshal:
The Hon. Annise Parker,
mayor of Houston

2011

Chris Bengston | Gary Miller and Alan Pierce

Honorary Grand Marshals:

Joel Burns, Fort Worth city councilman

2012

**The Rev. Jo Hudson
Gene Voskuhl**

2013

Cece Cox | Robert Emery

2014

**The Rev. Carol West
Rafael McDonnell**

2015

Patti Fink | Evilu Pridgeon

2016

**Burke Burnett
Todd Maria**

2017

**City Councilman
Omar Narvaez
Nicole O'Hara Munro**

2018

**The Rev. Neil Thomas
Wayne Davis**

2019

**Jeff Roose (Jenny P)
Mack Campbell
(Marsha Dimes)**

2020

**Adam Medrano
Bill Lindsey (Linze Serrell)**

**Danny Cabrera
(Liquor Mini)
David Hearn**

**James Love
(Cassie Nova)
Kristi Wilson
Michael Champion
(Sable Alexander)**

2021

**Events cancelled due to
COVID pandemic**

2022

Same as 2020

2023

**Liz Dyer
Ronnie Shue
Kylee O'Hara Fatale
Ashton Hammer**

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HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL

BILLY PORTER



Award-winning singer. Award-winning actor on stage and on screen. Fashion icon. Dedicated advocate for LGBTQ rights and for the HIV/AIDS community — Billy Porter is

all these things and so much more. And now, you can add Dallas Pride honorary grand marshal to the list.

“We are thrilled to welcome Billy Porter to Dallas Pride,” said Dallas Pride Executive Director Sherrell Cross in announcing that Porter had been chosen as the honorary grand marshal for the 2024 Dallas Pride Parade. “He symbolizes the spirit of unity, pride and resilience within the LGBTQ+ community, and will undoubtedly electrify audiences with his spirit and sparkle.”

That spirit and sparkle have been on proud display since Porter first hit the scene in 1997 with the debut of his first album, *Billy Porter*, and has gotten only brighter and stronger and more proud through the years. In the 27 years since that debut album, Billy Porter has won a Grammy, an Emmy, a Tony Award as an actor, a Tony Award as a producer and a special Tony Award for his activism and advocacy around HIV/AIDS. He has released four more albums — *At the Corner of Broadway and Soul*, *Billy's Back on Broadway*, *The Soul of Richard Rodgers* and, the most recent, *Black Mona Lisa* which came out last fall.

He has also released several singles that have made a splash on the charts,

including “Love Yourself,” “For What It's Worth,” “Finally Ready” and “Caught in the Middle” (for the HIV/AIDS benefit album *Red Hot + Free*). And that is not even counting his breathtaking renditions of other songs (like Earth, Wind & Fire's “Shining Star” in the 2021 remake of *Cinderella* in which he played Fab G, the Fairy Godmuva).

It was his Tony Award-winning turn as Lola in *Kinky Boots* on Broadway that, for some, was Porter's breakthrough to superstardom, although he has also performed on stage in *Miss Saigon*, *Angels in America* and *Grease* and won a Best Musical Tony as producer of *A Strange Loop*. But for many, it was Porter's often heart-wrenching portrayal of Pray Tell in the ground-breaking hit TV series *POSE*. When he won the Primetime Emmy Award for “Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series” for *Pose*, Porter made history as the first openly gay man to win that award. The next year, Time Magazine named him as one of the “100 Most Influential People” of that year.

In October 2021, Porter added “author” to his list of accomplishments with the publication of his memoir, *Unprotected*. Then in 2022, he checked another accomplishment off his list as film director with the trans love story *Anything's Possible*.

Billy Porter will be coming to Dallas to serve as honorary grand marshal of the Pride Parade here fresh off his appearance as headliner at Miami's Pride in April where he shared with NBC Miami's reporter his own philosophy, which can also serve as advice to LGBTQ people everywhere fighting for equality: “When the door swings open, I'm walking through it. Period. If I want something, and the door is locked, I'm gonna kick it down.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



> **Weekly: Frontrunners**
Running club for the LGBTQ community and allies of DFW. Meet at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the corner of Hall Street and Turtle Creek Boulevard in Turtle Creek Park for a one-hour walk/run on the Katy Trail.

> **Every Monday: The Royal House Monday Night Munch**
Bring your kinky self out for a night of kink convos, friends and fun, from 7-10 p.m. at No Frills Grill and Sports Bar, 4914 Little Road in Arlington, in the private room near entrance. Find more info at fetlife.com/groups/192449.

> **Every Wednesday: THRIVE**
Resource Center's THRIVE Wednesday Support Group for LGBTQ adults 50 and older meets from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Resource Center Community Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road, and is led by interns from the SMU counseling program. For more information on the support group and how to join, send an email to THRIVE@myresourcecenter.org.

> **Bi-Weekly: Hope Cottage Foster Parent Information Meeting**
Hope Cottage holds informational meetings for those interested in becoming foster parents. The meetings are held alternately on Saturdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays

at 6 p.m. For information email Clyde Hemminger at chemminger@hopecottage.org.

May

> **May 31: Dallas Pride Country Dance Competition**

Get ready to strut your stuff for a cash prize and more at the Round-Up, 3912 Cedar Springs Road from 6-9 p.m. Sign up in person at 6 p.m.

> **May 31: Dallas Pride Pre-Party**

Kick off Pride weekend with the Dallas Pride Pre-Party presented by Crystal Queer Riot at Thrive Nightclub, 1015 Elm St. 10 p.m. Visit the event page on Eventbrite.com for tickets and information.

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> **May 31: Sue Ellen's VIP Pride Launch Party**

Celebrate the launch of Pride month in style at Sue Ellen's, 3014 Throckmorton St., starting at 8 p.m. Visit the event page on Eventbrite.com for tickets and information.

> **May 31: He.She.They — Dallas Pride Edition**

Bleach and May May Graves present the Dallas Pride Edition of He.She.They, a polysexual dance party, featuring Rochelle Jordan. 9 p.m. at It'll Do Club, 4322 Elm St. For ages 21 and up; admission is \$10. Visit HeSheThey.me/faq for more information.

JUNE

> **June 1: Rhapsody 2024**

Turtle Creek Chorale's annual gala, featuring Cyndi Lauper, comes to the Omni Hotel, 555 S. Lamar St. at 6:30 p.m. Tickets and sponsorships are available at TurtleCreekChorale.com.

> **June 1: Dallas Pride Music Festival 2024**

Miller Lite presents the Dallas Pride Music Festival in Fair Park, 3809 Grand Ave. 11 a.m.- p.m. with a variety of musical and dance performances on the outdoor main stage and the indoor community stage, plus age-

appropriate entertainment at Teen Pride and Family Pride Zone in the Automobile Building. More than 200 vendors will be on hand as well as a variety of other activities, entertainment and information booths. Visit Pride.org for tickets and more information.

> **June 1: Carrollton Pride Festival**

Join the city of Carrollton as they celebrate Pride from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Horizon Unitarian Universalist Church, 1641 W. Hebron Parkway. For more information visit Horizonuu.org.

> **June 1: Dallas Eagle Pride**

Dallas Eagle, 525 S. Riverfront Blvd., celebrates Pride from 8 p.m.-2 a.m., with happy hour before 8 p.m. Special gift for the first 50 people. Features DJ Nina Flowers. Free parking but ride-share services encouraged. Admission is \$10 in advance at EventBrite.com; \$15 at the door. See the Facebook event page for more information.

> **June 1: Mega RAM Party**

Daddy Ersin presents the Mega RAM Party — Dallas Pride Main Party+Afterhours Edition at Crowne Plaza Dallas

Downtown, 1015 Elm St. 10 p.m.-6 a.m. Music by DJs Eliad Cohen, Tristan Jaxx and Vicky Juba. Tickets are \$25-\$50, available at RAM-Gear-Party.TicketLeap.com.

> **June 2: Dallas Pride Parade and Festival**

Corona presents the Dallas Pride Parade and Festival at Fair Park, 3809 Grand Ave., with the festival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and the Dallas Pride Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The parade will be more than a mile long and will feature more than 150 entries. Visit DallasPride.org for more information.

> **June 2: McKinney Pride**

McKinney celebrates Pride at Dr. Glenn Mitchell Memorial Park, 300 W. Louisiana St. in McKinney, from 12-5 p.m.

> **June 2: Dallas Pride After-Party**

Join Dallas Pride and Crystal Queer Riot at Thrive Nightclub, 1015 Elm St. at 6 p.m. for the ultimate Pride after-party. Visit the event page on Eventbrite.com for information and tickets.

> **June 2: Queen Kennedy Davenport** Hamburger Mary's Dallas, 4123 Cedar Springs Road,

Ste. 101, celebrates its one-year anniversary with a one-show-only special appearance by the Queen: Kennedy Davenport. 7 p.m. Reserve seats now on Yelp or by calling 214-377-7446.

> June 2: SPECTRUM Dallas Pride Tea Dance
Purple Foundation presents SPECTRUM the Dallas Pride Tea Dance on the patio at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 4 p.m. Get more information at PurpleFoundation.org.

> June 3: TAG Co-Ed Dinner
Tyler Area Gays hosts its monthly Co-Ed Dinner at Clear Springs, 6519 S. Broadway Ave. in Tyler. 6:30 p.m. Visit TylerAreaGays.com for information.

> June 3: Alexandre's MOM
Alexandre's Bar, 4026 Cedar Springs Road, hosts Monday Open Mic (MOM) featuring professional and amateur comedians. 9-11 p.m. Those interested in performing can sign up at Form.JotForm.com/222497530917058.

> June 4: Classic Chassis Car Club
Classic Chassis Car Club meets 6-8 p.m. at Ojeda's, 4617 Maple Ave.

> June 6: Queer Factor: Pride Edition

Stefan G hosts Queer Factor: Pride Edition at Dallas Comedy Club, 3036 Elm St. 9-11 p.m.; doors open at 8:45 p.m. Features Butt Gay Improv, Andra Ginny Jacobs, Lucia Hardaway, Kin Wadsworth and, from RuPaul's Drag Race season 2, Mystique Summers. Tickets are \$20, available at PreKindle.com.

> June 6 – July 6: 'Hundred Days'
Circle Theatre, 230 W. Fourth St., Fort Worth, presents Hundred Days. Showtimes and tickets are available at CircleTheatre.com.

> June 7: An Evening With Lee Asher
Lee Asher, star of the Animal Planet Series *My Pack Life*, performs at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at EisemannCenter.com.

> June 7: MetroBall 2024
MetroBall 17, featuring Crystal Waters and David Hernandez, and hosted by Paul J. Williams as Sister Helen Holy, at S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund. Visit GDMAF.org for details and

tickets. VIP packages and sponsorships available.

> June 7: 'The Boulet Brothers' Dragula: Season 5 Tour'
The Boulet Brothers' *Dragula: Season 5 Tour* comes to House of Blues Dallas, 2200 N. Lamar St. Features the reigning Drag Supermonster Niahuru X, Orgotic, Blackberri, Throb Zombie and special guests. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$61, available at Concerts.LiveNation.com. For special VIP seating cointact HOBHDallasVIP@LiveNation.com.

> June 7-9: Fan Expo Dallas
Fan Expo Dallas returns to the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, 650 S. Griffin St., with family-friendly attractions, celebrities and the ultimate playground for comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming enthusiasts. 4-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$35; three-day passes start at \$110. Get tickets and information at FanExpoDallas.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

> June 8: East Texas Rainbow Market

Join Tyler Area Gays the second Saturday of every month for the Rainbow Market from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bergfeld Park, 1501 S. Broadway Ave. in Tyler. For more information visit TylerAreaGays.com.

> June 8: Arlington Pride

Arlington Pride takes place from 6-11 p.m. at Levitt Pavillion, 100 W. Abram St. in Arlington. More information is available at ArlingtonPride.org.

> June 8: Lambda Legal Women's Brunch

Join Lambda Legal for their Women's Brunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Turtle Room, 3535 Turtle Creek Blvd. Event registration will open in April.

> June 8: Longview Pride 2024

Celebrate Longview Pride at the Maude Cobb Center, 100 Grand Blvd. in Longview, with entertainment, vendors, food trucks and more. 3-8 p.m. Visit the Facebook event page for details.

> June 8: 'The Monarchs Ball: An '80s Flashback'

Regent Emperor 49 Craig Summers and Regent Empress 49 Valerie

DeVasquez Wings of the United Court of the Lone Star Empire present The Monarchs Ball: An '80s Flashback at The Rose Room inside S4, 3911 Cedar Springs Road. 5:30-9 p.m. Benefits Elevate North Texas Youth Shelter. Find more information on the Facebook event page.

> June 8: Guerilla Queer Bar

Collin County Stonewall Democrats host its monthly takeover of a straight bar in Collin County. Check Facebook.com/groups/

> June 8: Mindi Abair and Greg Karukas

Bishop Arts Theatre Center, 215 S. Tyler St., hosts a night of jazz featuring Mindi Abair and Greg Karukas. 6:39-8:30 p.m. Visit BishopArtsTheatre.org for details.

> June 8-9: 'Pride In Bloom'

Dallas Arboretum, 8525 Garland Road, hosts their 3rd annual Pride in Bloom event. Visit DallasArboretum.org for tickets and information.

> June 9: Online Queer Book Club

Fern Connections hosts their online book club at 2 p.m. Reserve your spot at Eventbrite.com.

> June 12: Same-Sex Partner Grief Group

Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month on Zoom and in person. Contact Richard DeKnock for details at tastefullyrichard@gmail.com.

> June 13-17: Dallas Southern Pride

Dallas Southern Pride takes place at the Crowne Plaza Downtown, 1015 Elm St. For more information, visit DallasSouthernPride.com.

> June 13: Second Thursdays at the Carter: Cosmos & Curiosity

Visit the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. in Fort Worth, from 5-8 p.m. for this FREE event. Visit CarterMuseum.org for more information and to RSVP.

> June 14: 'Alanis Morissette — The Triple Moon Tour'

Alanis Morissette — The Triple Moon Tour, featuring Joan Jett and the Blackhearts and Morgan Wade at the Dos Equis Pavillion, 3839 S. Fitzhugh Ave. 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$37, available at Concerts.LiveNation.com.

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THE HISTORY OF DALLAS PRIDE

DALLAS Pride celebrates its 41st year the weekend of June 1-2 with the Dallas Pride Music Festival and the Dallas Pride Parade happening once again in Fair Park. But while the roots of Dallas Pride reach back some 55 years to the streets of New York City, outside the Stonewall Inn bar, Dallas Pride makes some significant history this year, as the celebration happens for the first time under the leadership of a woman and for the first time under the leadership of a person of color: Dallas Pride Executive Director Sherrell Cross.

Cross was named executive director of Dallas Pride in September 2023 after several years working with the committee as an organizer with Teen Pride/Real Live Connection. She told Dallas Voice then that she has “always sought to align my professional aspirations with my passion for advocacy ... Over the past 40 years, Dallas Pride has been a beacon of hope, resilience and unity. The impact this event has on the community is immense. I wanted to be a part of this legacy and further its mission.”

But as Cross and her team lead Dallas Pride into the future, let’s take a moment to look back at the past and remember the history of Pride.

The history of Pride

The Stonewall Riots that started June 28 at The Stonewall Inn in New York’s Greenwich Village are widely considered the birth of the modern LGBTQ rights movement, but there had certainly been uprisings and protests long before that night. The History Channel website, for example, lists “7 LGBTQ Uprisings Before Stonewall” ([History.com/news/lgbtq-uprisings-before-stonewall-riots](https://www.history.com/news/lgbtq-uprisings-before-stonewall-riots)). There was the Cooper Do-Nuts Riot in Los Angeles in May 1958; the Black Nite Brawl at a Milwaukee gay bar in August 1961; the Dewey’s Restaurant Sit-in in April 1965 in Philadelphia; the Julius Tavern Sip-In in New York in the spring of 1966; the Compton’s Cafeteria Riot in San Francisco’s Tenderloin district in 1966; The Black Cat Tavern Protests on New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day 1966-67 in Los Angeles; and The Patch Bar “Flower Power” Protest in 1968 in Los Angeles.

But it was the Stonewall Riots in 1969, when LGBTQ folks took to the streets for four nights of protest and rioting after police once again raided the gay bar, that fed fuel to that already flickering ember and fanned it into a blaze that continues to burn.



Beginning with that night in NYC, the movement spread, and by June 1972, it had reached Dallas. That month, to commemorate the riots, about 50 people gathered in downtown Dallas, marching through the streets to declare that they were, indeed, LGBTQ and proud.

While the event started with just that relatively small number, someone who attended said the number of marchers grew steadily as Dallas' first Pride "parade" wound its way through downtown. Many LGBTQ folks had turned out to line the streets and see what would happen to the marchers, he said. And many of them, seeing that no one was being attacked or arrested, and feeling their own pride and courage growing, decided to step out of the shadows of the sidewalk and join the marchers in the bright light of Pride-filled streets.

A year later, Dallas' LGBTQ community staged its second march through the streets of downtown. But it was the last such march for seven years — until June 1980, when the third Dallas Pride parade hit the streets of the Oak Lawn gayborhood.

Then came Aug. 17, 1982. That was the day that Dallas District Judge Jerry Buch-

meyer issued his ruling in a case called *Baker v. Wade*, in which Dallas gay man Don Baker had challenged the state's archaic sodomy law, Section 21.06 of the Texas Penal Code, which had outlawed private consensual sexual conduct between consenting adults. Buchmeyer's 53-page ruling striking down 21.06 set of jubilant celebrations around the state, and in Dallas, activists began planning an even bigger celebration — a huge rally in what is now Turtle Creek Park. The following year, in September 1983, the community again gathered in the park situated in the heart of the gayborhood to celebrate LGBTQ civil rights.

By September 1984, the Dallas Tavern Guild had stepped up and decided to plan and produce a Pride parade in Dallas, with then-DTG Executive Director Alan Ross in charge. They called it the Texas Freedom Parade, and they scheduled it for the third Sunday in September as a continuing celebration of Judge Buchmeyer's ruling on 21.06. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned Buchmeyer's ruling in August of 1985. But Dallas's Pride celebration would not be deterred, with organizers in 1985 expanding the parade to include trophies

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for winning entries in various categories and naming two official grand marshals, lesbian author Rita Mae Brown and local activist Howie Daire.

In 1986, as the AIDS epidemic began to impact the local community even more drastically, the Tavern Guild dedicated the event to DTG members who had died in the previous 12 months. By 1991, longtime Tavern Guild executive director and parade organizer Alan Ross had been diagnosed with AIDS, and, as his health began to fail, Tavern Guild members renamed the parade in his honor: The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. In February 1992 Judge Lawrence Fuller issued a decision in Mica England's lawsuit challenging Dallas Police Department's discriminatory hiring policies that were based on the Texas Sodomy Law. Fuller declared the sodomy law unconstitutional — a ruling that was eventually upheld by the Texas Court of Appeals and that remains in effect today. That led DPD to ditch its anti-LGBTQ hiring practices and in September 1993, Dallas Pride parade celebrated England's court victory. The next year, in September 1994, new DPD Chief Ben Click made Texas Freedom Parade history as the first Dallas chief of police to ride in the parade.

Alan Ross died in 1995, and was succeeded in those jobs by Alan Gellman, longtime publisher of *This Week in Texas*, aka TWiT. And throughout the 1990s, the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade continued to grow, averaging more than 100 entries each year and drawing thousands to the gayborhood to line the parade route. Then came September 2001 and the terrorist attacks of 9-11. Alan Gellman had died earlier in the year, and his partner, Steve Miles had stepped into the parade organizer position. That year's parade, happening just days after the attacks, was a pared down and somber affair, with American flags joining the usual rainbow flags. The horse-drawn carriages that usually carried the grand marshals were left empty as they made their way down the parade route as a way to remember, honor and respect those lost on 9-11.

In 2002, Laura Miller became the first sitting mayor of Dallas to ride in the Pride parade. Then in 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court at long last finally laid the Texas sodomy law to rest with its June ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas*, giving the community great cause for celebration at that year's parade.

In 2004, the parade celebrated an histor-



ic victory as the state of Massachusetts had just legally recognized same-sex marriage. Then came June 2015 and SCOTUS' landmark ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that established marriage equality as the law of the land. And once again the community celebrated an historic win with its annual Pride parade. Miles had stepped down in 2002, and Michael Doughman took over as part-time executive director for the Tavern Guild and parade organizer. In 2004, his role became full time, and the parade continued to grow.

Because of changes in city regulations, the Tavern Guild was forced to begin fencing Lee Park for the festival after the parade, charging a minimal admission to pay for increasing costs. That led the Tavern Guild to move the festival from Lee Park down Turtle Creek Boulevard to Reverchon Park, where the required fencing could be more easily erected. Organizers also decided to move the Festival in the Park, traditionally held at the end of the parade, to the day before the parade.

By 2018, had Doughman announced that the 2018 parade would be his last. The Tavern Guild hired Jaron Turnbow to replace Doughman, bringing Turnbow on

early so that he could spend the next few months learning the ropes as Doughman organized his final parade. By the end of 2018, Doughman had fulfilled his retirement dreams by moving to Puerto Vallarta. But he had been battling diabetes for some time and, sadly, died at his home in Puerto Vallarta on June 9, 2019.

That year marked other important "lasts;" it was the last time that the Dallas Tavern Guild was in charge as the organization handed the reins over to the Dallas Pride Committee. And it was the last time the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and the Music Festival took place in Oak Lawn. In an effort to offset the rising costs and allow the parade to grow even more, the Music Festival and Parade in 2019 moved to the first weekend in June and was held inside Fair Park.

That 2019 Pride weekend turned out to be a success, and organizers were looking forward to building on that success to make 2020s Pride weekend even larger and more exciting. But the COVID pandemic hit hard, forcing organizers to cancel all in-person events, replacing them instead with an online celebration that happened in July. In June 2021, last-

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ing COVID restrictions and a resurgent wave of the virus prompted organizers to trade the music festival and parade for a two-night stage show inside the coliseum at Fair Park.

June 2022 saw the return of the traditional Saturday Music Festival and Sunday Freedom Parade, and the community flocked en masse to Fair Park, anxious to gather in person once again and celebrate LGBTQ Pride in full force. The 2023 Pride weekend showed continued growth as the community turned out in support, determined to stand firm and proud in the face of ongoing efforts by right-wing extremists to attack the most

vulnerable members of our community — our transgender family, especially trans youth — and some of the most visible members of our community — our drag entertainers.

This year, Dallas Pride organizers honor the past and pledge support for the future by dedicating 2024 Dallas Pride to the transgender community as the celebration returns once again to Fair Park, with a festival that has been expanded to two days and a Sunday parade bringing in more than 100 entries and thousands of celebrants — continuing a tradition of pride, protest and celebration that began decades ago.



COUNTRY DANCE COMPETITION

ARE you looking for a way to make a big impression on Pride this year? Maybe you could two-step your way into the Pride history books by winning the first-ever Dallas Pride Country Dance Competition.

The dance competition, new this year to the Dallas Pride lineup of events, is sponsored by The Round-Up Saloon, 3912 Cedar Springs Road, and it kicks off Pride weekend from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 31, at The Round-Up.

There are two dance categories in which you can make your mark: Line Dance and Partner Freestyle.

First-place winners will receive a Dallas Pride belt buckle, a cash prize and tickets to the Dallas Pride Music Festival happening Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, at Fair Park. As icing on the two-stepping cake, the first place winners will also get to ride in style in the Dallas Pride Parade happening at 2 p.m. Sunday, also in Fair Park.

Runners-up have a chance at cash prizes and festival tickets, too.

So polish up your boots and get ready to show off your best dance moves, and head on down to the Round-Up Saloon to sign up in person on Friday, May 31, starting at 6 p.m.



PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Dallas Pride Music Festival, presented by Miller Lite, offers a full day of entertainment on Saturday, June 1, the first day of Dallas Pride Weekend 2024, with a stellar line-up planned for both the outdoor main stage and the indoor community stage. There will also be more than 200 vendors at the festival, offering shopping opportunities for everyone, along with informational booths from community organizations.

The festival begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and runs through til 9 p.m.

Tickets at will be \$10 for those 13 and over in advance at FairParkDallas.com and at the gate, and \$8 for seniors 65 and over at the gate only. Admission is free for those 12 and under. (Remember: Tickets purchased in advance only are \$10 plus fees.)



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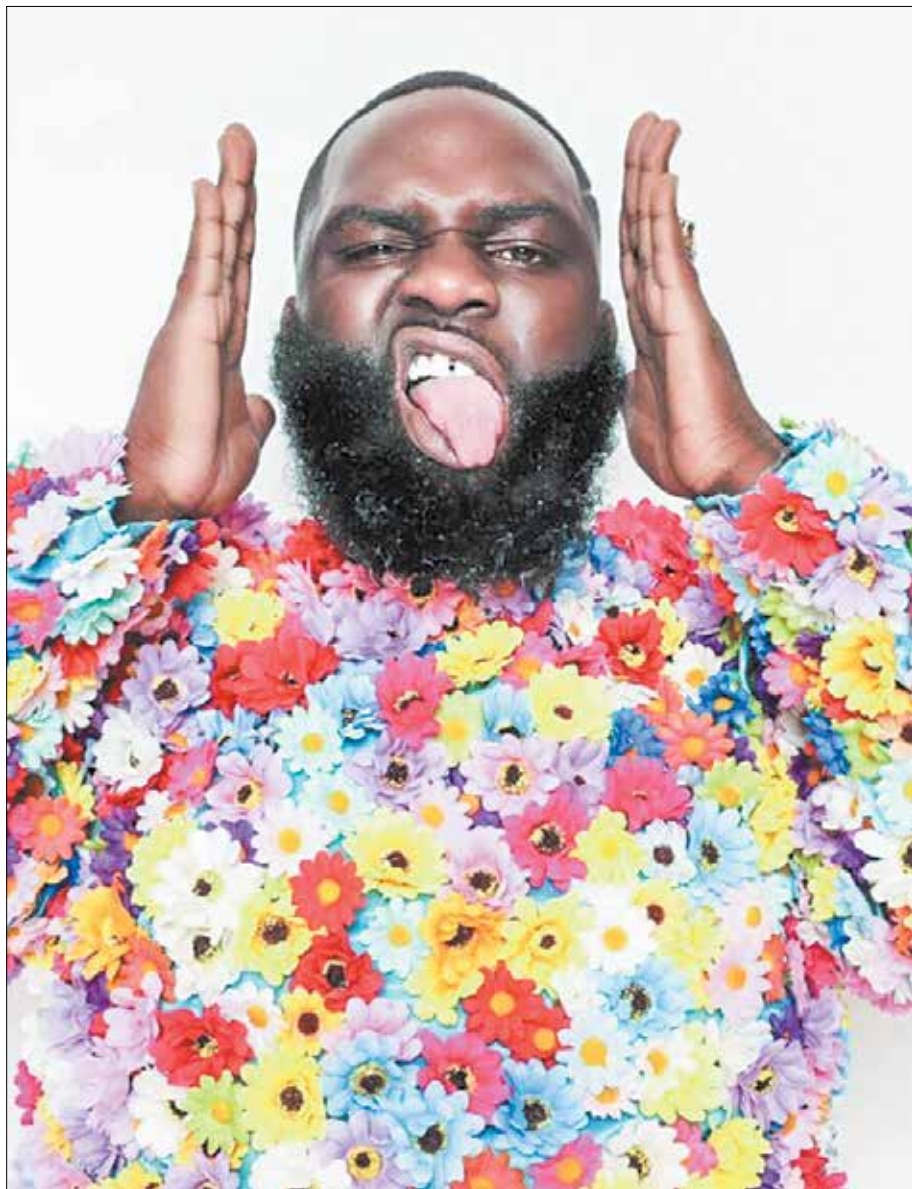
CECE PENISTON tops this year's list of festival headliners, which also includes Ha Sizzle, Loren Allred and Jordy. Also in the lineup are *RuPaul's Drag Race* alumni Aquaria and Morphine, local recording artist Lardi B and DJ Sedrick.

CeCe Peniston, born in Dayton, Ohio, and raised in Phoenix, started singing in church and performing in musicals in sixth grade, adding karaoke contests and talent shows as she moved through high school. While studying liberal arts at Phoenix College, she won the Miss Black Arizona title in 1989, but she also started writing pop lyrics, too. In fact, she wrote the lyrics to her biggest hit during chemistry class. Her big break came in 1991 when she was asked to sing backup vocals on the rap album *Female Preacher*.

Peniston ruled in the dance floor in the early 1990s, with five number one hits on the U.S. Billboard Hot Dance Music/Club Play list, and her signature song "Finally" — the one she wrote in chemistry class and released in the fall of 1991 when she was just 21 — reached the No. 5 spot on the Hot 100 and No. 2 on the U.K. Top 75. She released the album *Finally* in January of 1992, and the album also hit the Hot 100. She went on to release two more albums — *Thought Ya Knew* in 1994 and *I'm Movin On* in 1996 and also sang on *Good News in Hard Times* with Sisters of Glory in 1995, *Desert Funk Soundtrack* with VA in 1998, *Color of My Soul* with Full Flava in 2003 and *Music is Our Way of Life* with Full Flava in 2007.

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PRIDE FESTIVAL AND ENTERTAINMENT



HA SIZZLE grew up on bounce music in the streets of New Orleans, and started his career in 2002 when he worked with legendary DJ Black n Mild for his first hit, “She Rode Dat D**k Like Soulja.”

“Bounce It Biggity Bounce It” followed in 2003, followed in 2005 by “Buckle Your Knees.” Ha Sizzle played his first nationwide show at VooDoo Fest 2012.

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Loren Allred

When the Hugh Jackman blockbuster *The Greatest Showman* took the country by storm, two songs from the film were at the top of everyone's favorites list: "This Is Me" by Keala Settle, who played the bearded woman in the film, and "Never Enough." In the movie, the character of Jenny Lind, played by Rebecca Ferguson, performed "Never Enough." But what a lot of people didn't realize that is that Rebecca Ferguson was not actually singing; she was lip-synching the words to the song as performed by a young woman named **LOREN ALLRED**.

It wasn't until April 2022 when Allred appeared on *Britain's Got Talent*, singing the song and getting the "golden buzzer" and making it all the way to the semi-finals of the competition. Allred also made her television debut as a songwriter when she performed her new single, "Last Thing I'll Ever Need." But Allred was singing long before *Never Enough* and *BGT*; she dueted with Michael Bublé on his 2019 album *Love*, and performed with David Foster as part of *An Intimate Evening PBS Concert Special* and album, also in 2019. She released original music from her EP *Late Bloomer* in 2021 and 2022, including singled "Til I Found You" and "This



Jordy

Summer." She toured her new music and appeared with Andrea Bocelli and David Foster in 2022, and last year, on April 6, 2023, released her new EP *I Hear Your Voice*.

JORDY made his big breakthrough in 2018 with his independent single "Just Friends," racking up more than 18 million streams — and still going. Then came "Close To You," which maintained his momentum by generating another 13 million-plus streams. His full-length debut, *Mind Games*, dropped in 2021, with the single "Long Distance" lighting up TikTok and paving the way for his national television debut with a show-stopping performance on *The TODAY Show* and a nomination at the iHeartRadio Music Awards in the "Social Star" category.

Jordy has sold out shows across the country, including one at L.A.'s famed Troubadour, and has appeared in numerous festivals, including Lollapalooza, BottleRock, Washashore and Corona Capital. And with more than 100 million streams of his music online, Jordy just released a new album, *BOY*, featuring the lead single, "Story of a Boy."

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FAMILY PRIDE ZONE



LGBTQ families have always existed in many different forms, of course. But over the last few decades, families headed by LGBTQ parents and those headed by hetero parents who want to stand up for and celebrate their LGBTQ children have become more and more visible. And as a result, the Family Pride Zone at the annual Dallas Pride festivities has grown and become more popular, too!

“What we create here is a safe place for LGBTQ parents to enjoy Pride with their kids in a comfortable, safe environment,” explained Leo Cusimano, one of the three event directors. That they have accomplished their goal is evident each year as children squeal with delight as they bounce in the inflatable houses, their beaming faces painted with intricate designs from the face painting booth, as parents watch with pride, knowing their children are safe and free to express themselves in an inclusive space.

Kimberly Kantor and Ashley Regalado are the other two Family Pride Zone directors. They represent Rainbow Roundup, an LGBTQ non-profit organization that provides social activities and education for LGBTQ families and connects

resources to individuals and families. This year, Family Pride Zone is expanding along with the Pride Festival to span two days: Saturday, June 1, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (when the Pride Parade starts).

The whole idea of Family Pride Zone is to provide a safe space with age-appropriate entertainers and activities for the youngsters (and their parents, of course). To help reach that goal, Family Pride Zone is being held in the Automobile Building at Fair Park, set apart from the more adult-oriented activities. And, of course, there is a line-up of family-friendly performers, activities and vendors sure to keep everyone in the family entertained.

Entertainment on the Family Pride Zone Stage starts at noon with The Micro Chicks, followed at 1 p.m. by Wildlife on the Move and a Magic Show at 2 p.m. The Micro Chicks are back at 3 p.m. for another performance, more Wildlife on the Move at 4 p.m., and another Magic Show winding up the day at 5 p.m.

But Family Pride Zone offers much more than the entertainment on the stage. The SPCA will be there offering opportuni-



ties to adopt new furry family members, Pickle Ball with Chicken and Pickle, a petting zoo from Cathy's Critters, Librarian KayCee Choi from the Dallas Public Library with books and reading, and DJ Bri keeping the space filled with music.

You want more? They've got more — including Lorenzo Party Balloons, bounce houses, The Pride Train from Clown Around Party Rentals, Fun Time Entertainment offering face painting and temporary tattoos, the tech truck and a booth by The Perot Museum, and books from authors Lerone Landis, A.J. Chilson and Danii Oliver.



TEEN PRIDE



DRAG icon Kennedy Davenport headlines a stunning lineup of entertainment planned for Teen Pride, all happening Saturday, June 1, as part of the week-end-long Dallas Pride celebration in Fair Park.

The theme for this year's Teen Pride party is "Revolution," and Teen Pride/Real Live Connection Founder Amanda Robinson said the theme is fitting. "Teen Pride 2024 embraces the spirit of revolution, uniting youth in the fight for equality and visibility," she said. "Together, we're paving the way for a future where every young person can thrive authentically."

Teen Pride's main stage will stay busy throughout the day, with entertainment starting at 11 a.m. and going all the way through to 7 p.m. Performers in addition to headliner Kennedy Davenport include Leché Diamonté, Devin Banks Davenport, Aundra Mikyles, Daniel Dean Scott Skyy, Barbie Davenport Dupree, Bronz Dior Davenport, Glam Davenport, Kiana Lee, Loretta Armani Mack, Ruby Scott, Sapphire Davenport, Zimora Evans and I.V. Marks Skyy.

Also from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on June 1, Teen

Pride presents the Kiki Ball, with competition in four categories competing on 1 runway. Xa'Pariis Nike Ebony and JRock Ebony are hosts for the Ball, with Bleu 007, Kai GZ, Kam Von Dutch, Lunari Old Navy, Prince Narco Juicy and Princess Xi Nike judging.

But Teen Pride doesn't stop with the stages. Other activities include a roller-skating rink, a dedicated area for Trans services and organizations, a job fair hosted by Starbucks, empowerment discussions by Trust the Process, jump houses, vendors featuring merchandise for LGBTQ youth and much more.

Teen Pride was created to provide a safe environment for LGBTQ youth, ages 13 to 19, and their friends to enjoy live entertainment and other age-appropriate activities as part of the overall Dallas Pride celebration. Toward that end, the Teen Pride stages and activities are being held in the Automobile Building at Fair Park, to help ensure the participating teens feel — and are — safe as they celebrate. While there is a \$10 admission fee at the gate for those 13 and older (\$8 for seniors 65 and older, and free for children 12 and younger), there is no added



fee for admission to Teen Pride. Admission is, however, restricted to those ages 12-19 and those over 19 attending with

a teen — again as a way to ensure Teen Pride remains a safe space for LGBTQ youth.

PARADE LINE-UP

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BEST
Performance

BEST
Walking Group

BEST
Costume

BEST
Social
Commentary

BEST
Overall Entry

BEST
For-Profit Entry

BEST
Non-Profit Entry

**JUDGE'S
CHOICE**

BEST
Interpretation
of the Parade
Theme

PARADE MAP

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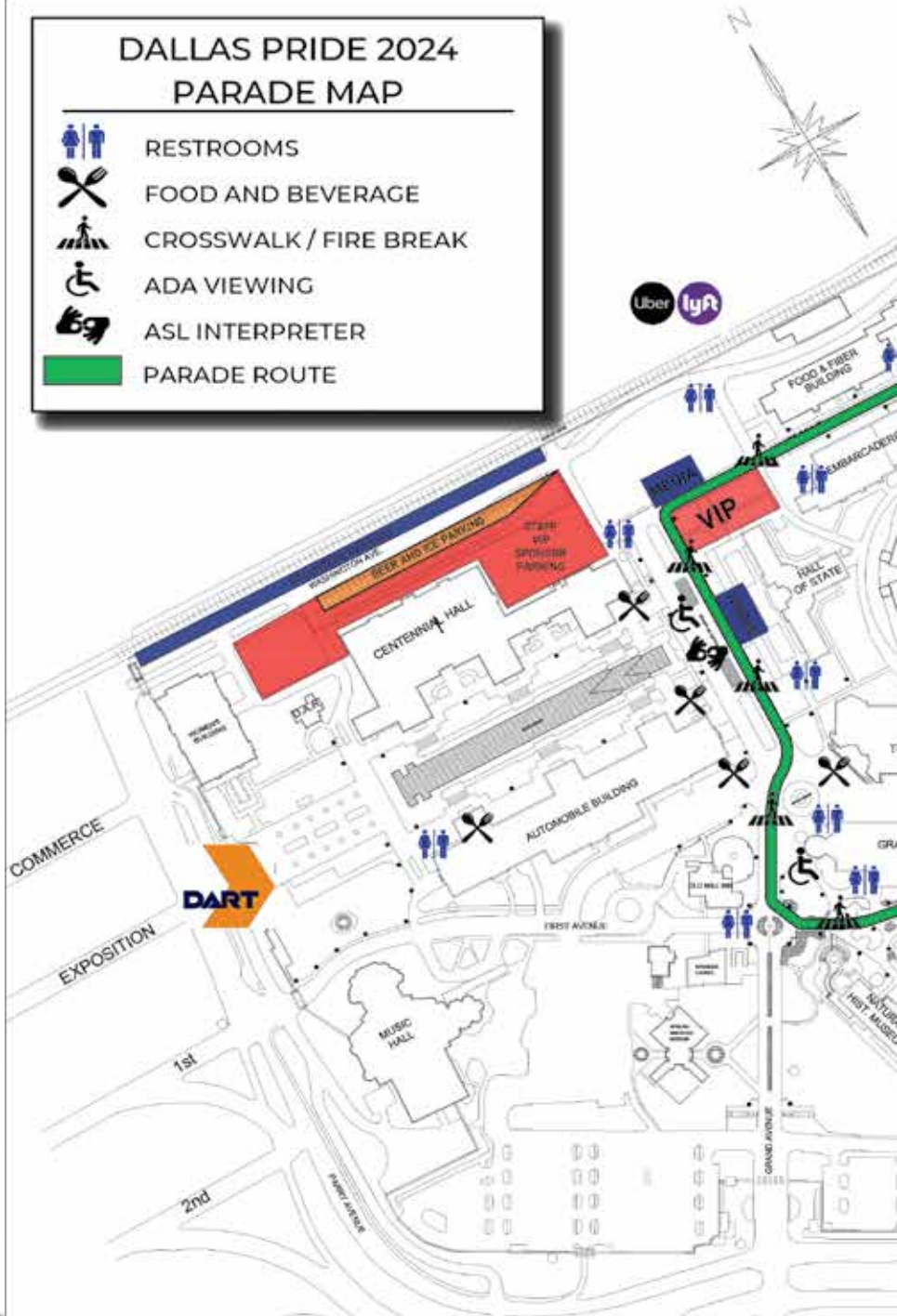
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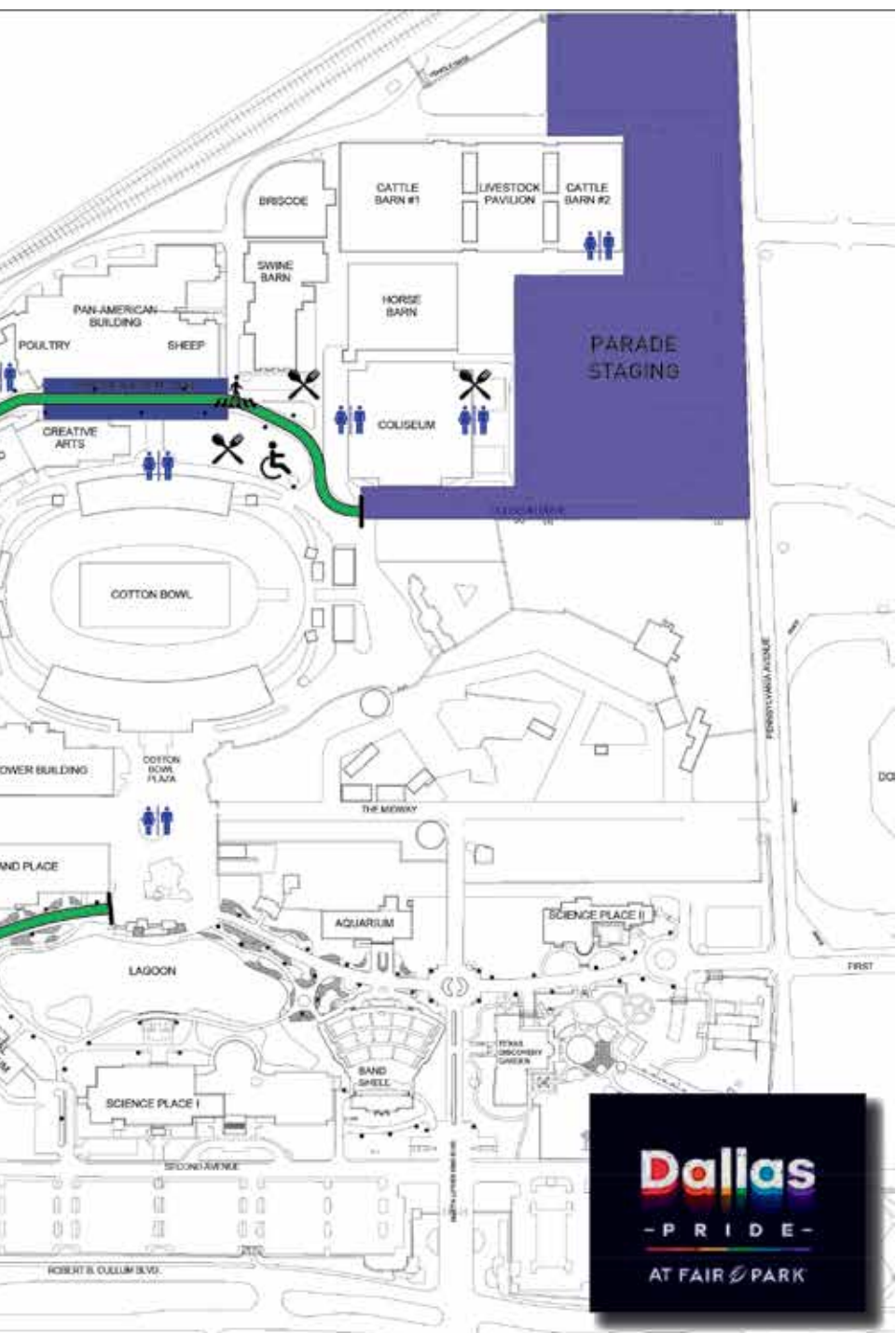


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