
BOSTON PRIDE NEWSLETTER Vol. 2 No. 3 - March 2007

Dear Friends of Pride,

Things are finally starting to warm up around here, and these longer days can only mean one thing: Pride is just around the corner! Although we're still a couple of months away, it's never too early to start organizing your group's parade contingent, planning that killer float, or, better yet, reserving your spot by completing and sending in your registration forms. (Insider's tip: the sooner you register, the cheaper it is! Find the forms on our web site, www.bostonpride.org.)

Speaking of signing up for Pride, there are still tons of opportunities to get involved as a volunteer--the closer we get to June, the greater our need for volunteers. So, come on down to our weekly meetings--Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Wainwright Bank on Dartmouth St. in the Back Bay--to see what we're all about, share your ideas about how to make Pride even greater, or just to let your voice be heard. Or, contact volunteer@bostonpride.org and let us know that you want in on the Pride!

Also remember to regularly check www.bostonpride.org for news and updates on Pride 2007. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to other LGBT community members and our allies. You can access this and past newsletters at <http://www.bostonpride.org/newsletter.php>. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at info@bostonpride.org or on the PrideLine at 617-262-9405.

Thank you,
The Boston Pride Committee

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1- Parade Marshals Selected!

The Boston Pride Committee is pleased to announce the 2007 Boston Pride Parade Marshals: Representative Liz Malia; Jacob Smith Yang & MAP for Health; and SpeakOut. Boston Pride Parade Marshals are selected in recognition of their work in the LGBT community. The Marshals are the ceremonial leaders of the 2007 Pride Parade to be held on June 9.

Liz Malia, State Representative for the 11th Suffolk District, is hard at work on issues that matter to the LGBT community, including protecting gay marriage. Find out more at www.lizmalia.org.

Jacob Smith Yang is the Executive Director of MAP (Massachusetts Asian and Pacific Islanders) for Health, a non-profit, community-based organization that mobilizes, educates, and advocates for Asian, South Asian, and Pacific Islander health improvements--particularly in HIV/AIDS and sexual health. Get more information at www.mapforhealth.org.

SpeakOut, the nation's first LGBT speakers bureau, is a Jamaica Plain-based non-profit organization that works to create a world free of homo-, bi-, and trans-phobia by conducting educational and informational training at corporations and communities, and by seeking to challenge harmful stereotypes through honest and engaged dialogue. Find out more at www.speakoutboston.org.

Boston Pride Parade Marshals are selected as follows. Members of the community submit written nominations from November through February. In early February, nominators are invited to speak for their candidates in a public forum. In late February, voting members of the Boston Pride Committee elect three nominees to become Parade Marshals. The Pride Committee then contacts the Marshals-elect to confirm their acceptance of the position.

2- Did Anyone Say... Entertainment!

The Boston Pride Committee is proud to announce three newly confirmed acts to perform at the Pride Festival on Saturday, June 9: Jason & deMarco, Gregory Douglass, and Lisa Jackson!

Jason & deMarco are a "spiritual" pop duo out of LA whose hit "This Is Love" was voted #1 music video of 2006 by the viewers of the LOGO Network. Gregory Douglass, a pop rocker based out of Burlington, VT, is determined to woo you with his passionate lyrics. Lisa Jackson, a New York-based transgendered rocker, has risen to the top of the queer music scene in just a few short years through her heartfelt lyrics and original guitar playing.

Check our web site, www.bostonpride.org, for continuing updates on other exciting acts slated for our big day!

3- New Pride Week Event!

On Friday, June 8 at the Berklee Performance Center, Boston Pride is proud to present The Edwards Twins! Described by People Magazine as "unbelievable" with "flawless voices and visuals" and "better than watching the real superstars," The Edwards Twins (Eddie & Anthony) "become" Elton John, Cher, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, Billy Joel, Liza Minnelli and Neil Diamond, lacing their concert with humor, nostalgia and "loving" bitchiness. A hi-tech light show and band highlight this celebrity happening that Pride is excited to be a part of! Tickets are \$65, \$55, and \$45, with a portion of each ticket sold earmarked to support Boston Pride.

4- Parade Applications Online, Festival Applications Soon!

Log on to www.bostonpride.org to download your Parade application. For the fourth year in a row, we are NOT RAISING THE APPLICATION FEE (in fact, the fee for student groups has been reduced); but a late fee will apply after March 17th, so don't delay! The deadline for applications is June 2nd. Email parade@bostonpride.org with questions or call 617-262-9405.

Please note that the Parade route is changing this year due to the City of Boston's planned renovations of the Boston Common. The new route will be announced shortly, so please remember to check our website and future editions of this newsletter for details.

Applications for vendors wishing to participate in the 2007 Boston Pride Festival will be available at www.bostonpride.org by this weekend.

5- 2007 Pride Festival will be held at City Hall Plaza

The 2007 Boston Pride Festival will be held at the Boston City Hall Plaza on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

6- Theme & Dates for Pride 2007

ASK. TELL.

Proud to Serve Our Community, Our Country, Our World.

The LGBT community is an integral part of society at every level of organization: community, country, and the world. We are your doctors, lawyers, teachers, leaders, engineers, custodians, bankers, and bakers. We are proud of our service and we are happy to share our lives with you. Just ask, and we'll tell! Please consider this theme when building your float and organizing your parade contingent. An award will be given to the group that best adapts this theme in the parade.

The 2007 Boston Pride Week will run from Friday, June 1, 2007 through Sunday, June 10, 2007. The flag raising at City Hall will be on Friday, June 1, 2007; Pride Day at Faneuil Hall will be celebrated on Saturday,

June 2, 2007; Pride Idol will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007; the Parade and Festival will be on Saturday, June 9, 2007; and the JP Women's Block Party and the Stuart Street Block Party will be on Sunday, June 10, 2007.

7- Boston Pride wants you to Model your Pride!

As part of our efforts to enhance the visibility of Boston's LGBT community, this year Boston Pride will be launching a large-scale publicity campaign focused on our theme: "Ask. Tell. Proud to Serve Our Community, Our Country, Our World." The campaign will feature ads in local magazines, newspapers, on MBTA buses and trains, and on billboards across Boston. We are looking for members of the LGBT community across all ethnicities, ages, identities, abilities, shapes, sizes and professions (basically, ANY & ALL of us in our most wonderfully human forms!) who are willing to serve as models in the ad campaign.

If you are interested in modeling, please email media@bostonpride.org with your availability. Please also indicate if there are any media (print, billboards, etc) that you would prefer not to be included in.

8- Video Producer/Editor Wanted!

Pride's volunteer needs grow by the day! It's a simple formula really: the more volunteers we have, the better Pride will be! Right now, the hunt is on for a volunteer with video production/editing experience. If you or someone you know fits this description, please contact media@bostonpride.org. We can't wait to hear from you!

9- Gays for Patsy to Host Pride Fundraiser Dance

Boston Pride is super excited about an upcoming fundraiser to be hosted by Gays for Patsy, a Boston-based, nonprofit, all-volunteer organization of Country/Western dance enthusiasts dedicated to sharing the joys of dancing. Gays for Patsy hosts several dances each month from the fall through the spring, and is honoring Boston Pride with a special fundraising dance on Friday, May 18 in the Arlington St. Church. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$7 for members - but be sure to mention that you're with Boston Pride, so that your admission gets set aside to help fund Pride! Find out more about Gays for Patsy at www.gaysforpatsy.org, and get your dancin' boots ready!

10- Boston Pride @ NERP '07

This March, members of the Boston Pride Committee took a field trip to Cape May, NJ, for the 2007 meeting of Northeast Regional Pride. There, they met with delegates from the Prides of our part of the country, including New York, Philadelphia, Rhode Island, and Maine. It was a

weekend of workshops, info-sharing and networking, and you can bet our people came back with some savvy strategies to incorporate into the planning of our Pride festivities.

11- Boston Pride @ Fenway Community Health Men's Event

On March 10, three members of the Committee had the honor of representing Boston Pride at the annual Men's Event hosted by Fenway Community Health Center, a non-profit dedicated to improving the health of the GLBT community. It was an evening to remember, with a silent auction and musical entertainment.

12- How you can get involved

Do you want to help out? We are always looking for new talent and drive, so let us know that you want to be part of one of the WORLD'S LARGEST ALL-VOLUNTEER PRIDE ORGANIZATIONS. Come to one of our meetings or contact volunteer@bostonpride.org.

The Boston Pride Committee is actively seeking Board members to help guide this quickly-growing organization. Board members with skills in a wide variety of professional areas are sought, including membership development, fundraising, administration and finance, and community relations. For more information, to receive an application, or to set up a meeting with the current Board, please contact us at president@bostonpride.org or 617-262-9405.

13- Pride Meetings

The Boston Pride Committee meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Wainwright Bank Community Room, 155 Dartmouth Street in Boston (next to Back Bay T Station). Meetings are open to anyone and we welcome your participation. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20, 2007.

14- About Boston Pride

The Boston Pride Committee is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Members of the Committee include:

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"The Boston Pride Committee, Inc., serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and ally community, works to enhance the visibility of Boston's LGBT community through a week of events each June, in conjunction with year long activities, to promote LGBT awareness, dignity, and understanding."

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