
BOSTON PRIDE NEWSLETTER Vol. 2 No. 4 - April 2007

Dear Friends of Pride,

Can you believe how time flies? Suddenly, we find ourselves with a mere six weeks until the glorious kickoff of Pride Week 2007! We on the Committee have decided that the best way to pass on our immense excitement to you, our wonderful Pridesters, volunteers, and well-wishers, is through our web site, www.bostonpride.org, and these infotaining newsletters, chock-full of everything you'll need to know to make the most of Pride! Read on friend - your Pride awaits!

But, what if reading all about Pride simply doesn't get your blood pumping? What if you find yourself thinking, "Hey, I wonder how I can contribute? I wonder what would happen if I visited www.bostonpride.org and clicked on the 'Volunteer' tab?" Rest assured that these are normal thoughts; we've all had them at some point, and we encourage you to act on the impulse. Get involved! Collaborate with us! Like every year, when June comes we will count on the help of our delightful and competent volunteers to make each event special, safe and smoothly-run. Please join us and sign up today!

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.

Thanks,
The Boston Pride Committee

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1 - Pride Festival Family Area

Boston Pride is proud to announce that the 2007 Festival at City Hall Plaza will include a family area featuring "Dumbo the Clown and Son, Jumbo." Hosted by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the family area will be free to the public and will feature clowns, juggling, face painting, carnival games, magic shows, a moonwalk, and balloon twisting. It will be open from 1-5pm on Saturday, June 9, at City Hall Plaza.

2 - Festival Entertainment Lineup Online

Get ready to party! We've booked the hottest acts around to perform on stage at the 2007 Pride Festival, Saturday, June 9 at City Hall Plaza starting at 1pm! See the list on our web site, www.bostonpride.org under the "Entertainment" tab. Click the performer's thumbnail photo for their bio and links!

3 - Volunteer Meetings

The countdown to Pride has begun, and with it our yearly push for volunteers. This year we'll host six Volunteer Meetings around town. Please come meet members of the Pride Committee and other prospective volunteers for a discussion of the myriad ways you can help make Pride amazing! All meetings are held at 6:30pm in Wainwright Bank Community Rooms.

April 19: JP or Davis Square - check web site for location

April 26: Back Bay, Clarendon St.

May 3: JP or Davis Square - check web site for location

May 10: Back Bay

May 24: Back Bay

May 31: Back Bay

We hope to see you there!

4 - Venues & Dates for Pride Idol

Do you have what it takes to be a star? Do you have the look, the voice, the guts, and most of all the Pride? Well, you're in luck, because venues and dates for Pride Idol auditions have just been announced, with more on the way. Please note that times are still TBA.

Tuesday, May 8: Blu Night Club, Worcester

Friday, May 11: D-Bar, Dorchester

Saturday, May 12: HoBo Café, Salisbury

Wednesday, May 16: Bobby's Place, Taunton

Shine, Boston

Thursday, May 17: 47 Central, Lynn

Monday, May 21: Mira Bar, Providence, RI
Tuesday, May 22: Jacques Cabaret, Boston
Wednesday, May 23: Club Café, Boston
Thursday, May 24: Randolph Country Club, Randolph
Machine, Boston
Dates not yet set: Club 313, Manchester, NH
Midway Café, JP, Boston

Download your application from our web site, www.bostonpride.org. The Pride Idol Finals will be held on Wednesday June 6th from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Back Bay Grand, 180 Berkeley St., Boston, and the winner will perform live on stage at the Pride Festival on Saturday, June 9!

5- Parade Applications Online

With Pride only a few months away, it's time again to ponder the all-important question: what's the best way to rock out in the Pride Parade? Your first stop should be www.bostonpride.org to download an 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)! 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 is will be announced shortly, so please remember to check our website and future editions of this newsletter for details.

6 - "Courting Equality" Launch Party May 16

"Courting Equality: A Documentary History of America's First Legal Same-Sex Marriages," a new book from Beacon Press, will celebrate its launch on Wednesday, May 16, from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Central Square YMCA in Cambridge. The authors and photographer will be on hand to meet guests and sign their copies of the book, which will be sold at the event. See slides from "Courting Equality" tell the story of Massachusetts' achievement in bringing justice for all. Featured guests include Mary Bonauto of GLAD, lead attorney in the Goodridge case; the Goodridge plaintiffs; and MA legislators. The celebration wouldn't be complete without wedding cake!

7 - Pride Night at "Present Laughter"

Boston Pride has teamed up with the Huntington Theatre Company to bring you "Present Laughter," the delightful Noel Coward comedy, on Thursday, June 7, at 8pm. Tickets are \$55 and include the opportunity to schmooze with the cast at a special post-show reception with beer, wine, soft drinks and dessert.

The show is at the Huntington main stage at the Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Call (617)-266-0800 for tickets,

and be sure to mention Pride to receive your \$10 discount (normal price without reception = \$65)! Or, stop by the Theatre or 537 Tremont St. to buy tickets in person. Hurry - Huntington will set aside only 50 prime-location seats in the orchestra and mezzanine exclusively for Pride purchases, so get your tickets now!

8- Boston Pride Presents: The Edwards Twins!

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.

9- "Committed: A Rabble-Rouser's Memoir" Book Signing & Reading

Dan Matthews, the Vice President of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), will be at the Downtown Crossing Borders Books, 10-24 School St., on Wednesday, April 18 at 12:30pm to read from his new book, "Committed: A Rabble-Rouser's Memoir." Matthews is known for heading PETA's most controversial and attention-getting campaigns, including the "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" ads, as well as celebrity campaigns. In 2000, he was named "One of the most influential people of the new century" by Genre Magazine.

10- Gays for Patsy to Host Pride Dance

Boston Pride is super excited about 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 will be set aside to help fund Pride! Find out more about Gays for Patsy at www.gaysforpatsy.org, and get your dancin' boots ready!

11- New Venue for the 2007 Pride Festival

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

9- Theme for Pride 2007

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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.

10- Dates for Pride Week 2007

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

11- 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 do not hesitate to contact media@bostonpride.org. We can't wait to hear from you!

13- Pride Meetings

The Boston Pride Committee meets on Tuesdays, at 6:30pm, at 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, April 24, 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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