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ATLANTA PRIDE ANNOUNCES 2022 ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP

Atlanta, Georgia – The Atlanta Pride Committee (APC) announced the official entertainment lineup for the 2022 Atlanta Pride Festival, which will return in-person on October 8-9 at Piedmont Park.

This year the Festival will feature entertainment on the Coca-Cola and Gray Television stages, which will be packed with a wide variety of talent, including headliners:

Flo Rida is one of today's most visible and recognizable superstars, a true international icon and history-making hip hop hero. Since bursting out of the gate over a decade ago with the RIAA 7x platinum certified hit, "Low (Feat. T-Pain)," - which spent 10 consecutive weeks atop the Billboard "Hot 100" - the Miami-based rapper has unleashed an undeniably amazing string of record-breaking singles including seven other multiplatinum hits. Grammy nominated, Flo has sold over 100 million singles and made numerous television appearances. Flo Rida is also an entrepreneur and philanthropist through his Big Dreams for Kids Foundation.

Big Freedia is riding high, fresh from her recent appearance on the bass-heavy summer anthem by Beyonce, "Break My Soul," which sample's their 2014 track "Explode." In 2020, the "Queen of Bounce" released a new EP, *Louder*. It came on the heels of their acclaimed appearances on Drake's "Nice for What," and another Beyonce hit, "Formation." Her recent six-song EP, *Big Diva Energy*, emits the recurring positivity and vibrance she's known for. The EP acts as a statement, imploring people to work hard, play harder, and to pause in order to love and enjoy life through their own "Big Diva Energy."

Betty Who, Born Jessica Newham in Sydney, Australia, the classically trained singer, dancer, and multiinstrumentalist has experienced practically every dimension of pop cultural visibility: going viral on the bombastic strength of 2014 single "Somebody Loves You," soundtracking Netflix's Queer Eye reboot with "All Things," forming deep ties with foundations like *GLAAD* and the *Trevor Project*, and becoming an LGBTQ+ icon due to her infectious, always-inclusive artistry. Moving from the rigid major-label machinery to rediscovering her power as an independent artist, Betty Who is primed to kick off her latest, most triumphant chapter on her fourth studio album, *Big*, which she wrote in its entirety. On *Big*, Betty sings with as much pop exuberance as she always has but her latest - and greatest - is the most open-hearted and personal work she's ever produced.

If these acts aren't enough to get you excited for the Festival, additional performers in the lineup include Jax, Brooke Eden, Trinidad Cardona, Chrissy Chlapecka, Neriah, Nouri, Exquisite Gender, Michel Jons Band, MOKSHA, Sophia Dashing, DJ CANVAS, SWEET TEA Variety Show, Drag Queen Story Hour and more!



Another exciting element is the **Shooting Stars Cabaret**. This show gives the opportunity for up and coming drag entertainers in the Atlanta Metro area the opportunity to be showcased during the Festival. The Shooting Stars Cabaret, will take place late Saturday afternoon, and will feature a cast of 20-25 drag entertainers.

Closing out the weekend on the main stage, is the **Starlight Cabaret**, which is the largest drag show in the southeastern US. The Starlight Cabaret boasts 25 to 30 drag performers at the top of their craft, who live and work in the Atlanta Metro area. Our drag entertainers pull out all the stops with amazing costumes and presence that will dazzle thousands of people from all walks of life, who gather under the stars to witness the highly anticipated show.

"Each year, we strive to include talent from across the community that provide a wide range of entertainment for Festival goers. 2022's lineup will not disappoint! We are so excited to gather again with our community after two years of virtual celebrations. Despite two challenging years, we are pleased to deliver our biggest lineup ever - still free of charge to our community thanks to the support of our sponsors and partners," stated APC Executive Director, Jamie Fergerson.

A partial line-up of the Coca-Cola, and Gray Television stages are included below. For detailed showtimes, download the Atlanta Pride app.

For the most up to date information about the Festival and Parade events please visit: www.atlantapride.org

COCA-COLA STAGE:

Saturday, October 8 Sunday, October 9
Begins at 2pm: Begins at 3:45pm

*DJ Babey Drew

*Nouri Michel Jons Band

*Neriah Betty Who

*Chrissy Chlapecka Starlight Cabaret

*Trinidad Cardona

*Brooke Eden

*Jax

Big Freedia *Flo Rida

*Appearance courtesy of iHeartMedia, Power 96.1 and 94.9 The Bull.

GRAY TELEVISION STAGE:

Saturday, October 8 Sunday, October 9
Begins at 9am: Begins at 3:30pm

Kashi Atlanta Yoga

Out Front Theatre The Candybox Revue

Gay Men's Chorus Sweet Tea: A Queer Variety Show



Block Spoken Word MOKSHA Exquisite Gender Sophia Dashing Shooting Star Cabaret Queer Gender Dance Party

The Gray Television Stage is located on Oak Hill between the Charles Allen and 12th Street park entrances at Piedmont Park.

The Coca-Cola Stage is located at the top of the Meadow at 10th St. near the Charles Allen Gate at Piedmont Park.

Artists and times are subject to change without notice.

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About Atlanta Pride: The mission of the Atlanta Pride Committee is to advance unity, visibility, and wellness among persons with widely diverse gender and sexual identities through cultural, social, political, and educational programs and activities.

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