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better together.

2016 PRIDE SEASON THEME

The Vancouver Pride Society's theme for the 2016 season is "Better Together."

For many members of the LGTBQ2+ community, isolation is a very real issue. Without family support or a network of friends, life can feel extremely difficult. When we stand together, support each other and believe in one another, it makes everyone stronger. Through a human rights lens, when we band together, we have the power to affect positive social change and carve out space for each of us to celebrate who we are. It's definitely...Better Together.

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MESSAGE FROM **MAYOR GREGOR ROBERTSON**

On behalf of the citizens of Vancouver and my colleagues on City Council, I am incredibly honoured to welcome you to Pride 2016.

Vancouver's Pride Parade and Festival is one of the biggest and best in the world, attracting hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors every year who come out to show their support and join in the festivities. Besides being a fabulous time, Pride is a celebration of hard-fought progress in the community's work to secure equal rights and acceptance, and of our city's commitment to diversity, equality, and acceptance.

This year the City of Vancouver is excited to celebrate the opening

of Jim Deva Plaza in the heart of Davie Village. Jim was an inspiration to many, and his irrepressible courage and tireless advocacy for equal rights and free expression played an enormous role in shaping the city that Vancouver is today. As Mayor, it was an honour and a privilege to march with Jim each year at Vancouver Pride, and his legacy continues to inspire our work to keep building a safer, prouder, more inclusive, and more equal Vancouver. We are strongest when we are together, and the new Jim Deva Plaza gives us space to gather and celebrate everything the community has accomplished.

I would once again like to thank the Vancouver Pride Society, its

sponsors, and the dedicated volunteers for hosting such a world-class celebration of culture, freedom, and community spirit in Vancouver. On behalf of the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services, and the City's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, happy Pride!



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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On behalf of the Vancouver Pride Society's Board of Directors, we welcome to you to the 38th Annual Pride Season.

Pride is a time to celebrate our community and remind the world that although we have come a long way, there is so much work left to be done. While recent events like the massacre in Orlando have affected all of us, they will not shake our resolve to make the world a more accepting place. It is a reminder that we really are Better Together.

Pride is made possible by the combined passion and dedication of our partners, friends, supporters, performers, operations team and the hundreds of amazing volunteers who come out each year. We thank all of them.

We also want to acknowledge that Pride is celebrated on the occupied,

traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish peoples — specifically the *skwx_wú7mesh* (Squamish), *sel'il'witulh* (TsleilWaututh), and *xwməθkwəy'əm* (Musqueam) nations.

This year, Vancouver Pride continues to call for Trans* Equality Now, demanding Federal and Provincial governments amend Human Rights Acts and the Criminal Code of Canada to extend legal protections to Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians and to classify violence based on gender identity and expression as a hate crime. Although recent promises to enact such legislation at the Federal level give reason for optimism, we still encourage you to publicly support equal rights by signing the TEN Pledge.

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Vancouver Pride Parade

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2016 Vancouver Pride Parade.

Vancouver's Pride Parade has grown into one of the most prominent events on Western Canada's cultural calendar. As one of the biggest Pride Parades in the globe, Vancouverites and visitors join those observing Pride Month around the world in celebration of the unique culture and spirit of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer and Two-Spirited community.

Events like the Pride Parade bring Canadians together to celebrate the rich diversity that is at the core of our national identity. While Canada has made real progress in affording members of our LGBTQ2+ community respect, recognition and legal rights, we still have a lot of work to do, both at home and abroad. We must continue to support those who have experienced discrimination and remember that we cannot let up on the fight against bigotry.

Thank you to the organizers of this amazing event for their dedication to promoting unity, inclusion and awareness of sexual and gender diversity. I wish to also extend my gratitude to all of those activists, volunteers and allies who have worked so hard over the years to ensure the success of tremendous events such as this.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable parade.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Justin Trudeau', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ottawa
2016



INDIGENOUS WELCOMES

The Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society Two-Spirit Participation

Members of the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society, a non-profit Two-Spirit community organization, will be present at all Pride events to perform the "Down Ceremony." The Down Ceremony is a sacred ceremony used by many coastal First Nations, and gives opportunity to cleanse the grounds on which Pride events will be held. The Down feathers, which are blown into the air, is a part of the ceremony cleansing which offers a blessing, and it may fall on your person. It also signifies that "we come in peace!"

Musqueam Welcome

The Musqueam are a proud and unified people. We have inhabited this territory since time immemorial and continue to do so in this present day. Our mandate is to ensure an enhanced quality of life for all generations of our people and to develop a sustainable, self-reliant,

vibrant community that is built upon the historical and traditional values of the Musqueam people. It is with respect, pride, inclusiveness and honour that we conduct ourselves and that allows us to remain grounded in the ever changing environment that we live in today.

The theme of this year's Vancouver Pride celebration, "Better Together," coincides with the very foundation that Musqueam culture is built upon. Unity, the ability to stand up for what is right, and unprejudiced beliefs are teachings that the Musqueam people have had passed down from our ancestors. It is with great respect and pride that we, the Musqueam people, welcome and are honoured to stand beside the LGBTQ and two spirited community as they conduct their annual Pride Parade within our traditional territory.



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Funds raised during the 2016 Pride season not only go towards making a world-class Pride Parade and festivals that are free for everyone to attend, but also support non-profit organizations that provide services to Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ community. Pride events give

community groups opportunities to collaborate, and in turn reach a much wider audience.

The Vancouver Pride Society's Parade and Festivals would not be possible without the generosity and support of our community. With your help we are able to bring together diverse groups under the banner of remembering the challenges that we've faced together and recognizing the work that is still needed to achieve equality.

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2016 PRIDE GRAND MARSHALS



Alex Sangha is an award-winning author, social worker, and advocate for equality and human rights. He was elected Co-Chair of Pride UBC, was elected Secretary for the Gay Warriors talking circle, launched from scratch The DOSTI Project, and is the founder of Sher Vancouver, a support group for LGBTQ2+ South Asians and their allies. As part of his Master of Social Work practicum, Alex decided to bring the LGBTQ2+ community together to develop affordable housing for LGBTQ2+ seniors and allies called Dignity House, which is now a non-profit society.

Alex feels we can all be “role models.” In India and many parts of the world homosexuality is illegal and our queer friends are persecuted. We have a duty to advocate for equality and fundamental human rights for everyone everywhere.

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Morgane Oger is the transgender mom of two and is on a mission to normalize transgender identities at civic, provincial, and federal levels. She is working to enable transgender families like hers to live full and normal lives.

Morgane sits on the City of Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, the secretary of the District Parent Advisory Committee of the Vancouver Board of Education, and the chair of the Trans Alliance Society. As chair, Morgane is pursuing improvements in health policy change, adherence and clarification of transgender human rights, and support of queer youth in BC. Currently, Morgane's focus lies in convincing the BC and federal governments to explicitly protect gender identity and expression in human rights law and in achieving mandatory support to LGBTQ2+ students.

2016 PRIDE GRAND MARSHALS



Danny Ramadan is a jack-of-all-trades: activist, civil justice campaigner, journalist and creative writer. He has been involved in coordinating efforts to support gender and sexual minorities in Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and in his birthplace of Syria. Danny is currently the Volunteer Coordinator at QMUNITY and hopes to give back to the community that welcomed and embraced him since his arrival to Canada in September of 2014.

Danny is an experienced journalist appearing in the *Washington Post*, *The Guardian* and *Foreign Policy*. He has two collections of short stories published in Arabic and is working on his first novel in English.



Charity St. Peters

Family, community, tradition, kindness, artistry, compassion, integrity, loyalty, humour and love...These come to mind when thinking of the first elected Empress of Vancouver, Charity St. Peters. In 1972, Charity worked alongside the founder of the Canadian Court System, Mr. Ted Northe, to pioneer and foster a support system for Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ community. For each of us in her Imperial Family, she consistently went out of her way to make sure she was there for everyone.

Her relationship of over 44 years with Sir Dino Padgett remains a glowing example of unconditional love. Their extended family includes their pups, Harley and Paulo, their chosen children, Sofonda Peters, Jaylene Tyme, and the many unique people whose lives they touched. Rest peacefully, Your Majesty.

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PRIDE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The Pride Youth Scholarships serve to reward individuals for their contributions and leadership in the LGBTQ2+ community. The Vancouver Pride Society and its partners Vancouver Frontrunners and LOUD Business recognize youth for their work in creating safe spaces and promoting queer inclusion and rights. In June of this year, Vancouver Pride President Alan Jernigan presented the inaugural Pride Youth Scholarships during the LOUD Gala. Three outstanding individuals each received a \$2,000 grant funded by the VPS. The society is incredibly proud of this year's recipients and we thank the LOUD Foundation Selection Committee. We see a bright future

ahead for Blake Hawkins, Madeline Goodman and Jotika Samant.

LOUD Business is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in 2017. Self-nominations are encouraged. For more information on all scholarships provided by the LOUD Foundation, please visit loudbusiness.com/philanthropy.



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Dean Thullner is a central figure in Vancouver's Davie Village. He and his spouse are the owners of Volume Studio, which on a regular basis has fundraisers, cut-a-thons (AIDS Vancouver), food drives (A Loving Spoonful) and donates services to Friends For Life bingo. Dean is also the Founder/Producer behind the St Paul's Hospital Foundation's successful fundraising gala "Brilliant!," the event RED "A Positive Day!" for the Positive Living Society as well as being the producer of the annual fundraiser for The Foundation of Hope/STRUTvancouver.

RED

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

John Boychuk started with the Vancouver Pride Society by working with individuals who did fundraising, memberships, festivals and parade. In 2003, he was approached to join the Board of Directors to which he was nominated as Vice-President and filled that role for almost 3 years before becoming the President through 2009. During that time, John had his hand in bringing back Gay Day at Playland, the rebirth of Picnic at the Park, the creation of East Side Pride, Terry Wallace Memorial Breakfast, and many more events!

ORANGE

SPORTS

Rohan Hare assists with hosting and facilitating numerous social events throughout the year that bring like-minded people together and is the current President for the Vancouver Frontrunners. He serves as the director and marketing strategist for the Pride Run and Walk event, which garners over 400 participants and raises over \$14,000 annually. In addition to this, he also works with the Health Initiative for Men on their Learn To Run clinics where they coach and train aspiring runners.

YELLOW

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

When **Zdravko Cimbalevik** joined the Rainbow Refugee as a Board Member he volunteered many hours in assisting new LGBTQ2+ and HIV+ refugees. He organized fundraising events for new refugee sponsorships and was very involved in community work. Along with his endless volunteer hours for a variety of causes and LGBTQ2+ issues in Vancouver, Zdravko also works for AIDS Vancouver and TD Bank. But on an everyday basis, he is trying to build rainbow bridges between each person he meets.

TD PRIDE LEGACY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

GREEN

SAFE SPACES

Myriam Dumont is an elementary school teacher who has helped revise the LGBTQ2+ policy for the Vancouver School Board to ensure that it is current and inclusive of Trans/Gender issues. She is a member of Pride Education Network and BC Teachers' Federation's Committee for Action on Social Justice. When expecting her first child, Myriam created the group Queer Families of Vancouver with the intention of having a space where parents could get together. Queer Families now has over 300 parents who meet up regularly and march every year in the Dyke March.

TURQUOISE

ART

John Ferrie grew up in a world full of bullying, with a lack of gay role models. He found his self-esteem in Vancouver and attended Emily Carr art school. After AIDS surfaced, John knew he needed to do something to help out the cause. Before he knew it, he was donating up to 30 paintings a year to everything from ARC, BCPWA, AIDS Vancouver, Youth Co, A Loving Spoonful, BC Positive Living, Friends for Life, Gay Pride, The AIDS Memorial as well as other gay and HIV/AIDS organizations. The work was endless but extremely rewarding.

PURPLE

YOUTH

Rachel Garrett, at only 14 years old, started an Alliance club for LGBTQ2+ students and by the time they were all 16, the group had presented their idea of an anti-homophobia/transphobia procedure to the school district. The procedure passed into School District 37, ensuring mandatory anti-homophobia/transphobia education. Rachel has just finished her second year at UBC and runs The Pride Collective. The UBC Pride flag burning scandal shook the LGBTQ2+ community, but the Collective decided to make UBC feel welcoming again by organizing the flag solitary march and teach-ins.

TRANS ACTIVIST

Morgane Oger is the transgender mother of two and is on a mission to normalize transgender identities at civic, provincial, and federal levels through advocacy and LGBTQ2+ community organizing. Morgane sits on the City of Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, is the Secretary of the District Parent Advisory Committee of the Vancouver Board of Education, and the Chair of the Trans Alliance Society.



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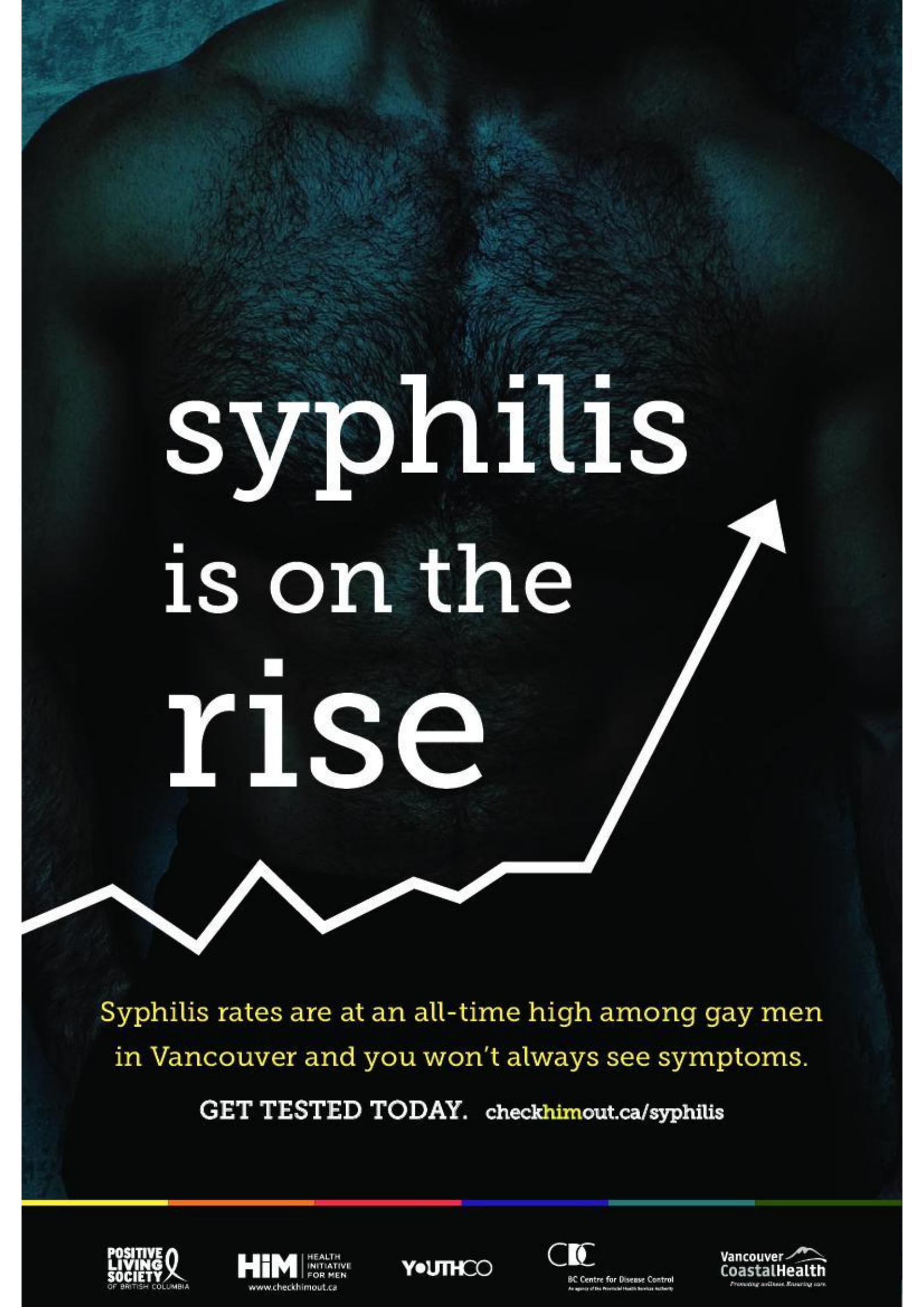
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Pride Week is one of Vancouver's largest cultural events, and volunteering is an integral part of our success. With everything from marching in the parade to leading event activations to helping our staff

team in the office, there truly is a place for everyone. Regardless of your role, you'll make friends with people from throughout Vancouver's LGBTQ2+ community and help to create open, welcoming spaces for everyone. Pride is a time to build a stronger, safer, and livelier community, and volunteering is a way to promote such ideals.

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For over a decade, The BMW Store has provided premium vehicles for the Grand Marshals in the annual Vancouver Pride Parade. The Snap and Share campaign was created as an easy way to support Pride in

Vancouver! Simply take a snap of any of the official Pride BMW vehicles and post on social media with the hashtag #BMWStoreVanPride. The BMW Store pledges to give \$5 per share, up to \$5,000 during the month of August. Last year over \$2,000 was raised and we hope to surpass it so bring your phone and get ready to SNAP and SHARE!

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The British Columbia Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (BCRAD) is a community organization with a goal of providing safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces for deaf and hard-of-hearing people within the LGBTQ2+ community. Our involvement in Pride helps us bridge gaps and remove communication barriers frequently faced by deaf and hard-of-hearing people by allowing access to events in American Sign Language. As well, we provide people with resources and opportunities to learn ASL, such as Queer ASL classes. We at BCRAD believe we are Better Together as a stronger, more inclusive community that values people of all identities. By standing together in support of one another, we hope that members of our community will have the courage to embrace their true selves and enable our community to grow. For more information on our organization visit bcrad.com. To learn about Queer ASL classes, visit queerasl.com

VOCAL EYE

VocalEye is a non-profit society and the first live descriptive arts service for the blind in Canada. We are dedicated to making theatre, arts and cultural events more accessible for people of all ages with vision loss. For more information, visit vocaleyeye.ca.

UNDERSTANDING BLINDNESS 101

Provided by Richard Marion,
Accessibility Consultant

Here are some things to keep in mind when interacting with people who are blind or partially-sighted:

1. Not all people who are blind are comfortable discussing the reason for their vision loss. Unless there is a specific reason for you to know, this question should be avoided unless an explanation is freely offered.
2. Always ask if the person who is blind wishes your assistance. Acting as a sighted guide is often appreciated but not always necessary. Offer to guide the person rather than just assuming it is required.
3. A person who is blind cannot see when you are looking at them. When approaching a person who is blind, particularly if they are alone in an area occupied by other people, address them by name (if you know them) or gently touch them on their forearm as you begin to speak with them.
4. Remember to inform the person who is blind that you are leaving should you need to step away. Don't leave them talking to thin air. Whenever possible, ensure that they are left in contact with a tangible object within their environment. (i.e., a wall, a table, a chair). Let them know you are back.
5. Guide dog users may not require the same level of physical assistance.

ACCESSIBILITY AT PRIDE

They may prefer to have their guide dog follow the sighted person or receive verbal directions.

6. Avoid pulling a person who is blind by their hand, wrist or tugging at their clothing. If sighted guide is requested, position yourself on their preferred side and then instruct them to take your elbow.

7. Verbally alert the person who is blind when you (and they) are to walk up or down stairs. Stairs should always be approached squarely, never at an angle. If necessary, allow them to switch to the side with the handrail. Come to a full stop at the top or bottom of the stairs and verbalize “last step.”

8. When approaching a chair from the front, bring the person who is blind into very close proximity. Verbalize the distance and that “in one short step your knees will make contact with the chair.” Inform them what style the chair is.

9. When assisting a person who is blind to cross the street, let them know when you are approaching a curb.

10. When approaching irregularities in the terrain, alert the person who is blind in advance.

11. Body language and movements such as pointing, nodding and shrugging are of no use to blind people, nor are phrases such as “over there” and “right there.”

12. Address a person who is blind directly, not through someone else. Use a normal tone and do not raise your voice.



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All costs associated with Vancouver Pride's 2016 accessibility program are courtesy of YVR.

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Pride is now more accessible than ever! Vancouver's parks are open and accessible to everyone - regardless of ethnicity, demographic, or mobility. For more information about accessibility, please consult the appropriate event pages, and check out our website to get information and make reservations. For accessibility information on the Parade Route, **turn to page 49.**

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1. FAMILY ACCEPTANCE

For many Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians, coming out brings with it the possibility of rejection from members of their own families.

2. HEALTHCARE

Despite demonstrable need, health services geared towards Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians consistently receive little to no funding.

3. HIV/AIDS

At least one-third of North American Transgender women have HIV/AIDS.

4. HOMELESSNESS

One-fifth of Transgender and Gender-Variant people report being homeless at some point in their lives.

5. ID CHANGE BARRIERS

Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians face financial barriers that prevent them from changing official identification documents.

6. LEGAL INEQUALITY

Canada has no specific protection for Transgender and Gender-Variant people under Federal and Provincial law, despite stigma, discrimination and violence faced by them every day.

7. MISGENDERING

Using incorrect names and pronouns to refer to people can be unintentional or deliberate.

8. SEX WORK

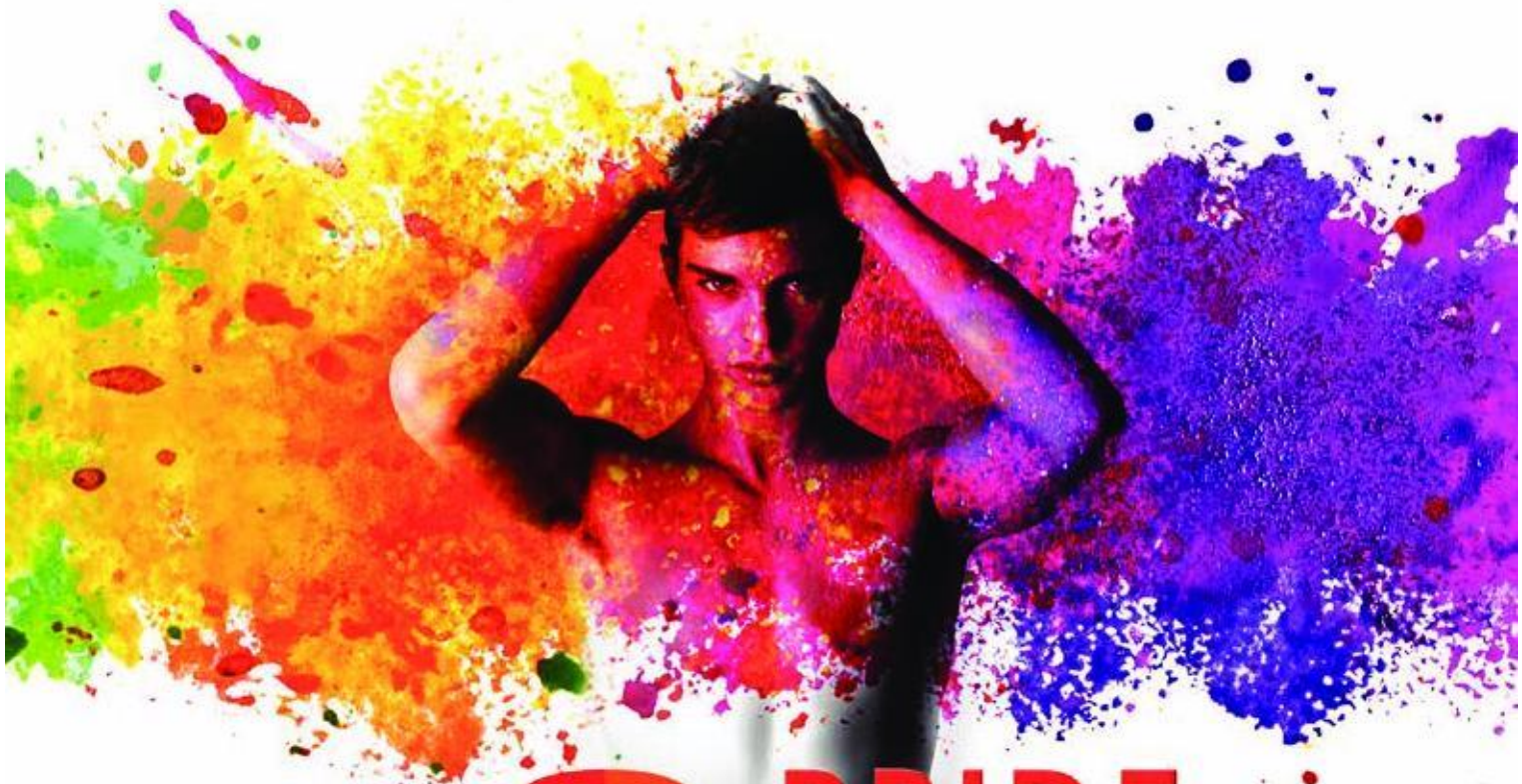
67% of Transgender women in North America have engaged in sex work to survive and pay for medical treatments.

9. UNEMPLOYMENT

After coming out, Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians experience barriers to gaining and keeping employment.

10. VIOLENCE

Transgender and Gender-Variant Canadians face an increased risk of violence when in public, or when accessing public services of all types.



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GENDER IDENTITY GLOSSARY

AFAB (or FAAB) – An acronym for “assigned female at birth” or “female assigned at birth” refers to transsexual, transgendered, genderqueer, bigendered or intersexed people who were raised as females.

AMAB (or MAAB) – An acronym for “assigned male at birth” or “male assigned at birth.” Refers to transsexual, transgendered, genderqueer, bigendered or intersexed people who were raised as males.

Agendered – A person who identifies as “having no gender” or “without gender identity.”

Asexual – One who feels no sexual attraction or desire towards any gender identity;

free from or unaffected by sexuality.

Bigendered – Bigender is a gender identity that falls under the non-binary umbrella. To identify as bigender generally means you identify as two genders.

Bisexual – Bisexuality is romantic attraction, sexual attraction or sexual behavior toward people who share your gender and those who have a different gender.

Cisgender – A cisgender person is someone who identifies as the gender/sex they were assigned at birth. Often shortened to “cis.”

Gender Binary – The gender binary is a system containing only two genders, man and woman. These two genders

correspond to the sexes male and female, and the system tends to enforce the gender roles corresponding to each as well.

Gender Identity – The term “gender identity” refers to a person’s innate, deeply felt psychological identification as a man, woman or any other gender, which may or may not correspond to the gender assigned to them at birth.

Gender Variant – Gender variance, or gender nonconformity, is behavior or gender expression by an individual that does not match cultural expectations about the gender roles typically associated with that individual’s sex assignment.

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Genderqueer – Genderqueer (non-binary) is a catch-all category for gender identities other than man and woman, thus outside of the gender binary and cisnormativity.

Gender Confirmation Surgery – Surgical procedures by which a transgender person's physical appearance and function of their existing sexual characteristics are altered to resemble that of their identified gender.

Intersex – A person whose sex chromosomes, genitalia and/or secondary sex characteristics are determined to be neither exclusively male nor female. They may have biological characteristics of both male and female sexes.

Pangendered – Pangender people are those who

feel they identify as all genders. Because of its all-encompassing nature, presentation and pronoun usage varies between different people who identify as pangender.

Pansexual – Pansexuality, or omnisexuality, is sexual attraction, sexual desire, romantic love, or emotional attraction toward people of any sex or gender identity. Self-identified pansexuals may refer to themselves as gender-blind.

Queer – Queer is an umbrella term for sexual and gender minorities that are not heterosexual or cisgender.

Sexual Orientation – Sexual orientation refers to one's sexual and romantic attraction, i.e. those who are attracted to people of the opposite sex (heterosexual),

to people of the same sex (homosexual, lesbian or gay), to people of both sexes (bisexual).

Transgender – Transgender is an umbrella term for persons whose gender identity does not conform to and/or those who identify with a gender other than the sex to which they were assigned at birth. Often shortened to "trans."

Trigender – A person who is trigender is somebody who identifies between three different genders regardless of what they may be.

Two-Spirited – Two-spirited people (also "two spirit" or "twospirit") is a modern umbrella term used by some indigenous North Americans to describe or label gender-variant individuals in their communities.



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DANA LARSEN ADVOCATES FOR SENSIBLE MARIJUANA REFORM

By Kristyn Anthony

After the last Canadian election, Dana Larsen sent Justin Trudeau and every other Liberal MP a copy of his book *Cannabis in Canada: The Illustrated History*, complete with a complimentary gram of pot.

For the life-long marijuana advocate, it was just another day in a career spent making waves, spanning the better part of two decades advocating for reform to Canada's drug laws. Long before the current cannabis prohibition was a hot topic, Larsen was sowing the seeds for a career in lobbying for drug reform as a student

back in the early 1990s with the creation of the SFU League for Ethical Action on Drugs.

After a 10-year run as editor of *Cannabis Culture* magazine, working alongside Marc Emery, Larsen co-founded the Vancouver Seed Bank, and Vancouver Dispensary Society as well as BC and Canada's Marijuana Parties. In 2010, he ran for leadership of the BC NDP and now as one of Vancouver's most well known cannabis activists, Larsen is the founder and director of Sensible BC, Canada's largest grassroots cannabis reform organization.

"I think it's a fundamental human rights issue," Larsen says of drug law reform. "[It's] something that is important and has been neglected for a long time, and is now coming to the fore."

Larsen founded Vancouver's third cannabis dispensary in 2008, and has been instrumental in growing Canada's dispensary movement, offering free advice and consultation all across the country.

In an effort to normalize and grow the idea of marijuana into change and acceptance, Larsen launched the Overgrow Canada campaign this past year, giving away over two million

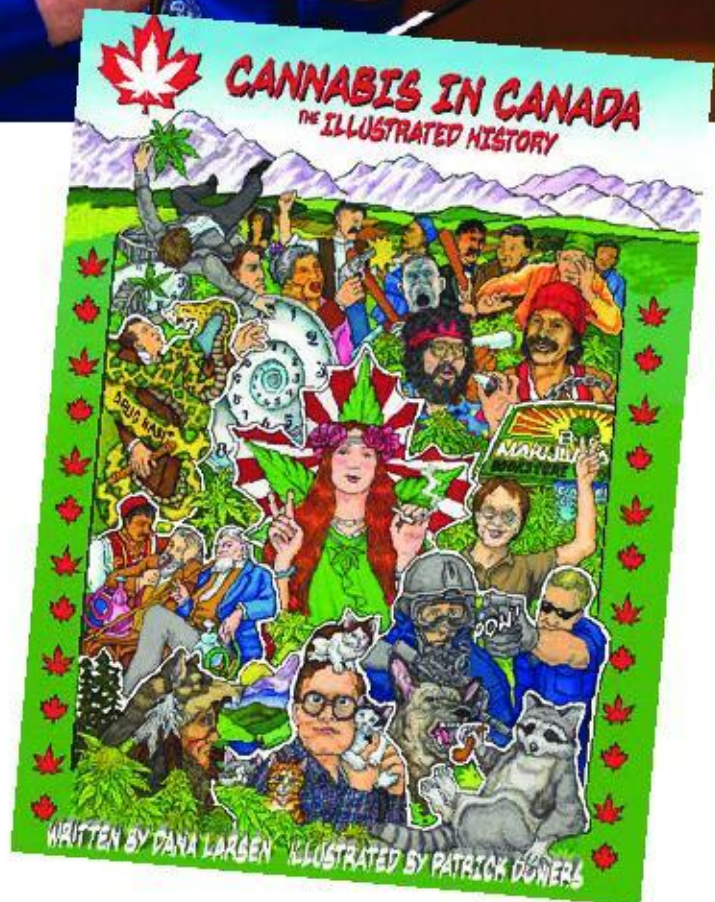


cannabis seeds to be planted in public and private gardens.

“Certainly the healing benefits of cannabis help people who have very serious ailments,” Larsen explains. “Not only to ease their pain and suffering, but to heal and get themselves better.”

As science continues to explore the benefits of cannabis use for illnesses related to cancer, HIV/AIDS, and arthritis among others, Larsen points out the demographic of cannabis users is wide and varied.

“Everyone uses these things, but the groups who get busted are the poor, or those who are



more likely to come into contact with police,” says Larsen. “The war on drugs and the war on marijuana is a war on marginalized people.”

Visit Dana's dispensary at 1182 Thurlow

St., or online at **cannabisdispensary.ca**

• To learn more about Sensible BC, visit SensibleBC.ca

PRONOUNS & RESPECT

A lot of us aren't used to having to ask for people's pronouns. We're used to assuming, based on people's bodies and appearances, who they are and what gender they are.

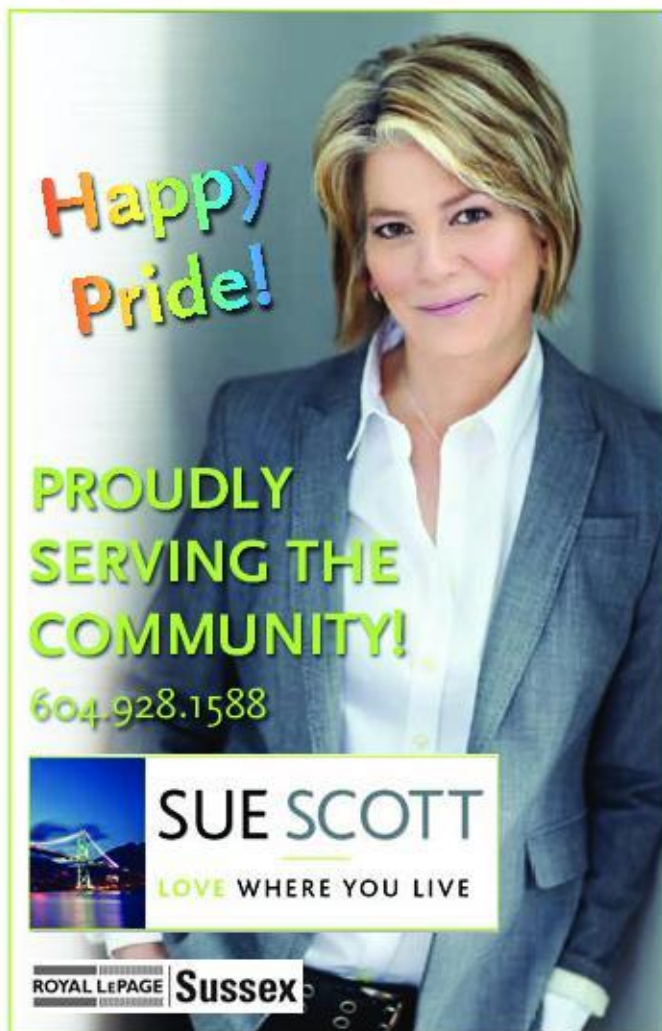
But people's genders don't always correspond to how they look or sound or dress. Just because you think someone looks cisgender doesn't mean that they are, and transgender people can be at many different stages of their journey.

All you need to do is ask: What are your pronouns? Some people may use conventional pronouns like "he" or "she." Other people may identify as non-binary or agender, using pronouns like "they" (singular), "one," "ze," "sie" or "hir." Some may

only use their names, not identifying with any pronouns. Pronouns may change over time.

This can be a lot to keep straight and it means changing the way you think, but it's essential for showing respect. Transgender and Gender-Variant people have their identities, their bodies and their experiences judged, denied and erased every day. Respecting people's pronouns is a step towards stopping that inequality. This is how we show members of our community that they aren't alone.

For more information, visit transequitynow.ca.




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A great way to support our Transgender and Gender-Variant friends and family is by donating to and volunteering for these organizations so that they can continue the vital work they do.

All Bodies Swim is a grassroots group that organizes body-positive swim nights at public pools. The Swim welcomes all body types and gender identities in a comfortable, safe setting, with body positivity orientations for pool staff. To support All Bodies Swim, please visit them on Facebook to find out about volunteer opportunities.

Catherine White Holman Wellness Centre provides low-barrier wellness services to Transgender and Gender-Variant people in a way that is respectful and celebratory of their identity and self-expression. The centre is entirely volunteer-run and offers services to individuals regardless of citizenship, health insurance or residential address, and provides the majority of Transgender and Gender-Variant health services in Vancouver. To donate to the CWHWC, please visit cwhwc.com.

PFLAG exists to advocate for a more accepting Canadian society and to provide education, resources and support for LGBTQ2+ community

members and their families, with particular attention paid to Transgender and Gender-Variant children. PFLAG helps families through the journey of coming out. To support PFLAG, visit pflagvancouver.com.

Saige Community Food Bank is a Transgender and Gender-Variant safe space that is open to all, and provides healthy food and a variety of other items to those in need. Operating a few times a month out of Kiwassa Neighbourhood House, Saige depends on volunteers and donations to continue providing services. To support the Saige Community Food Bank, visit saigecommunityfoodbank.com.

Women Against Violence Against Women Rape Crisis Centre uses a feminist, anti-oppression and decolonizing framework, to provide services to all self-identified women and girls who have been sexually assaulted. Services include one-to-one counselling, support groups, a 24-Hour Crisis Line, counselling for the families of the missing and murdered Aboriginal women, victim services support, and educational outreach to prevent future violence. To support WAVAW, visit wavaw.ca.

WISH Drop-In Centre is operated by women to help female survival sex workers. The Centre offers essential items, clothing, meals, shelter and detox services, as well as employment support and a learning centre. WISH maintains a strong policy of inclusion, never turning away Transgender and Gender-Variant women who experience discrimination at other shelters. To support the WISH Drop-In Centre, visit wish-vancouver.net.

AFDS – Aboriginal Front Door Society For Aboriginal peoples

Reach AFDS at 604-697-5662.
abfrontdoor.com

BWSS – Battered Women’s Support Services

For self-identified girls and women.
604-687-1867. bwss.org

Surrey Women’s Centre

For cis- and trans- women and Gender Variant peoples. 604-583-1295.
surreywomenscentre.ca

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How U Survive This Life Everyday is a physical/virtual outreach and support program for self-identified men and youth in the sex industry and has been a program at Health Initiative for Men (HIM) since 2012. HIM’s mission is to strengthen gay men’s health and well-being through community engagement and research-based health promotion services and is committed to non-judgemental support. HUSTLE offers outreach services both in-person and online. For more information, please visit checkhimout.ca/HUSTLE, [facebook.com/Hustlekrew](https://www.facebook.com/Hustlekrew) or on Twitter @HUSTLE-Krew. To reach the outreach centre, call 778-980-4678, or reach the office at 604-488-1001 ext 231.

ADDITIONAL SEX WORK SUPPORT SERVICES

PACE – Providing Alternatives, Counselling, Education Society

For sex workers of all gender and sexual identity. 604-872-7651.
pace-society.org

SWAN – Supporting Women’s Alternative Network

For migrant/immigrant indoor sex workers. 604-719-6343.
swanvancouver.ca

Boys R Us Drop-in Program (Vancouver Coastal Health)

For self-identified male and trans sex workers. 604-633-1472.

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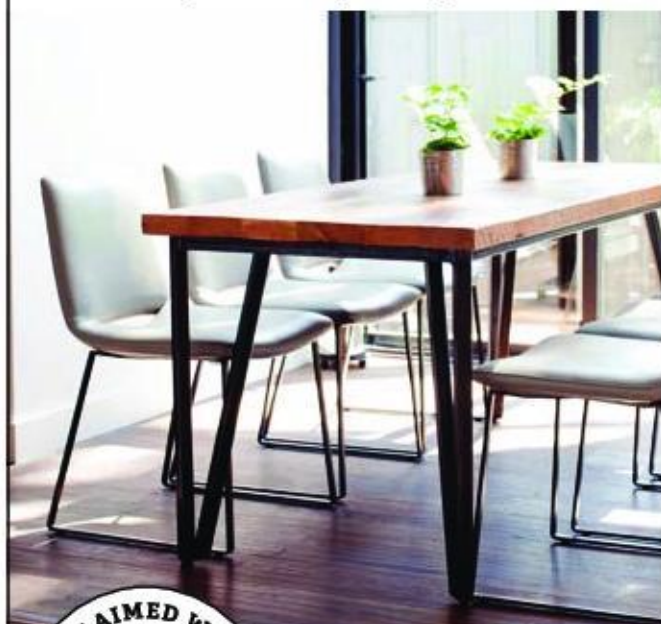
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Great change has been created, and current seniors have been instrumental, but there is still work to be done; the laws in some US States and the awful events of June 12th in Orlando are dramatic reminders of this.

We must continue to work together in Pride, across generations, races, religions and all minority communities. The closet door only opens outward and is the only route to further change. Vancouver's Pride events have huge support from the wider community, and it is with this support that we can continue to make progress. Let's have fun as we work for change and as we age together!

**- Stuart Alcock, President
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Sunset Beach is completely accessible. Shade tents will be provided next to cement pathways for those with mobility issues. ASL interpreters and a signing area will be provided by the BC Rainbow Alliance for the Deaf. For more information at the festival

site come visit VPS volunteers at the Accessibility Tent. Don't forget that the West End is incredibly busy on Pride Sunday! Consider taking transit or biking. Bike Valet will be provided by donation.

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The theme of this year's Parade is "Better Together," in celebration of the change we have the power to create when working in unity. Isolation is a real issue, but when we stand together and believe in one another, it makes everyone stronger. Together we have the power to affect positive social change and carve out space for each of us to celebrate who we are.

Vote for your favourite entries! All entries in the 2016 Vancouver Pride Parade are eligible for awards, so don't forget to vote! Visit **vancouverpride.ca** on Pride Sunday for instructions.

Some of the best spots for viewing include the four MC stations and the Splash Zone at Denman at Comox. And don't forget these important tips and tricks:

- **Please stay off the road.** Let marchers come to you to get free swag and give floats lots of room to move.
- **No spraying water** or throwing objects at entries!
- **Pack it in, pack it out!** Help the Vancouver Pride Parade become zero impact by using garbage bins and recycle stations along the parade route.
- Be aware of **road closures** on Pride Sunday. The Parade begins at 12:00pm sharp, but roads will be closed from **8:00am to 4:00pm** for setup and strike.
- **Leave your car at home!** Parking along the Parade route is extremely limited, so take transit to the Parade, or ride a bike and check it at the Bike Valet on Sunset Beach.
- Open alcohol is prohibited on streets and parks so leave it at home. Come to the beer garden at Sunset Beach after the Parade and have a toast with us.
- **Practice sun safety!** Wear a hat, apply sunscreen, stay hydrated!



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- Interveners for those who are deaf and blind
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Please note, Parade Accessibility Areas are reservation only although no one will be turned away on Parade Day as long as space is available. Please take the time to

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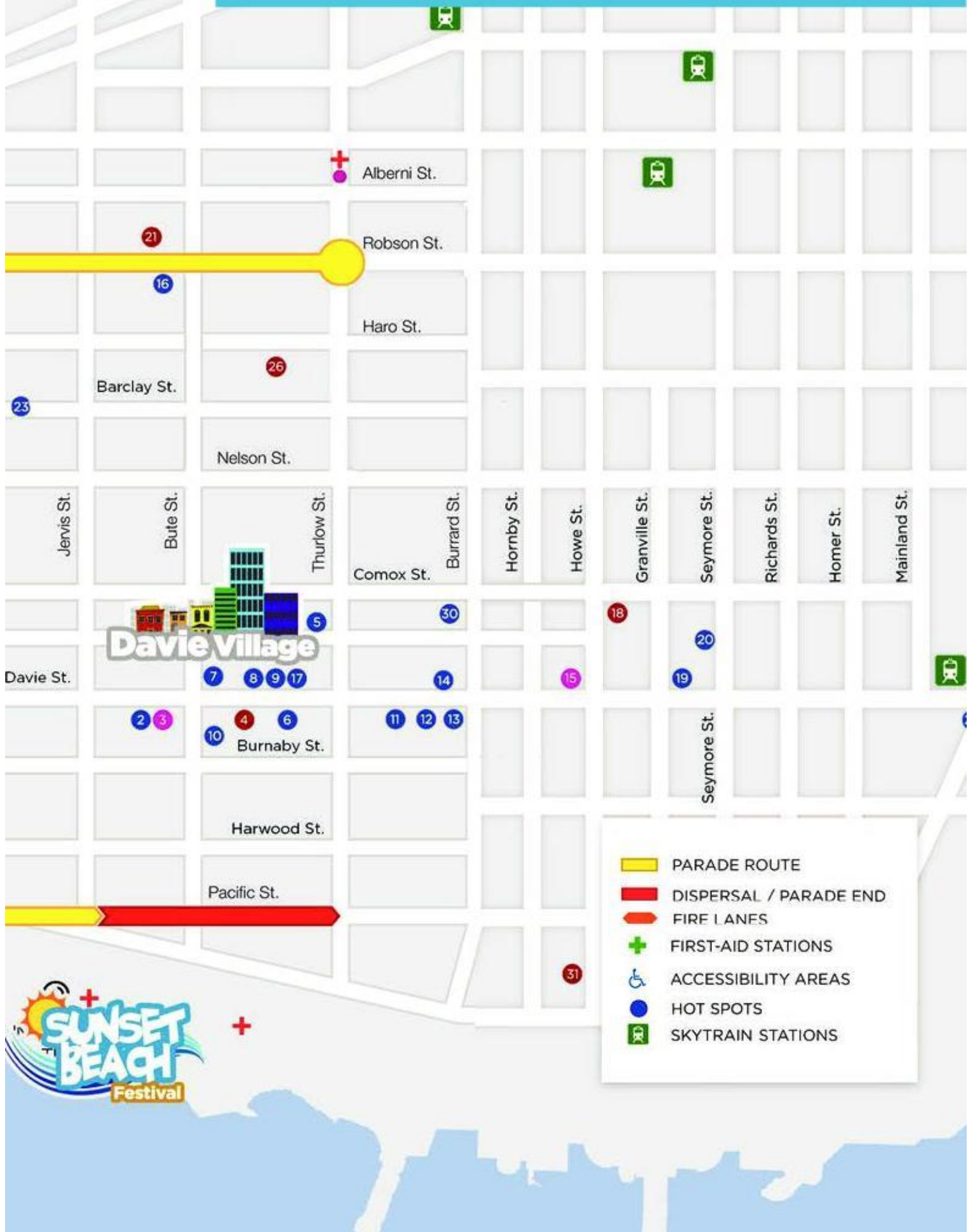
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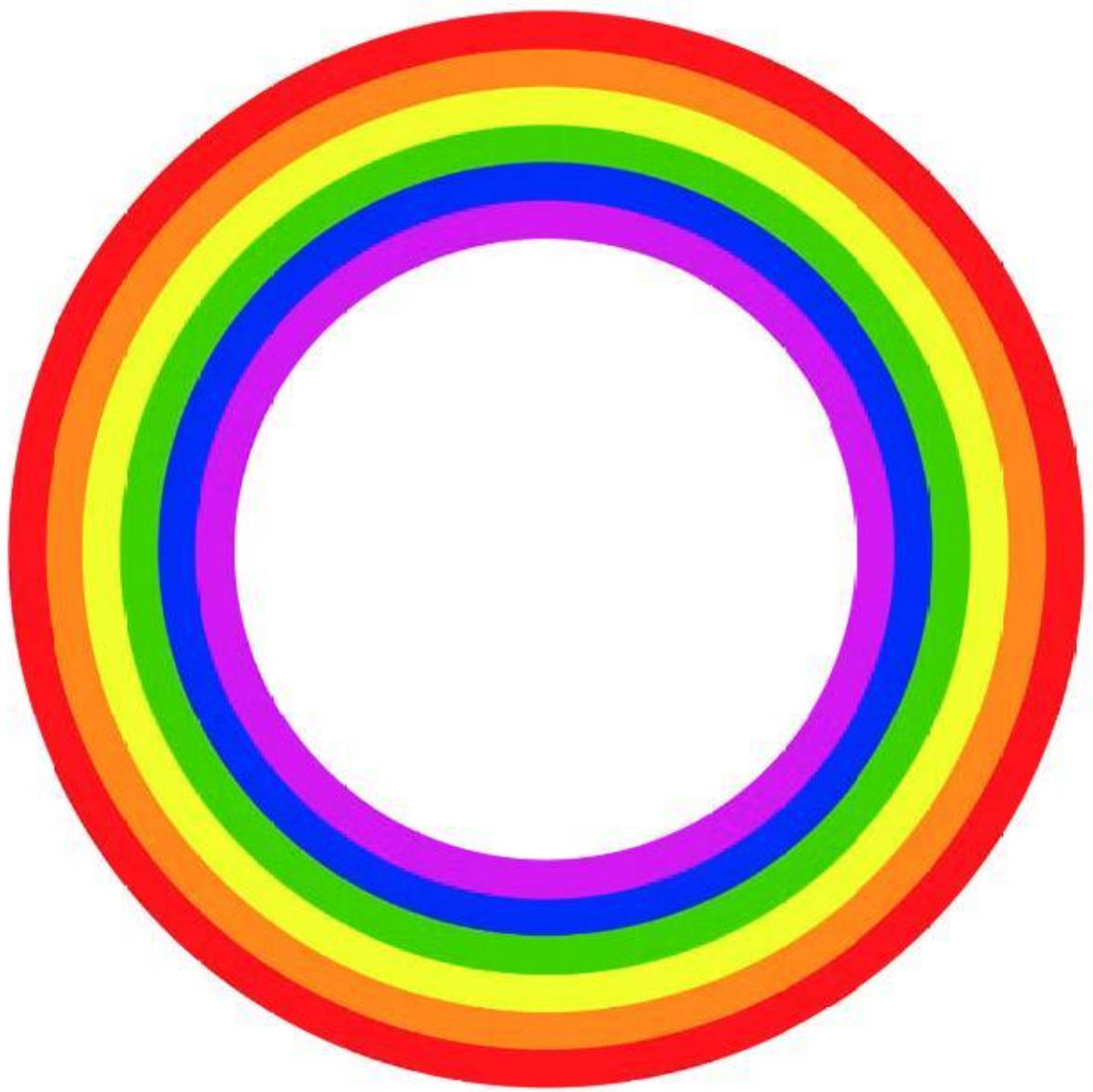
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I volunteer with Rainbow Refugee, introducing sponsors to the organization, and then introduce LGBTQ refugees to those circles of hope. Together, we make it possible for a refugee to come here, respecting the refugee's self-determination, rights of privacy, and helping them build their own future here. Through events like An Evening in Damascus (pg. 80), you can support us too, helping us raise the funds needed to bring the refugee to their new home here in Canada.

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The picnic portion of the event will also be at Sunset Beach, and will directly follow the run/walk, and features family-friendly

activities and attractions such as games, a drag race, sports, and vendors. A light breakfast donated by Urban Fare will be provided for walkers & runners. The Bike Valet will be available by donation. All proceeds from the event will benefit Pride Youth Scholarships.

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MONDAY, JULY 25TH - 11:30AM

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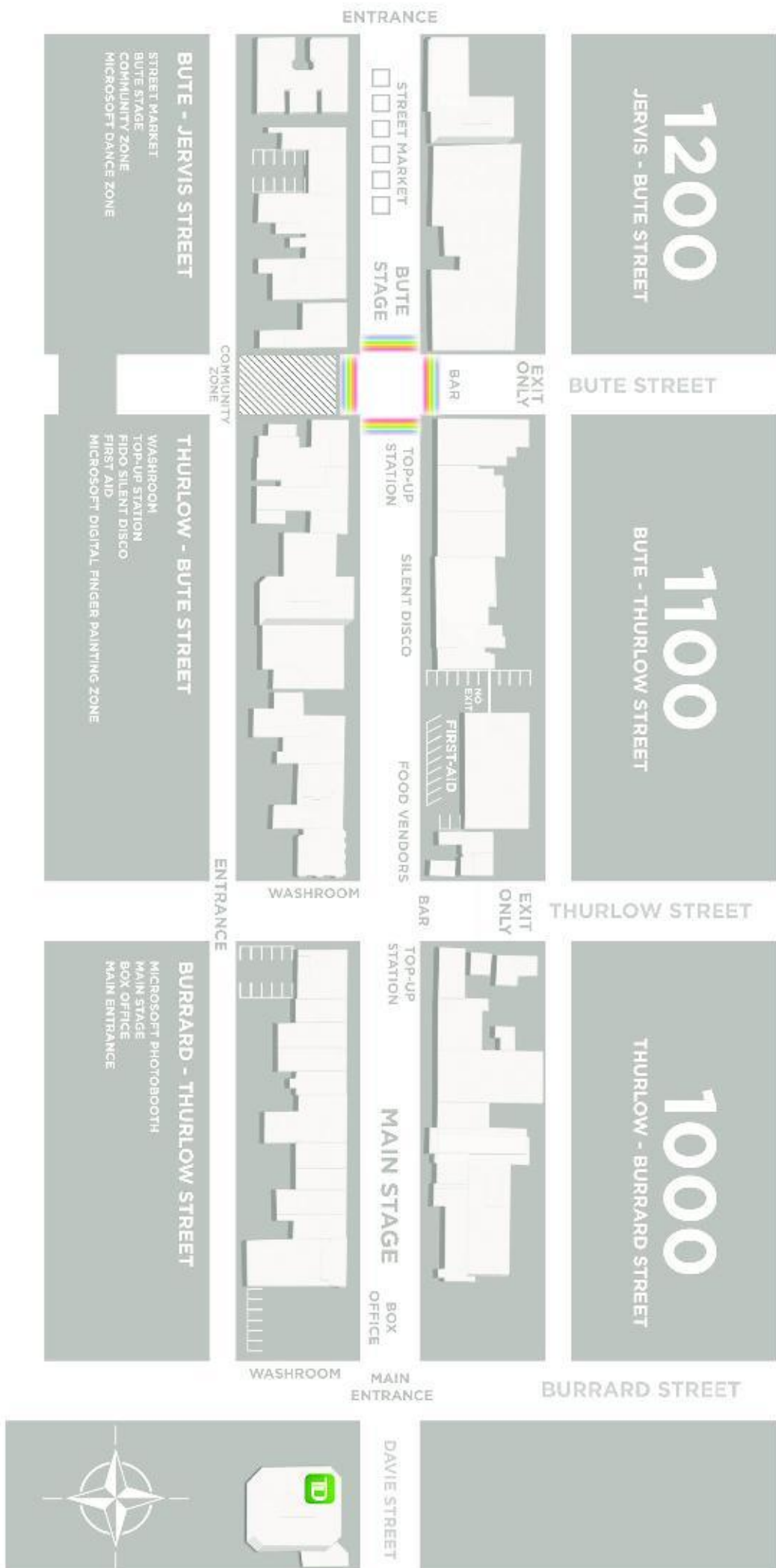
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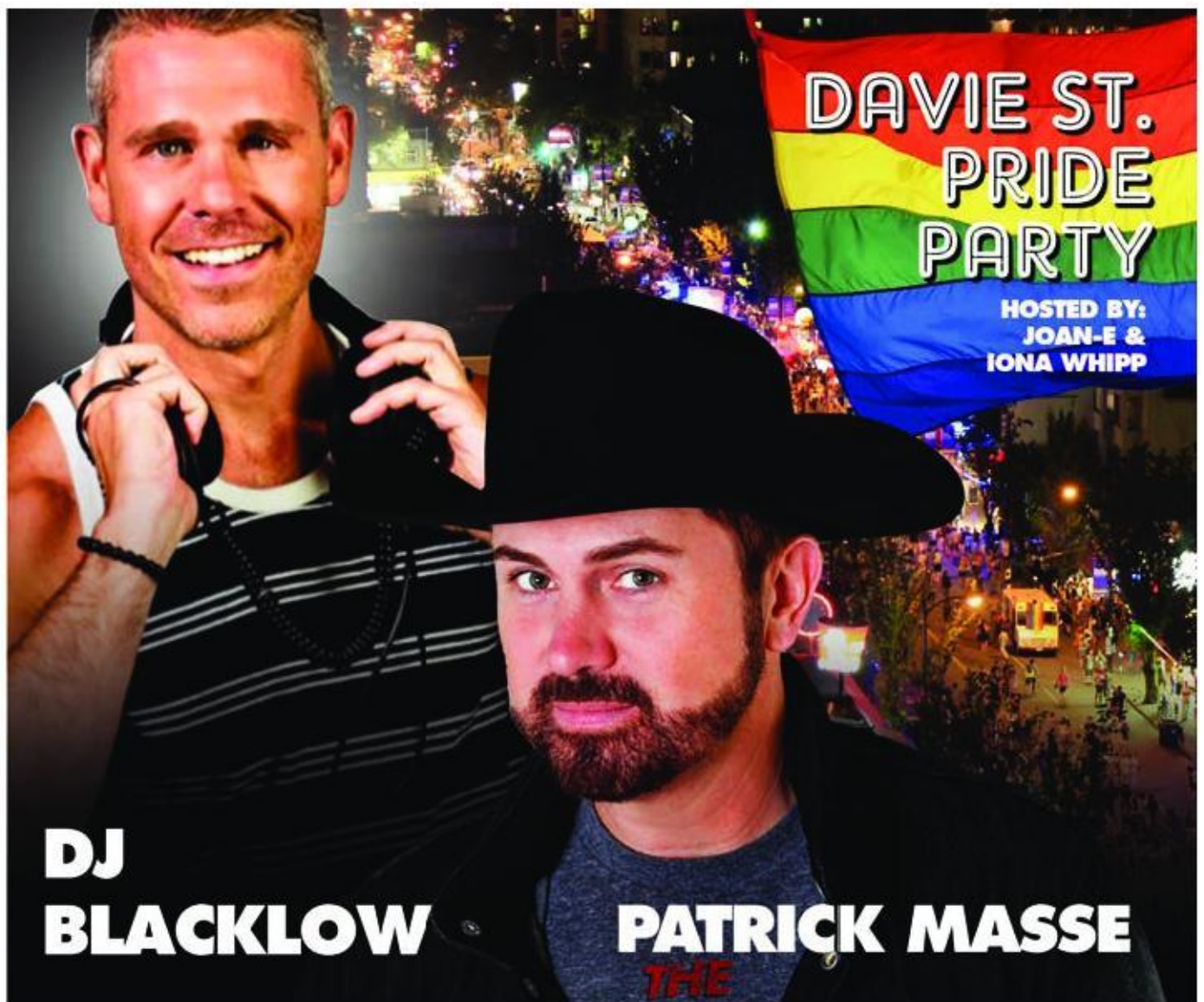
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The Davie Village Bars are really showing the Vancouver community spirit. They are working together to produce the stages on Burrard, and at the Jim Deva Plaza at Bute St. Plus you'll see familiar faces behind the bars on the streets this year. As the staff from them all combined their talents to run the infamous beer garden spanning 3 blocks of the Davie Village.

Programming on the stages combines family entertainment from 6-9pm at Jim Deva Plaza to international headliners like DJ Blacklow on the Burrard Street Stage nestled in between Celebrities Nightclub and the FountainHead Pub. A Vancouver native, Canadian country singer Patrick Masse has a global fan base. Releasing two albums, *Get There from Here* & *Mend the Man*, earned him a nomination for the Ray MacAuley Memorial Horizon BCCMA Award. You'll enjoy him singing his latest single "Little Bit of Saturday" on the Jim Deva Plaza Stage.

DJ Blacklow grew up with the house music of NYC in the

'90s, beats and melodies of Junior Vasquez, Danny Tenaglia and the late Peter Rauhofer that still influence him today. Living in Los Angeles since 2004, Blacklow finally decided to take his love of music to the next level. He began spinning for friends in 2010, started to play bars, clubs and events throughout Southern California in 2011. Find him headlining the night on the Burrard Street Stage then follow him into Celebrities Nightclub where he will start up the after party at 11:30pm.

The stages will also feature dance performances by the Snap Boys, live singers Malcom Atis, Quanah Style, Peter Konrad and Vancouver's vocal superstar Bradley Barkman. Drag performers on both stages, it wouldn't be Pride without them! Plus amazing local DJs throughout the night.

On Friday July 29th, have your dancing shoes ready, shirt off, and be prepared to dance in the street. The Davie Street Party kicks off at 6pm and continues to midnight, then it will end in the local neighbourhood institutions:

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VANCOUVER DYKE MARCH BREATHES NEW LIFE

By Kristyn Anthony

It's no secret that the Vancouver Dyke March has seen a difficult year. Rumours flew earlier about the existence of its board and whether the resources were in place to continue the festival for 2016, but board member Christine Osgood says the show will go on.

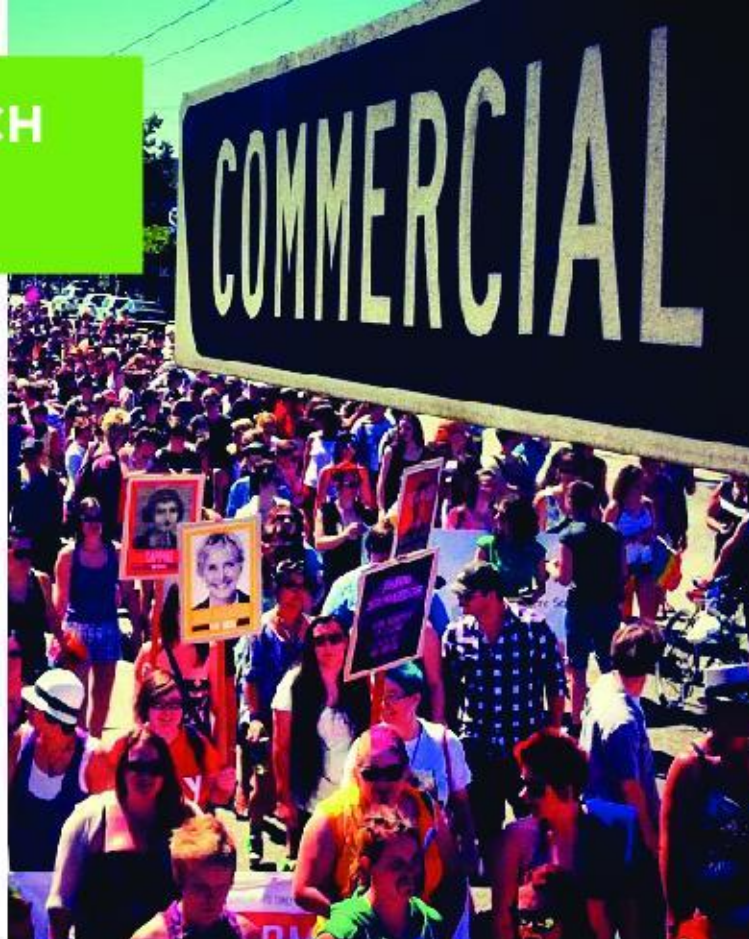
While this season is still a rebuilding year, Osgood says she and four others volunteering their time are committed to sticking around and building a foundation from which to grow.

"Our new board is taking an active role to promote the Vancouver Dyke March's social media presence and working to make the sure the march and festival are as inclusive as possible," Osgood says.

Originally from Calgary, Osgood says the uniqueness of Vancouver's proximity to a handful of other cities also celebrating the LGBTQ2+ community is a unifying advantage to be built upon.

"We want to come out and support the other queer events happening," she points out. "It's important to have presence at as many events as possible, I don't think that [our efforts] should end where the city ends."

The new board has also taken on different priorities, drafting what they call their trans inclusion policy, after losing sponsors and attendees confused about how welcome non-gender conforming folks were to take part.



"We want to be clear we welcome anyone who wants to come out and have a good time," Osgood stresses. And by good time, she means a celebration of queers and their allies starting with the march down Commercial Drive and culminating at the festival grounds at Grandview Park.

A host of queer-centric vendors will dot the lawn, along with live music, DJs and drag performances to fill the afternoon. Now in its 13th year, the Vancouver Dyke March works hard to retain much of the same values Pride did in its early days: A family-friendly event free of corporate influence and designed to build on the traditions of community.

As Osgood and a new good generation take the reigns, the women who blazed the trail are always close in mind.

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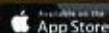
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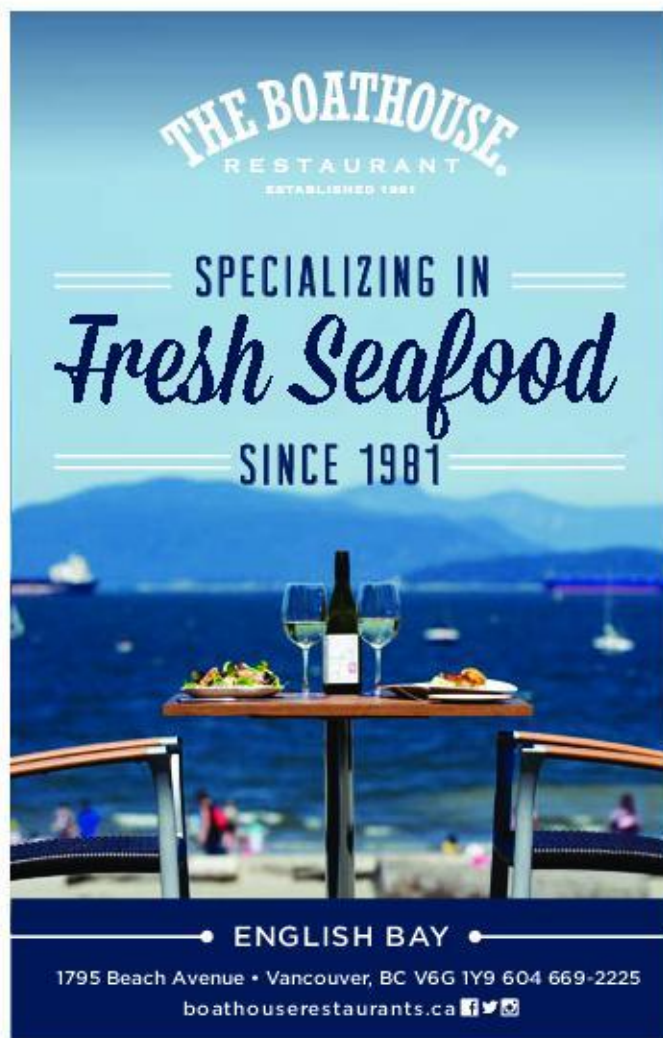
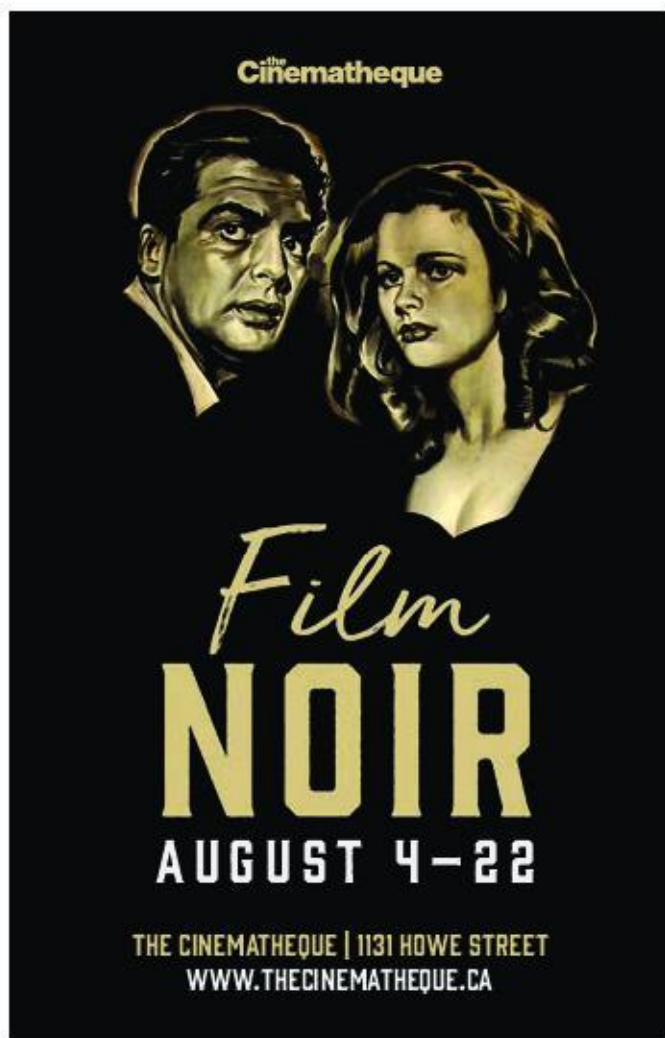
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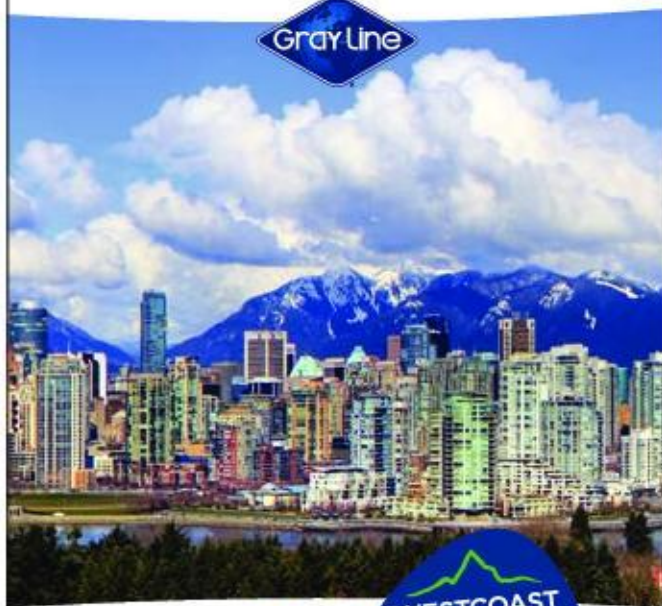
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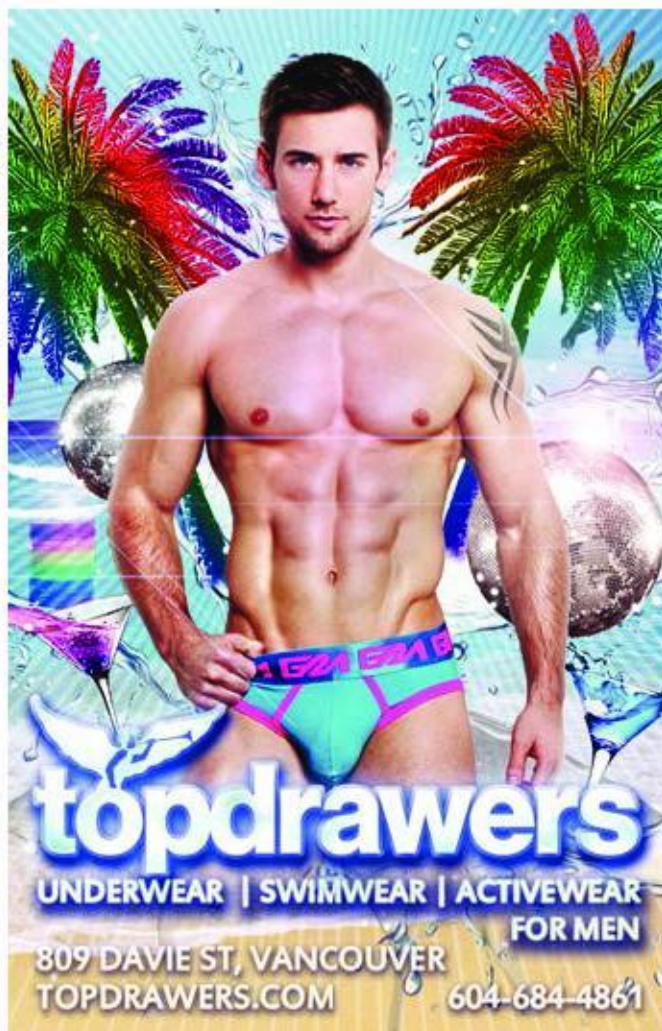
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Monday, July 18th

Queer Prov 10 Year Anniversary

8:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute. Free. Queer Comedy Improv. Meet our cast, current and alumni, to celebrate 10 years on (and off) Davie Street.

Tuesday, July 19th

Gays, Games & Testing

6:30pm @ 205-568 Seymour St. Free. Come join other young gay, bi and queer guys for video games and board games. Nurses on-site to provide free STI testing.

Saturday, July 23rd

An Evening in Damascus

7:00pm @ Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden - 578 Carrall St. Hosted by Syrian refugee and Parade Grand Marshal Danny Ramadan, Queer Fundraising Party to sponsor lesbian Syrian couple, Syrian art and music. Suggested donation \$20.

Sunday, July 24th

Pride Run/Walk + Picnic

9:00am @ Sunset Beach. Hosted by Vancouver Frontrunners and the Vancouver Pride Society, the 5km run/walk follows the False Creek Seawall.

Highlights include costumes, awards and disco water stations. Stick around for the family-friendly picnic at Sunset Beach. **See page 56 for more info.**

Queers & Beers

5:00pm @ The Cobalt - 917 Main St. Tix \$10-\$15, PWYC. Celebrate with this year's official Pride Beer, cider and gluten-free options, video games, food trucks, and tunes of DJ Bey. brownpapertickets.com

Man Up Amateur Hour

9:00pm @ The Cobalt - 917 Main St. Tix \$7. Pride Week launch party and drag show. Cast your vote for your fav new face of multi-gender drag. Free with Queers&Beers stamp.

Wednesday, July 27th

Bingo For Life

8:00pm @ Celebrities - 1022 Davie St. Donation \$10. Carlotta Gurl and Mina Mercury are joined by DJ Del Stamp for one of the most outrageous events during Pride Week. The Queens are pulling balls to benefit Vancouver Friends for Life Society.

Pride Cabaret

11:00pm @ Celebrities - 1022 Davie St. Free. Right after Bingo, stick around for celebrity impersonation show, it's drag like you've never seen before with DJ Zach Shore.

Ultraqueer! Summer Bash

9:00pm @ Astoria - 769 East Hastings St. Tix \$5. A dance party for queer folks and allies. Beachwear and insanity strongly encouraged. Free cover with song request on Facebook page.

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Thursday, July 28th

Aging With Pride

2:00pm @ Coast Plaza Hotel - 1736 Comox St. Tix by donation. A Pride Week celebration for LGBTQ2+ seniors 55+ to enjoy food and entertainment in a welcoming, safe, and accepting space. See pg. 42 for more info.

Welcome to Stonewall

6:00pm @ Vancouver Public Library - 350 W. Georgia St. Free. Three speakers, including a participant in the 1969 Stonewall Riots, will tell their stories and share in discussion and thoughts surrounding the events.

The Big Gay Sing

7:00pm @ The Revue Stage - 1601 Johnston St. Tix \$25. Get your Pride on early. Audience singalongs take you from spectator to performer. vancouvermenschorus.ca

Absolutely Fabulous

7:00pm @ Gordon Neighborhood House - 1019 Broughton St. Tix \$4. Neighbourhood party featuring an outdoor beer garden, barbecue, and local entertainment. Tickets include one beer/cider, and burger. Proceeds support Young Ideas and local LGBTQ2+ charities.

Friday, July 29th

Trans Two-Spirit Genderqueer Intersex March

5:30pm @ Clark Park - 1500 E. 14th Ave. Free. For further information, including accessibility, see our website transpridevancouver.wordpress.com. See pg. 60 for more info.

Friends & Company Pride Luncheon

12:00pm @ Hawksworth Restaurant - 801 Georgia St. Tix \$45. 3-course lunch with wine. Guest speaker Martin Boyce, one of 20 known living veterans of the

Stonewall riots. Proceeds benefit Out In Schools.

Queer Prov Pride Kick Off

7:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute St. Free. Missed us on Monday? No sweat! Kick off Pride Weekend with Queer Prov. Dress in your finest/campiest LGBTQ2+ attire.

Man Up : Shout Out Proud

9:00pm @ The Cobalt - 917 Main St. Tix \$20. East Van's iconic multi-gender drag spectacular features DeVery Bess (Montreal) and local talent. Tix @ shoutoutproud.BPT.me and Little Sisters.

Chicks Ahoy! Women's Pride Cruise

7:00pm @ Magic Yacht Charters - 1601 Bayshore Dr. Tix \$40-\$55. Chicks Ahoy is where fly-girls and friends of all stripes take their hijinks to the high seas for a naughty night of nautical fun! With DJ Riki Rocket (UK) Flygirlproductions.com

Wild Fruit

9:00pm @ Playhouse Nightclub - 1240 Thurlow St. Tix. \$15. Home of 80s/90s/2000s/present/dance/hip-hop/R&B. This party is down in Davie Village, the best place to be on Pride weekend. Flygirlproductions.com

FOURPLAY & PLAYBOY

9:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute St. Tix \$15+. Join four past playmates in an early drag showcase followed by PLAYBOY, XY's hiphop and RnB party. Xyfriday.eventbrite.ca

RUFFpride

9:00pm @ The Pint - 455 Abbott St. Tix \$25-\$35. Intoxicating tunes and hypnotizing performances by Shane and 12 hot MENofRUFF in 3 rooms, 2 dance floors. Head over to Steamworks Bathhouse at 11pm to keep the party going. Tix at Topdrawersandruffparty.com

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Queer As Funk : Pride 2016

8:00pm @ The Commodore Ballroom
- 868 Granville St. Tix \$30. East Van's legendary funk outfit kicks off Pride with a repertoire ranging from funk, soul, and Motown classics to contemporary favs. Tix at ticketmaster.ca

RUFFplay at STEAMWORKS BATHHOUSE

11:00pm-late @ Steamworks Bathhouse
- 123 W. Pender St. Tix info online. Keep the RUFFpride party going with DJ ZARFAN at the Official Steamworks Bathhouse after RUFFpride party. Tix at Topdrawers and ruffparty.com

Saturday, July 30th

Vancouver Dyke March

10:00am @ McSpadden Park - 2125 Victoria Drive. Free. Join us for the 13th annual Vancouver Dyke March, beginning at McSpadden Park with pre-March festivities and art. Marching at noon. See pg. 72 for more info.

Vancouver Dyke Festival

1:00pm @ Grandview Park - 1657 Charles St. Free. Join us after the March for performances, queer-friendly vendors and a space to gather with friends, family, and community. See pg. 72.

Do What U Luv

8:00am @ Fortius Sport&Health - 3713 Kensington Ave., Burnaby. Tix \$20. Join us for a yoga and dance party, and take part in the making of "Better Together."

STUDIO with SHANDA

8:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute St. Tix \$10+. The monthly sketch show starring everyone's favorite Tippy Aunt Shanda Leer with special guest Iona Whipp. Xysaturday.eventbrite.ca

Rapture Heatwave

12:00pm @ Westin Grand Hotel - 433 Robson St. Tix \$40+. Vancouver's only Pride pool party atop the Westin Grand Hotel with DJ Nick Bertossi, Quest, and performances by Brooke Lynn Hyes and Gia Metric. 2016heatwave.eventbrite.ca

El Hangover with Dai Burger

1:00pm @ The Cobalt - 917 Main St. Tix \$20. The legendary alley-fabulous parking lot pool party returns for its fifth year with outdoor dance floor and lounge, tropical patio, food trucks. Tix at elhangover5.BPT.me and Little Sisters.

Denim Vest: Sweet Resistance

10:00pm @ Red Gate Arts Society - 855 E. Hastings St. Tix \$20-\$25. Queer Sweaty Dance Party For The People. No one turned away for lack of funds.

ONYX

10:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute St. Tix \$24+. The Saturday PRIDE edition of ONYX with DJ Kitty Glitter, Landon James, and performances by Brooke Lynn Hyes & Gogo Eddie Eduardo. Xysaturday.eventbrite.ca

Fireworks Viewing Party

8:30pm @ TD Tower - 700 W. Georgia St. Tix \$50. Enjoy a birds-eye view of the fireworks from the top floor of TD Tower. Open bar, live DJ, Prizes. Proceeds benefit Out In Schools. friendsandcompany.ca

Tomboy Pride

9:00pm @ The Astoria - 769 E. Hastings St. Tix \$10. Night of raunchy East Van realness. Queer burlesque showcase, Kasey Riot, DJ She, and 50/50 draw with proceeds donated to local LGBTQ organization of your choice.

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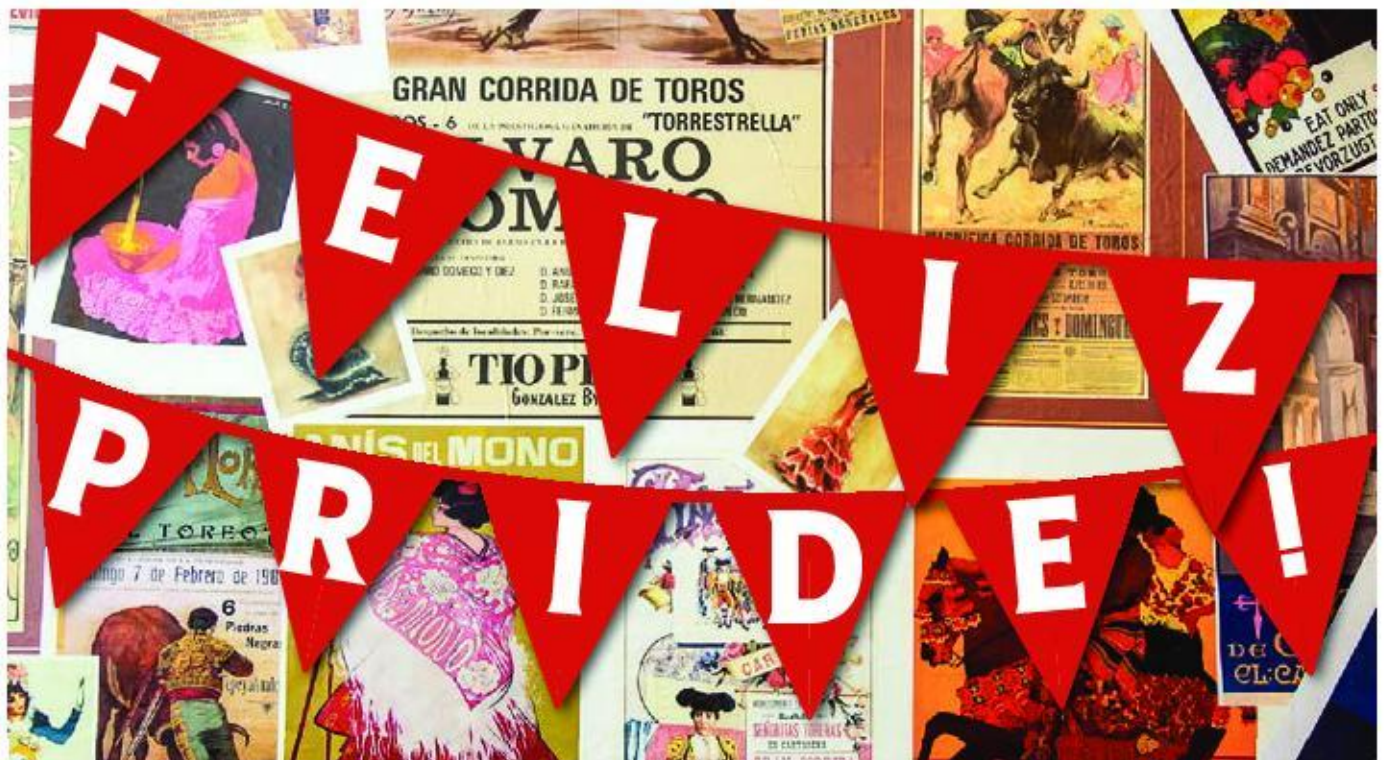


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Night of a Thousand Divines

9:00pm @ The Cobalt - 917 Main St.
Tix \$15. Celebration of our favourite salacious sissies, celebrating queer icons in the best kind of Cobalt love-in. Costumes galore and sweat by the bucket.

Bearracuda

9:00pm @ Red Room Ultra Bar - 398 Richards St. Tix \$30. Hot and furry go go dancers and hundreds of Bears partying with Bearracuda, DJ Hifi Sean(UK), and special guests. Tix at bearracuda.com

Swallow Your Pride

8:00pm @ Maritime Labor Center - 1880 Triumph St. Tix \$20/\$25. Get beaten by your butch or put your fist in a feline, queer kinky perverts of every glorious gender are welcome. swallowyourpride.ca

Sunday, July 31st

Youth Pride Dance

8:00pm @ West End Community Centre - 870 Denman St. Tix by donation. Dance the night away at an awesome sober event for queer, trans, and allied youth.

BawdyHaus Pride

9:00pm @ The Hindenburg - 23 W. Cordova St. Tix \$20. Sexy performances, go go dancers, visual art installations, 2 levels of cruising and boozing. Tix at honeypotproductions.ca

Bearracuda vs. Pitbull

9:00pm @ FiveSixty - 560 Seymour St. Tix \$20. Epic battle between DJs Nick Bertossi and Gordon John battling on the decks with beefy bodied go go dancers. Tix at shopthemensroom.com

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4:00pm @ Sheraton Wall Centre - 1088

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HERSHE - Where The Girls Are!

9:00pm @ Harbour Event Centre and Prive Nightclub - 750 Pacific Blvd. Tix \$25-\$30. Two clubs! 5 DJs! Famous for its sensory overload of neon, confetti, CO2, electrifying music, beautiful people, this IS Where The Girls Are. flygirlproductions.com

Pride Party Cruise

4:00pm @ Harbour Cruises - 501 Denman St. Tix \$60. Come aboard the MV Britannia, Vancouver's largest charter vessel, hosted by Joan-E and Carlotta Gurl. House and nu-disco. Tix at CruiseyT.ElectroStub.com

History Sunday

3:00pm @ Celebrities - 1022 Davie St. Free till 8pm, \$15 after. After the parade head to the infamous 14-hour non-stop party hosted by Iona Whipp. Best Butt Contest and go go dancers.

Go Go Pride Cruise

5:00pm @ Harbour Cruises - 501 Denman St. Tix \$55. Get aboard the sexiest cruise of the weekend as Cruisey T provides sounds of house and Top 40. 3 decks, rooftop dance floor. Tix at CruiseyT.ElectroStub.com

Rapture: Victory

10:00pm @ Commodore Ballroom - 868 Granville St. Tix \$45. Largest LGBTQ2+ dance event during Pride week is the closing party with DJ Paulo, Circuit Diva Shokra, Del Stamp, and go go dancers. Tix at ticketmaster.ca

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Naked Pride Party presented by PCAN

8:00pm-3:00am @ Club 8 x 6 - 1775 Haro St. PCAN also hosts private pot-lucks, barbecues, camping events, etc. Please check out our website p-can.org for a list of upcoming events and membership info.

Two-Spirit Pride: Together Is Better

6pm @ The Penthouse, 1019 Seymour St. \$5. Snacks, dancing, two spirit entertainment.

Monday, August 1st

Recovery Pride Cruise

3:00pm @ Harbour Cruises - 501 Denman St. Tix \$60. Worked Pride weekend? Chill, laid back afternoon cruise. Tix @ CruiseyT.ElectroStub.com

Queer Prov Pajama Party

8:00pm @ XY - 1216 Bute St. Free. Nurse your Pride hangover with Queer Prov. Our cast will be in their jammies - you should wear the same!

Tuesday, August 2nd

Queer Prov Workshop

6:45pm @ QMUNITY - 1170 Bute St. Tix \$10. Come play, laugh, and learn Improv with Queer Prov. No experience necessary, all levels are welcome.

Friday, August 5th

Laurie

9:30pm @ The Emerald - 555 Gore Ave. Tix \$12. A pioneer of genres as diverse as punk and disco, glam and



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Saturday, August 6th

"Better Together: A Vancouver Pride Story"

7:00pm, Location TBD. Tix by donation. Enjoy local entertainment, brews, and a film screening. A fundraising event for the Pride Society and other community initiatives. bit.ly/BTVPS for details.

Sunday, August 7th

Vancouver Gaymers Board Game Meetup

12:00pm @ Board Game Warriors - 708 Clarkson St., New West. Free. Come play board games with the Vancouver Gaymers at Board Game Warriors.

Tuesday, August 9th

New West Pride Family Picnic

6:00pm @ Pier Park, New West. Free. Join New West Pride and Vancouver Film Festival for an evening picnic in the park with outdoor screening of Labyrinth at 9:30pm.

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Mpowerment : Beach Bods - Body Positivity

6:30pm @ 205-568 Seymour St.
Free. Come join other young gay, bi and queer guys on a discussion about our bodies.

Saturday, August 13th

Changemakers

7:00pm @ SFU Goldcorp Center For The Arts - 149 W. Hastings St.
VQFF partnered with VPS presents Changemakers, a film featuring local trans activists with post-film panel.

Tuesday, August 16th

Mpowerment at Wreck Beach

6:30 @ Wreck Beach. Free. Join other young gay, bi, and queer guys in a casual social outing at Wreck Beach.

Wednesday, August 17th

Strike A Pose

6:30pm @ Vancouver Playhouse - 600 Hamilton St. Tix info online.
Documentary about dancers from Madonna's Blond Ambition tour, followed by Q&A with dancers Jose Xtravaganza and Kevin Stea! queerfilmfestival.ca/tickets

Spacemelt

9:40pm @ Vancouver Playhouse - 600 Hamilton St. Tix info online. A one-time-only magical, musical, dance and visual art experience featuring STRIKE A POSE stars Jose Xtravaganza and Kevin Stea! queerfilmfestival.ca/tickets



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Thursday, August 18th

Happy Hour - Undressing Drag

7:00pm @ Vancouver Art & Leisure - 1100 Chestnut St. Tix info online. Drag performances and cash bar as Willow Yamauchi presents memories and costumes from her father's time in the Bovine performance group.

Friday, August 19th

Prancehall

10:00pm @ Vancouver Art and Leisure - 1965 Main St. Tix \$10/\$15. Dress to sweat, xxxpress, and impress! Dancehall, bounce, tropical, reggaeton, twerk, moombahton, bashment, world. DJs, dancers, oxygen bar.

Tuesday, August 23rd

Mpowerment Unmask : Getting Ready To Go

6:30pm-9:00pm @ 205-568 Seymour St. Free. This fun sexual health workshop is all about the things we do before having sex! Topics include douching, STI testing, condoms, and PrEP.

Tuesday, August 30th

Mpowerment Drop-in Discussion

6:30pm-9:00pm @ 205-568 Seymour St. Free. A casual drop-in night for young gay, bi, and queer guys to come together and talk about current events, relationships and love.



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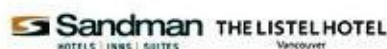


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