



Greater Palm Springs Pride

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## **Region's Pride Celebration Debuts New Downtown Festival Location, Offers Free Admission, and Sets New Parade Route.**

*Entertainment Lineup Features Headliners The Psychedelic Furs, Frankmusik, Steed Lord, Scavenger Hunt, Amanda Lepore, and Jeremiah Clark*

**PALM SPRINGS, CA** – (October 6, 2014) The Greater Palm Springs Pride celebration offers free festival admission, moves to a new location in downtown Palm Springs, introduces a new parade route and offers an unprecedented number of performers and attractions with a diverse lineup of artists gathered to celebrate equality, freedom and diversity in the LGBT community. Five entertainment venues are positioned throughout the new festival venue on Palm Canyon Drive and Arenas Rd in downtown Palm Springs, giving way to a wide range of musical genres that include emerging indie electro-pop, rock, dance, hip-hop and more.

Considered to be one of the most scenic Pride parades in the world, the Greater Palm Springs Pride Celebration marks its 28th Anniversary, November 7-9, 2014, with block parties, a free two-day festival and parade in downtown Palm Springs, California. The parade steps off at 10:00am on Sunday, November 9 at Tachevah and Palm Canyon Drive and travels through the Uptown Design District and south where it ends at the Festival entrance at Amado.

Palm Canyon Dr and Arenas Road will be closed to traffic and transformed into a vibrant, pedestrian friendly Pride Festival, unique to Southern California. Enjoy a diverse array of artists, entertainers, outdoor stages, youth zone, children's garden, multiple beverage gardens, food vendors and purveyors of all sorts including, jewelry, snacks and sweets. Add all that to great shopping restaurants, clubs and entertainment venues located along world-famous Palm Canyon Dr and the result is like no place else – Palm Springs Pride.

Pride weekend starts with the Stonewall Equality Concert featuring a slate of LGBT artists and allies. The outdoor concert will be held November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and is a free, 21+ event. Join us at the US Bank Stage, on Arenas Rd between Indian Canyon Dr and S. Calle Encilia and celebrate Pride under the stars in beautiful downtown Palm Springs.

The free concert is an opportunity to celebrate those who work to preserve gains and meet equal rights challenges facing the LGBT community.

Featuring the top emerging, independent band Story of the Running Wolf, high-energy performer from X Factor Lori Moore, Seattle based pop / dance artist Jake Mozie, and nationally touring Americana artist Jeremiah Clark from Memphis. This concert will certainly be a highlight of Pride weekend.

The LA-based electro duo, The Story of the Running Wolf will perform a 45-minute set. They are described as a synthpop adventure on the darker side of neon, blending 80s influences like Depeche Mode and Duran Duran with high-energy dance tracks.

Festival highlights include the US Bank stage, Palm Canyon Dr stage, Kalliope DJ stage, Walter DJ stage, and the Pride Stage at Hoodoo. The festival will feature full concert performances by English rock band The Psychedelic Furs, riot pop band WASI, Americana, singer-songwriter Jeremiah Clark, London based pop artist Frankmusik, big beat alternative rock band Lunden Reign and the electro-pop, LA-based bands The Story of the Running Wolf and Scavenger Hunt.

The two-day lineup includes live performances by pop sensation Amanda Lepore, hip hop artist Irawniq, Icelandic musical group Steed Lord, out singer-songwriter Aiden James, and New Jersey's out rock musician Josh Zuckerman. Special appearances include pop artist Lisa D'Amato, who won the all-star cycle of America's Next Top Model in 2011, and Quatrele'e Da'an, X Factor season 2's gender bending revolutionary pop stand out.

Guest DJs will spin from the top of two-story tall stages on Palm Canyon Dr all weekend. The Kalliope stage is an art car attraction coming direct from Burning Man and Bonnaroo and will be home to DJs Aaron C, Galaxy, Lino, Robb, Aly B and more to be announced. The Walter stage of disco will feature Colour Vision, DJ Coo Ley, DJ Waide Riddle, DJs Twin Tables, and Boys Don't Disco. Walter is a massive two-story extra-large Volkswagen bus art car from Burning Man.

Festival Emcees include Fiona St. James from New York, LA's Pauly and Monks, Manny De La Rosa and the desert's very own hostess, social ambassador and Walk of Stars recipient Bella da Ball<sup>sm</sup>. Bella has coordinated an impressive lineup of fifty acts for the Palm Canyon Drive stage. Scheduled to appear are award-winning, multi-talented personalities, actors and actresses, singers and dancers from stage and screen, recording artists with musical styling ranging from jazz, blues and swing, to country, pop, rock, easy listening, dancing disco beats, to opera, Broadway, comedy and more. Vocalists will include Charles Herrera and Carol Kamenis, drag personalities including Marina Mac and Sassy Ross, and performances from the Desert Rose Playhouse and the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus.

Festival features include a Farmers' Market by the Certified Farmer's Markets of the Coachella Valley and Whole Foods Market, Children's Headquarters (CHQ), Youth Zone by

Safe Schools Desert Cities, and HIV/AIDS testing by Get Tested Coachella Valley. Over 125 exhibitors, non-profit organizations and food vendors will be on hand along with Bud Light pop-up lounges, the Tahquitz Beverage Garden, Disco Beverage Garden, and a Margarita Cantina.

Additional artists appearing live on the US Bank Stage include Miss Lela Brown, the teen R&B pop sensation from America’s Got Talent, and Asia Monet Ray from Lifetime’s Raising Asia, disco divas Chris Bennett and Pattie Brooks, dance/pop artist Korr-a, hip hop bear Big Dipper, pop artists Blake Lansing, The Love Collective, Ricky Godinez, Noise of Rumors, R&B artist T McCrae, singer / songwriter Cameron Nielson and the incomparable Mona Caywood as Miss Fern and Irene Soderberg.

The lineup on the Palm Canyon Stage includes performances by: Allison Annalora, Bijou, Calypso Ross, Carol Kamenis, Cat Lyn Day, Cher-Javier, Claudia Sussman Court Graves, Dave Hirsch, David McBride, Desert Rose Playhouse, Dios Dios Gracias Dance Co, Empress Lonnie, Eve Holmes, Fabeyonce, Francesca Amari, Jason Hull, Lecia Breen, Liz Loren, Marina Mac, Morganne, Nicky as “Carol Channing”, Noni Lambertson, Palm Springs Gay Men’s Chorus, Pat McCann, Phillip Moore, Pinkie Meringue Shimmer, Rickie Lee, Sassy Ross, Tim Gibbs, Tommy Dodson, and Tony Romano.

The Festival is held on Palm Canyon Dr between Amado and Baristo Rd and on Arenas Rd from S. Calle Encilia to Balardo. The festival is all ages with the exception of the US Bank Stage, which is 21+. All performers are scheduled to appear and subject to change. Donations will be accepted at entry points to keep Pride free.

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**Pride Festival Entertainment Venue Lineup and Set Times**  
 (All performers are scheduled to appear and subject to change)

<b>US Bank Stage (located on Arenas Rd) this stage is 21+</b>	
<b>Friday, Nov 7</b>	<b>Emcees Pauly David and Ed Monks</b>
6:00-6:20	Presentation Awards to Shannon Price Minter, Assistant Sheriff Raymond Gregory and Judge Vicky Kowlakowski
6:25-6:50	Lori Moore

7:00-7:45	<b>Jeremiah Clark</b>
8:00-9:00	<b>Story of the Running Wolf</b>
9:15 - 9:40	Jack Mozie
<b>US Bank Stage (located on Arenas Rd)</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 8</b>	<b>Emcees Pauly David and Ed Monks</b>
11:30-11:40	Laughing Yoga (Stress Buster) with Guru Yogi Ramesh
11:45-Noon	Miss Lela Brown
12:00-12:45	Noise of Rumors
1:25 - 1:45	Quatrel'e Da'an (quatro day-on)
1:50-2:10	Cameron Nielson
3:25-3:45	Korr-a
3:50-4:15	Blake Lansing
4:20-4:50	T McCrae
5:00-5:30	Josh Zuckerman
5:40-6:05	Asia Monet Ray
<b>Arenas Block Party (on US Bank Stage) 21+ event</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 8</b>	
	Emcees Pauly & Monks
6:05-6:35	Chris Bennett and Pattie Brooks
6:35-7:00	Presentation
7:00-7:30	Big Dipper
7:30-7:45	Irawniq
7:45-8:10	Lisa D'Amato
8:30-8:50	Purple Crush
9:00-9:30	<b>Amanda Lepore</b>
9:45-10:10	<b>Steed Lord</b>
10:15-11:00	<b>Frankmusik</b>
<b>US Bank Stage (located on Arenas Rd) this is a 21+ stage</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	<b>Emcee Manny De La Rosa (noon-8pm)</b>
12:00 - 12:30	The Love Collective
12:45-1:15	Aiden James
1:30 - 2:00	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b>

2:15 - 3:30	<b>Psychedelic Furs</b>
4:00 - 4:30	Anson Sky
4:35-5:05	Irene Soderberg
5:15 - 5:45	Mona Caywood as Miss Fern
6:00 - 6:30	Ricky Godinez
6:45-7:30	WASI
<b>Palm Canyon Dr Stage (Palm Canyon Dr and Baristo)</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 8</b>	
12:00	Charles Herrera, National Anthem
12:15	Nicky as "Carol Channing"
12:30	Tim Gibbs
12:45	Bijou
1:00	Charles Herrera
1:15	Nicky
1:30	Tim Gibbs
1:45	Noni Lambertson
2:00	Court Graves
2:15	Pat McCann
2:30	Cat Lyn Day
2:45	Francesca Amari
3:00	Phillip Moore
3:15	Carol Kamenis
3:30	Phillip Moore
3:45	Claudia Sussman
4:00	Francesca Amari
4:15	Calypso Ross
4:20	Pat McCann
4:35	David McBride
4:55	Calypso Ross
5:00	Morganne
5:20	Cher-Javier
5:25	David McBride
5:40	Morganne
5:55	Cher-Javier

6:00	Liz Loren
6:05	Empress Lonnie
6:10	Rickie Lee
6:25	Desert Rose Playhouse
6:40	Allison Annalora
6:55	Liz Loren
7:00	Empress Lonnie
7:05	Allison Annalora
7:20	Tommy Dodson
7:55	Dios Dios Gracias Dance Co
8:00	Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus
9:00	Lunden Reign
<b>Palm Canyon Dr Stage (Palm Canyon Dr and Baristo)</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	
12:00	National Anthem
12:15	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
12:20	Eve Holmes
12:35	Marina Mac
12:40	Broadway in Drag Winner
12:55	Pinkie Meringue Shimmer
1:00	Eve Holmes
1:15	Fabeyonce
1:20	Phillip Moore
1:35	Marina Mac
1:40	Lecia Breen
1:55	Fabeyonce
2:00	Tony Romano
2:15	Marina Mac
2:20	Lecia Breen
2:35	Sassy Ross
2:40	Francesca Amari
2:55	Fabeyonce
3:00	Cat Lyn Day
3:15	David Hirsch

3:30	Sassy Ross
3:35	Morganne
3:50	Dave Hirsch
4:05	Cher-Javier
4:15	Sassy Ross
4:20	Jason Hull
4:35	Cher-Javier
4:45	Morganne
<b>"Walter" Disco DJ Stage (Palm Canyon Dr and Arenas)</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 8</b>	
11:00-2:00pm	COLOUR VISION
2:00-5:00pm	Steven Cooley
5:00-7:00pm	Boys Don't Disco
7:00-10:00pm	DJ Waide Riddle
<b>"Walter" Disco DJ Stage (Palm Canyon Dr and Arenas)</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	
12:00-3:00pm	DJs Twin Tables
3:00-6:00pm	DJ Waide Riddle
<b>"Kalliope" DJ Stage (Tahquitz &amp; Palm Canyon)</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 8</b>	
2:00-5:00pm	DJ Galaxy
5:00-7:30pm	DJ Lino
7:30-10:00pm	DJ Aaron C
<b>"Kalliope" DJ Stage (Tahquitz &amp; Palm Canyon)</b>	
<b>Sunday, November 9</b>	
11:00--2:00pm	DJ Robb
2:00-4:00pm	DJ Aly B
4:00-8:00pm	To be announced!
<b>Pride Stage at HooDoo (Amado and Palm Canyon Dr)</b>	
30All day and evening Saturday, all day Sunday	Miss Fiona St. James and Bill Ramirez