



Greater Palm Springs Pride

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Greater Palm Springs Pride Announces 2015 Lineup With 10,000 Maniacs, Candis Cayne, Frankmusik, David Hernandez, Wrabel Set as Headliners

Dozens of DJs Featured including Nick Ayler, Casey Alva, and Erick Diaz

Palm Springs, CA – (September 23, 2015) This year's 29th annual Pride celebration in downtown Palm Springs offers free festival admission, with a diverse lineup of artists gathered to reflect on the advances made in the equality movement, raise awareness and stand against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Seven entertainment venues are positioned throughout the festival venue on Palm Canyon Dr. and Arenas Rd. in downtown Palm Springs, giving way to a wide range of musical genres that include emerging indie electro-pop, rock, dance and more. The slate of celebrated performers included the 10,000 Maniacs and the first transgender actress to play a recurring transgender character in prime-time television Candis Cayne.

The Pride Festival and Parade will be the largest demonstration of equality and diversity ever seen in the Coachella Valley. Considered to be one of the most scenic Pride celebrations in the world, it's also home to the largest Pride Festival in Southern California, with attendance at all Pride events expected to pass the 140,000 mark. The Greater Palm Springs Pride celebration will be November 6-8, 2015, with a free block party, two-day festival, parade, and twenty-five official events.

Named as one of the Best 11 Gay Pride Festival Trips on the Planet by Jetsetter Magazine, the festival features 120 performances in seven, free admission entertainment venues including: US Bank stage, Tahquitz stage, the Infusion Beach & Hotel Big-ass amazingly awesome homosexual sheep DJ stage, PNN DJ stage, Pride Stage at Hoodoo, Souleil Dance Tent and the Karaoke Stage. The festival will feature full concert performances by **10,000 Maniacs**, **Frankmusik**, the London based pop artist, and American Idol Finalist & pop artist **David Hernandez**. Celebrated artists include **Candis Cayne**, Los Angeles based synth pop band **DWNTWN**, DJ **Casey Alva**, local pop artist Blake Lansing, Avant Americana genre-bending good time band the Evangenitals, big beat alternative rock band Lunden Reign, GayC/DC the world's only all-gay tribute to AC/DC, and the rising LA-based pop singer/songwriter **Wrabel**.

Guest DJs will spin from the top of the Infusion Beach & Hotel Big-ass amazingly awesome homosexual sheep DJ stage, a 40' wide, two-story tall DJ stage on Palm Canyon Dr at Baristo. The stage will be home to

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DJs Nick Ayler, Erick Diaz, DJ Femme A, DJ Jake, Steve Sherwood, DJ Paparazzi, Aaron C, Aly B, Serge P, Cooley and DJ Waide. The BAAHHS stage will be on Palm Canyon Drive and Baristo.

The Souleil Dance Tent promises a full day of soulful house music vibes with featured music maestro's Cris Herrera, DJ Ala, Trever Hartung, Olga Arteaga, Mikeytown, CaliParis and Saber. The dance tent is on Arenas Rd. between Palm Canyon Dr. and Indian Canyon Dr. The PNN DJ stage will feature some of today's hottest EDM and dance music hits on Palm Canyon near La Plaza.

The two-day lineup features live performances by soulful pop artist Marcella Detroit former Shakespear's Sister, emerging artist Sam Tolson and the DJ Baz show "Cuban Nights". The incomparable Irene Soderberg returns to the Pride stage as does techno-pop, Seattle singer Jack Mozie and pop artist J. Carson. Special appearances include the former local resident, Brian Scott who has always been a favorite across the Valley with his hugely popular country voice, and the modern music band from Joshua Tree, Small Wonder Experience.

Festival Emcees include KJ as "Joan Rivers" and the desert's very own hostess, social ambassador and Walk of Stars recipient Bella da BallSM. Bella has coordinated an impressive lineup of 100 entertainers for the Tahquitz stage. The stage will feature individuals and groups performing, singers, dancers, drag personalities, celebrity impersonators, gay men, lesbians, transgender, straight men and women allies, all coming together to have a great time with music-comedy-song-dance-costuming-headaddresses-photo ops-audience participation. Performers have appeared locally, regionally, nationally and internationally on stage, screen, in movies and television, in theatre, on tour, with many having CDs and DVDs released.

Transgender entertainer Allison Annalora, recent McCallum Open Call Finalist, will appear and the National Anthem will be sung November 7 by Doug Graham and November 8 by Jerome Elliott. Vocalists will include Carol Kamenis, Keisha D, Morganne, Eve Holmes, Francesca Amari, Roger Snofsky, Robbie Wayne, Tommy Dodson, David Hirsch, David McBride, and many others. Groups appearing include the Palm Springs Gay Men's Chorus, Steven Michael's Dance Machine, and Carnival Cabaret.

Drag personalities scheduled to appear include Tammie Brown, from the first season of RuPaul's Drag Race and RuPaul's All Stars Drag Race, Jayla D. Foxx, Marina Mac, Pinkie Meringue Shimmer, Nebuer Styles, Anita Rose, Cher-Javier, Cherilyn, Eddie DLite, Bootz Dreyia Simone-Miller, Mystic Befierce Miller, and many others. The newly crowned Broadway in Drag from Friday evening's pageant at Palm Canyon Theatre is also scheduled to appear.

Features include a Children's Headquarters (CHQ) space for games and crafts, the Youth Zone by Safe Schools Desert Cities, a Karaoke Tent hosted by Geoff Allen, and HIV/AIDS testing by Get Tested Coachella Valley. Over 150 exhibitors and non-profit organizations, food and beverage vendors will be on hand along with the Tahquitz Beverage Garden by Trio, the Arenas Beverage Garden, and a Dance Tent Beverage Garden featuring Bud Light, Deep Eddy Vodka and Rex Goliath wine.

Palm Canyon Dr. 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, multiple beverage gardens 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.

The events follow Palm Springs Leather Pride weekend October 29 – November 1, 2015. The Festival is a free community event held on Palm Canyon Dr. between Amado and Baristo Rd. and on Arenas Rd. from S. Calle Encilia to Balardo. Donations will be accepted at entry points to keep Pride free.

TWO-DAY PRIDE FESTIVAL

Friday and Saturday November 7 and 8, 2015 (times vary by stage).

Palm Canyon Dr. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sat & 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Sun

Tahquitz Stage 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. on Sat & 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sun

Arenas Stage 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. on Sat & Noon - 6:00 p.m. on Sun

Palm Springs has the largest collection of gay and lesbian resorts in the United States with nearly 30 gay and lesbian-owned and/or operated resorts and guesthouses. For travel deals and upcoming events, go to www.VisitGayPalmSprings.com. For a complete lineup and additional information for Greater Palm Springs Pride festivities, go to www.pspride.org

ABOUT GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE

Greater Palm Springs Pride (pspride.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community enhancement organization founded to promote the public education and awareness of individual rights and civil liberties of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. Established in 1986, the organization continues to serve as a catalyst for celebrating the strength, equality, dignity and self-determination of the LGBT community locally and globally.

For more information about Greater Palm Springs Pride, visit www.pspride.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/palmsprings.pride. The 2015 Palm Springs Pride Celebration is scheduled for November 6-8.

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