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**RYAN BANDY REIGNITES
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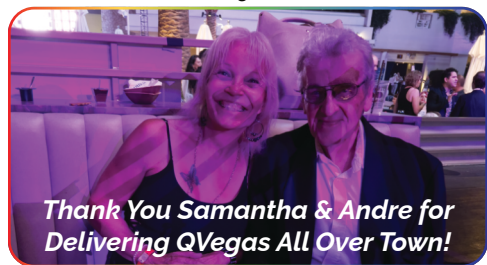
This week we feature Ryan Bandy and his new bar, Dust Las Vegas. Ryan's vision for Dust is clear: to create a welcoming space for everyone while also hosting events that showcase the incredible talent in Las Vegas.

Record temps are heading to Vegas this week, so stay cool this holiday weekend with Temptation Sundays at Luxor and Splash Back at Bent Inn.

On July 25th, the National LGBTQ+ Task Force will be hosting a Community Reception as Las Vegas prepares to host Creating Change in January. Given our current political climate, its more important than ever to get involved. RSVP and we'll see you there!



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LEO

JULY 2024

Honey, gather round 'cause Mama's about to serve you the celestial tea for all my fierce Leo divas out there. July 2024 is your moment to shine, baby! The stars are lining up to give you life, so strut into that spotlight where you belong. It's all about embracing your royal queendom, flaunting your fabulousness, and not letting anyone dull your sparkle. Expect drama, but the kind you thrive on—where you end up on top, darling. Time to sashay into your destiny and show the universe who's boss!



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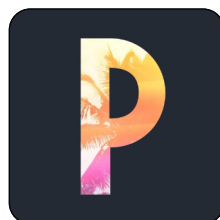
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Caesars Palace
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Harrah's
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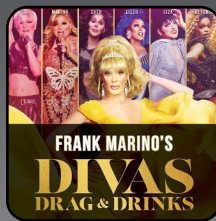
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DRAG RACE LIVE



DRAG BRUNCH



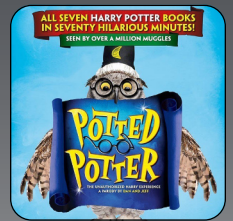
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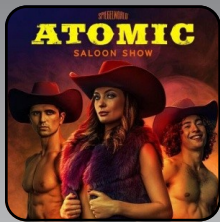
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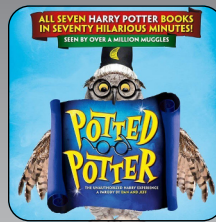
ATOMIC SALOON SHOW



ILUMINATE



CARROT TOP



POTTED POTTER



ZOMBIE BURLESQUE



CHASE BROWN



SPICE WANNABE



DIVA ROYALE



WOW - THE VEGAS
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FRIDAY JULY 5



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SATURDAY JULY 6



FRIDAY JULY 5

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DRAG RACE**

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VIEWING PARTY



SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY
SEASON 9 GUEST JUDGE

KRISTINE W



SATURDAY
JULY 6



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RUPAUL'S DRAG RACE
SEASON 5 & ALL STARS 2 + 9

FRIDAY JULY 5

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SEASON 3 + ALL STARS 1 & 5



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From Ashes to Dust

Ryan Bandy Revives LGBTQ+ Bar in Las Vegas

When you talk to Ryan Bandy, the owner of Dust Las Vegas, you quickly realize his passion for the LGBTQ+ community and the bar industry. His journey to opening Dust, a new LGBTQ+ bar, is one marked by resilience, community spirit, and an unyielding drive to create welcoming spaces.

Ryan's story begins in Springfield, Illinois, where he owned a beloved gay bar that tragically burned down in 2020 due to a construction accident. "I owned the building, and the fire was a devastating blow. There were people living upstairs, and the loss was profound," Ryan recalls. The fire left him in a state of limbo for a couple of years as he worked through the aftermath in Illinois.

Despite the setback, Ryan's passion for the bar industry remained undiminished. "I've been a DJ for almost 25 years now. I started out in a gay bar in the college town where I studied and continued DJing when I got my teaching job in Springfield, Illinois," Ryan shares. When the local gay bar he worked at closed down, a series of dramatic events unfolded, ultimately leading Ryan to

become the owner of the bar. He ran it successfully for about 10 years and then opened a sports bar five years later.

After the fire at his gay bar, Ryan began looking for another bar to own. "I thought I'd end up in Phoenix because my family has a second home there, and I spend a lot of time in the Southwest," he explains. However, fate had other plans. During a visit to Las Vegas to see his ex and his new partner, who had all become good friends, the idea of Dust was born.

"We were out drinking at Fun Hog, and I mentioned that I'd been looking all over for a new bar, even in places like Puerto Vallarta, but nothing felt right," Ryan recounts. That's when his ex's new boyfriend, suggested they check out Jimmy's at Madison, which was about to close down. "We were right down the street, so we went to see it. I fell in love with the place instantly. It just felt right," Ryan says with a smile.

The journey to opening Dust wasn't straightforward. Ryan began working with the ownership of Jimmy's at Madison, but the process was fraught with ups and

downs. "I thought I lost it in April 2023. Then out of the blue in July 2023, I got a call from the property manager saying the place was still available," Ryan says. By October, he had signed a lease and was preparing for the next steps, all while opening a pizza restaurant in Springfield called Papi's Pizza Pub.

"I've been juggling two businesses in one year, and it's been a lot," Ryan admits. But his passion for creating a welcoming and vibrant space for the LGBTQ+ community kept him going. "I really fell in love with this location. The previous owners did a great job with the remodel and kitchen, and I saw so much potential in what we could do here."

Ryan's vision for Dust Las Vegas is clear: to create a welcoming space for everyone while also hosting big events that showcase the incredible talent in Las Vegas. "I want it to be a place where people can meet, socialize, and feel at home. It's important to me that we establish relationships with our patrons," he explains. Ryan emphasizes that people don't go to bars just to drink; they go to socialize and



connect.

One of the biggest challenges Ryan faced was the budget. "It's Vegas, so we definitely went over budget," he laughs. Opening in the middle of summer also presented its own set of challenges. "We did a soft open to get our procedures in place and make sure the staff understood what we're doing here before really kicking things up with big events," he says.

Despite the challenges, Ryan has been blown away by the support of the Las Vegas community. "I'm amazed by how supportive everyone has been. The other bar owners, like Dave and Sean from Flex, have been fantastic. They've offered so much help and advice," Ryan says. He believes in the potential of the area and wants to collaborate with other local businesses to create a vibrant community. "We're not in competition; we want to complement each other. A rising tide lifts all boats, and that's the approach we're taking."

Ryan is particularly excited about Dust's involvement with The Center, an LGBTQ+ organization. "Giving back to the

community is very important to me. For our grand opening, we're doing a music video bingo night with all proceeds going to The Center," Ryan shares. The event will feature bingo cards with song names, a DJ set, and prizes for the winners. "We'll also donate half of the drink sales from 7 to 8 PM to The Center. It's just one of many ways we plan to support the community."

Food is another area where Dust shines. "We started with bar bites during the soft opening and have since expanded the menu to include burgers, sandwiches, and more," Ryan says. He's particularly proud of their handmade chicken tenders. "I'm not usually a fan of chicken tenders, but ours are incredible," he enthuses. Ryan also plans to incorporate the menu from his pizza restaurant in Springfield into Dust, including his popular Margherita pizza.

When it comes to events, Dust has a packed calendar. "We have karaoke every Monday, and we're building up our Saturday and Sunday brunches," Ryan says. They're also hosting weekly shows and parties, including a Latin party on Sunday nights. "I love Latin music, so I DJ those

nights under the name DJ Gringo," Ryan reveals.

Looking ahead, Ryan is focused on creating a welcoming atmosphere and a sense of community. "I want people to feel welcome, no matter who they are. We value diversity and inclusivity," he says. Ryan also sees potential in reaching out to tourists and working together with other local bars to attract visitors. "There's a huge untapped market in Vegas, and I think we can grow it together," he explains.

The journey to opening Dust Las Vegas has been a challenging but rewarding one for Ryan Bandy. His dedication to creating a welcoming space for the LGBTQ+ community, coupled with his passion for the bar industry, shines through in every aspect of Dust. As he continues to build this new venture, Ryan's vision for a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive community is set to become a reality in the heart of Las Vegas.



community reception

You're invited!

July 25, 2024 · Las Vegas, NV

PLEASE JOIN THE STAFF OF THE NATIONAL LGBTQ TASK FORCE AS WE KICK OFF THE CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE. IN JANUARY 2025, CREATING CHANGE WILL BE HELD IN LAS VEGAS!

This reception is for members of the Southern Nevada LGBTQ and allied communities. We will have food, drinks, a mini show, networking opportunities, and information about how YOU can get involved! Our staff and local community members will talk about the magic that is the Creating Change Conference, now entering its 37th year.

We also launch our Ambassador Program, which we hope you'll consider being a part of. The Ambassador Program is where you can lend your time and expertise working with local partners, recruiting volunteers, and spreading the word about the conference. Still have questions? Read our Creating Change 2025 FAQ page!

We're so excited to be bringing Creating Change to Las Vegas for the first time! We hope you'll join us on this exciting journey.

What is Creating Change?

Since 1988, thousands of people have gathered at Creating Change to strategize, skill-build, community-build, share, and renew their energies for the critical work of liberation. All of this while having fun dancing, spending time at the open mic night, gayme night, artist performances, exploring the host city, and making new friends along the way.

Join the nation's foremost political, leadership, and skills-building conference for the LGBTQ+ movement. See you at the Rio Hotel, Casino, and Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada from Wednesday, January 22 to Sunday, January 26, 2025! Enjoy a mix of day-long institutes, keynote presentations, annual awards, and more than 100 workshops and caucuses.

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July 25, 2024 · 6:30 – 8:30 pm PDT
Rio Hotel, 3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV
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DUST

LAS VEGAS

GRAND OPENING

Weekend

THURSDAY JULY 4



the center

Music Video Bingo
Benefiting The Center 8 pm

SATURDAY JULY 6

Drag Brunch With
Kiki Uchawi
1pm



The Dust Divas Show
Hosted By Ginger Grant
7pm



KCL SHOW 10PM
LA's Hottest Erotic Show
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FRIDAY JULY 5



THE KELASIA KARMIKAL
SHOW 10 PM

SUNDAY JULY 7



Ginger Grant's Infamous
Drag Brunch 1pm



SHOWTUNES

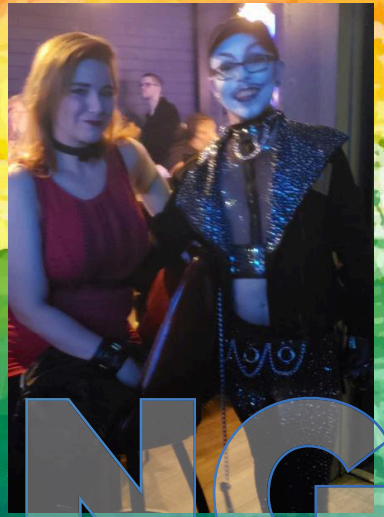
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ACLU
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ADL
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ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER
alcoholicstogetherlasvegas.com

BEARS LAS VEGAS
bears.lv.org

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OF SOUTHERN NEVADA
cccfn.org

HENDERSON PRIDE
hhendersonpride.org

HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
hrc.org

IMPERIAL ROYALE SOVEREIGN COURT OF THE DESERT EMPIRE
desertempire.org

LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
lambdalv.com

LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS
lvmenschorus.org

LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS
lasvegasprimetimers.com

LAS VEGAS TRANSPRIDE
lasvegastranspride.org

LEATHER UNIFORM CLUB OF LAS VEGAS (LUC OF LV)
lucoflv.com

LEGACY COUNSELING
legacycounselingandworkforceconnections.com

MAMA DRAGONS
mamadragons.org

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
ngra.com

THE PRIDE TREE
thepridetree.lv.com

SILVER STATE EQUALITY
silverstateequality.org

SOUTHERN NEVADA ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER QUEER SOCIETY
snapiqs.org

YOUNG: EQUAL
youngequal.org



HIV Resources

AID FOR AIDS OF NEVADA (AFAN)
afanlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

GOLDEN RAINBOW
goldenrainbow.org

HORIZON RIDGE WELLNESS CLINIC
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STI Testing

THE ARLENE COOPER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
thecenterlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

HUNTRIDGE FAMILY CLINIC
huntridgefamilyclinic.org

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT
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UMC
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NATIONAL LGBTQ TASK FORCE



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Do you have to report?
Why do you have to report?
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