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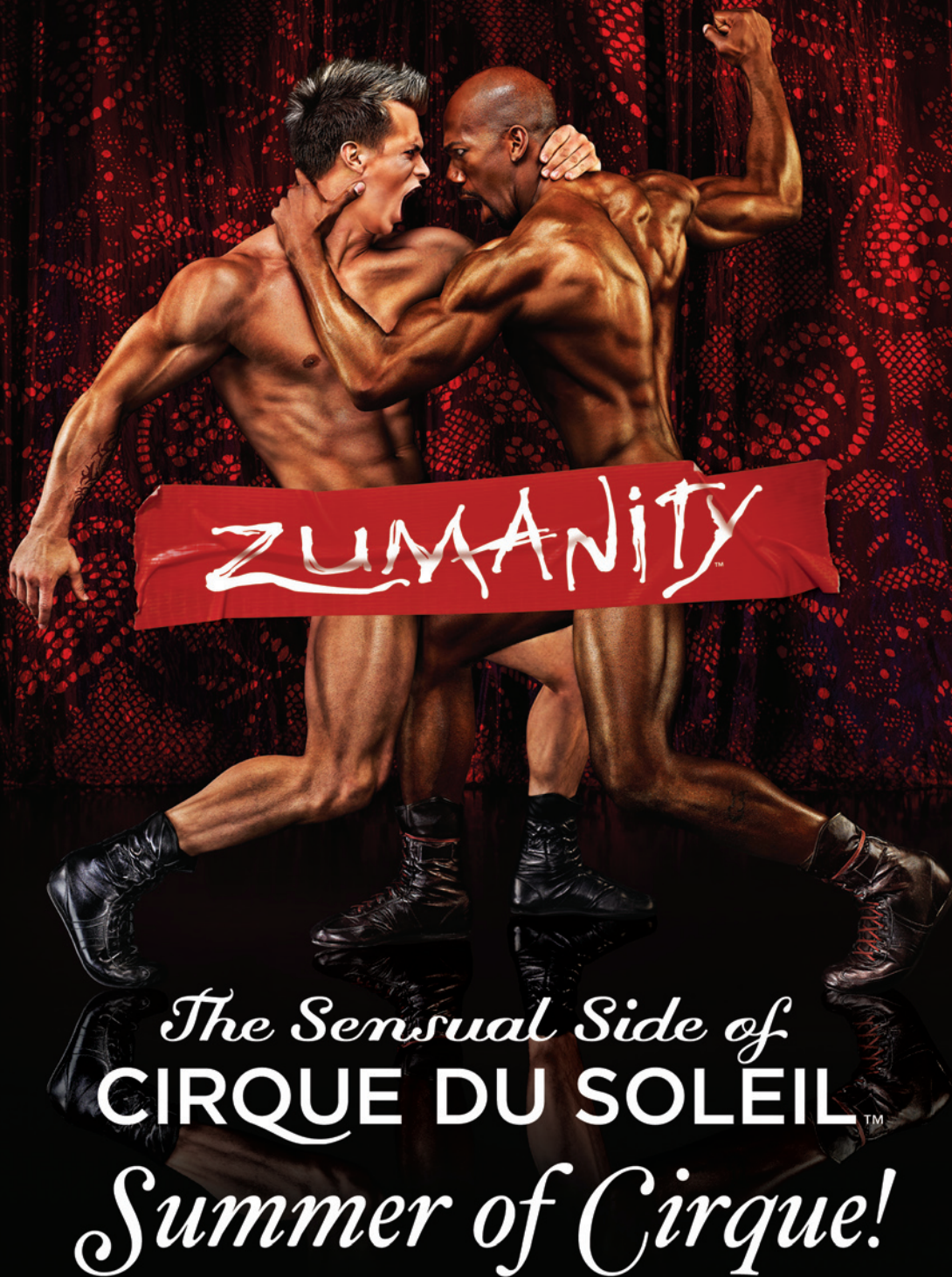
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May 2007

Marcus Grissom (aka Kitty Litter)
 Tod Story & Michael Ginsburg
 Dawn Christensen • Earl Shelton • Rob Elliott
 Ken Smith • Frank Feliz (aka Miss Frankie)
 Dennis Dunn • Paul Speirs • Arlene Cooper
 Terry Freeman (aka Ida Slapther)
 John Monzo • Carol Hunter
 John Saksa & Scott Ramer • Bill Schafer
 Alan Huss (aka Aunt Betty) • Jack Novick
 Jennifer Bolton & Vivian Wright-Bolton
 Jeremy Blomgren • Daniel Grevich
 Eugene Godina • Paul Scott • Boan Jordan
 Donna Edwards • Tommy Licata
 Brian Rogers • Jim Losell • James Healey
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30 PEOPLE WITH PRIDE

May 2008

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 Pete Glass • Strutt Hurley
 Josh Miller & Steve Amend
 Jimmy Emerson • Adam Johnson
 Frank Marino • Gary Horton
 Gwen Migita • Terry Hernandez
 Grace Morgan & Lois Dohra • Bella DaBall
 Marlene Adrian & Denise Duarte
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31 PEOPLE WITH PRIDE

May 2009

Sister Sioux St. Semen Sloth
 Kaye Taylor • Jane Heenan
 Matt Cox • Bill Trunzo
 Guy Puglisi • Blair Stirek • Bobbie Archut
 Arron Benson • Bill Terry • Angela Harvey
 Chris Campbell • David Reynolds
 Marc Brooks • John Eisele
 Chris Morrow • Bob Napierala
 Duncan Payton • Nick Mortaloni
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 Derek Washington
 Sister Hope 'n' Grope (aka Sybrina Bernabei)
 Melissa Morgan • Ginger Grant
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32 PEOPLE WITH PRIDE

May 2010

Stephanie Rosol ♦ Peter O'Neill
 Christina Hernandez ♦ Winsor Cooper
 David Brown ♦ Brandon Johnson
 Eduardo Cordova ♦ Jon Sparer
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 Steve Eric ♦ Joel Castillo
 Cynthia Hall ♦ Cindy Torres
 Ron Quin ♦ Edward Padilla
 Leo Murrieta ♦ Charles O'Neill
 Ernie Yuen ♦ Nell Gelhaus
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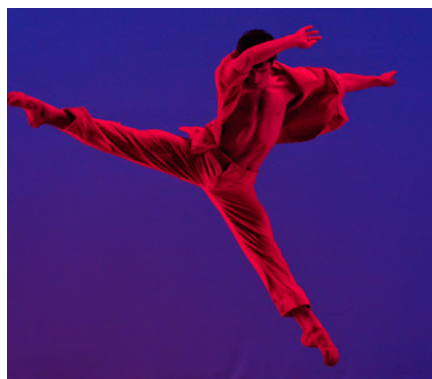
NEVADA BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS ITS SEASON OPENING AT THE PARIS THÉÂTRE: DANCE DANCE DANCE! ON OCTOBER 29 & 30

LAS VEGAS, NV (Thursday, August 4, 2011) - Nevada Ballet Theatre (NBT) commemorates its 40th Anniversary season with an exciting fall opening performance, DANCE DANCE DANCE!, joining together NBT and Chicago's famed contemporary dance company, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. This diverse program will be presented on Sat., Oct. 29 at 8 pm and Sun., Oct., 30 at 2 pm and includes works by George Balanchine, Jiri Kylián, James Canfield, Sharon Eyal and Gai Behar.

The program opens with George Balanchine's Concerto Barocco, with music

by Johann Sebastian Bach (Concerto in D minor for Two Violins). Premiering in 1941, this ballet provides an inside look into Balanchine's unique blending of music and movement. Dancers personify violins as they give life to the rhythms and emotions in Bach's score. Characterized by swift, light jumps and clean arm movements, this ballet is staged by former New York City Ballet Soloist and Balanchine Trust Repetiteur, Sandra Jennings.

Hubbard Street takes the stage for the Las Vegas premiere of Too Beaucoup choreographed by Sharon Eyal with co-creator Gai Behar and music by Ori Lichtik. Created for Hubbard Street in 2011, it is a sequel to Bill, a piece created for the Batsheva Dance Company in 2010 and inspired by video artist Bill Viola. Too Beaucoup aims to manipulate and replicate precise and robotic movement that offers a sense of watching a 3-D video. Because of this, music, costumes and lighting become just as important as the movement. Leading



dance critic Hedy Weiss of the Chicago Sun-Times recently remarked of this work:"the overall impact — and sheer heat of the dancing — was undeniable."

Tickets can be purchased for \$29 and up (plus fees) by calling the Paris Théâtre Box Office at (702) 946-4567 or (877) 374-7469, online through www.nevadaballet.org or in person at the Paris Théâtre Box Office. Group sale pricing is available and can be purchased by calling Joel Mann at the Paris Théâtre at (702) 967-4938. The Paris Théâtre is located at Paris Las Vegas, 3655 Las Vegas Boulevard South.

ANIMAL FOUNDATION

Vincent and his partner, Chris, had been contemplating getting a dog for several years. One day in March, their neighbor, Sophie,

came over and asked if Vincent wanted to go to The Animal Foundation to look at dogs. Expecting a depressing experience, Vince was "pleasantly surprised at how well the dogs were treated, and the employees so dedicated to helping you find the right fit." At the shelter, Vincent saw a little white ball of fur sitting quietly. Vince recalls, "she looked at me as if to say 'I've been waiting for you! Can we go home now?'" The dog, a 2-year-old terrier, had come to the shelter from an abusive home. Vincent immediately fell in love and took her home. "I thought she was deaf her first couple of days home. She wouldn't respond to sound and cowered and shook every time I went near her," says Vincent. It was evident to Chris and Vince that the poor puppy, who they named Madison in solidarity for the Wisconsin State workers, had been neglected. After a week of TLC, however, she started to blossom.

"Madison working through her abuse issues with a trainer and a lot of love," says Vincent. "She follows us everywhere and loves to take long walks. It's difficult to have a bad day with so much unconditional love!" Vincent and Chris are thrilled they decided to adopt Madison. Vincent mentions that he "never thought he'd be one of 'Those People' who talk incessantly about their dogs," but he finds himself showing photos, unsolicited, every chance he gets. "Madison has brought so much joy into our lives," he adds. "We can't imagine what we ever did without her." For more information on The Animal Foundation and adopting a pet, visit www.animalfoundation.com.





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PRIDE's Youth Pageant

The Gay & Lesbian Community Center
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Nutts & Bolts Party [21+]

The Garage
Thursday, September 8 | 9pm to Midnight

PRIDE Kick-Off Party [21+]

Charlie's Las Vegas
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PRIDE Sin City Q Socials [18+]

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Tuesday, September 13 | 7pm to 10pm

Drag Queen Bingo [21+]

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Boots & Briefs Party [21+]

Charlie's Las Vegas
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Boy's Party - Manhunt's 10th Anniversary Tour [21+]

Piranha Boutique Nightclub
Thursday, September 15 | 10pm

Girl's Party | Lust Kick-Off Dance Party [21+]

Pussycat Doll Burlesque Saloon at
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Thursday, September 15 | 10pm - 4am

EDEN Pool Party [Women's Event] [21+]

Rumor Boutique Hotel
Friday, September 16 | 11am - 5pm

Quench 3rd Thursdays [21+]

Nikki Beach | Tropicana Las Vegas
Thursday, September 15 | 6pm - 9pm

Pre-Parade Happy Hour [21+]

Escape Lounge
Friday, September 16 | 4pm - 8pm

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Parade After Party [21+]

FreeZone
Friday, September 16 | 10pm

SIN Party [Women's Event] [21+]

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Friday, September 16 | 9pm - 4am

PRIDE Festival

Clark County Government Center
Saturday, September 17 | Noon to 10pm

Heaven PRIDE Festival After Party [21+]

Bare Pool Lounge at The Mirage
Saturday, September 17 | 10pm

PRIDE Latino Fiesta [21+]

Goodtimes Bar & Nightclub
Saturday, September 17 | 10pm - 8am

Celebrity Texas Hold-em Tournament [Women's Event] [21+]

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Saturday, September 17 | 6pm - 9pm

Envy Party [Women's Event] [21+]

Booty Bar
Saturday, September 17 | 10pm - 4am

Gluttony Brunch [Women's Event]

Rumor Boutique Hotel
Sunday, September 18 | 10am - 1pm

Vice Pool Party [Women's Event] [21+]

Rumor Boutique Hotel
Sunday, September 18 | Noon - 5pm

Salvation PRIDE Closing Party [Women's Event] [21+]

Chateau Gardens Inside Paris Las Vegas
Sunday, September 18 | 10pm - 4am

Men's T-Dance [21+]

Blue Moon Resort
Sunday, September 18 | Noon to 6pm

Cocktails with Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas [21+]

Serendipity at Caesar's Palace Hotel
Sunday, September 18 | 8pm to 6pm

An Evening with Frank Marino's Divas Las Vegas [21+]

Imperial Palace Hotel
Sunday, September 18 | 10pm Showtime

Closet Sundays PRIDE Closing Party [21+]

The Beatles Revolution Lounge at The Mirage
Sunday, September 18 | 11:30pm

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"If I'm hungry for an idea or stuck, I find that scrapbooks are good information and inspiration," Virgen said. "Things that move me or inspire me go in there."

Virgen Advertising and V-SPOT operate under the same roof. The agency came to life in 1999 and currently holds a 1500- square-foot studio for in-house photo shoots. For V-SPOT, this is where some of the magic happens. However, an in-house shoot is not the only option for clients. Depending on the idea that is trying to be portrayed, Virgen may shoot in an open environment or off location. "It depends whether it makes sense," Virgen describes the studio as having a great setup for photography, along with a generous amount of space for everyone to do his or her thing.

V-SPOT has been around for 5-years now and has grown immensely since it was formed. The company grew little by little with each shoot and was able to move on to larger projects each time. Starting with commercialized photography of cof-

fee mugs and bags of chips, for example, Virgen says he was able to move on to bigger things, such as people and campaigns. Virgen has worked with Sierra Health Services and MGM Grand Hotel, to name a few.

Virgen donates his time and skills to a number of organizations throughout Las Vegas. He believes a combination of words and visuals, when done correctly, can move people to act. "I always felt that if I could do that, then I wanted to do it for organizations that generally aren't able to pay for it – I always believe in giving back to the community and causes I believe in." Virgen has paired with organizations such as the Human Rights Campaign, with their yearly dinner event and the Aid For Aids of Nevada, most recently their Black and White Party in 2010. Virgen says he has great interest in The Center and how they work with youth. "It's very important for the LGBT community."

With more than 20-years of experience up his sleeve, Virgen continues to work with a passion for the arts.

"Always being able to look at a blank page, and then to think of something to put on it was always fascinating," said Virgen.

According to Virgen, art has always been apart

of his life. He was always enrolled in art classes and as early as 7 a.m., a teacher would come to the house to teach. This trend continued on to junior and high school where he took even more classes, eventually moving on to the Otis Art Institute of Parsons School of Design in California. There, he studied illustration only to find out he enjoyed graphic design – "I thought I was going to be an illustrator."

For aspiring photographers, Virgen recommends taking photos each day. It doesn't matter if the photo comes from a phone, point-and-shoot or professional camera, taking photos daily is important, says Virgen.

"It's one thing to take a nice photograph here and there, but for professional photographers, take a good photo everyday regardless of how you feel or what it is. That's a challenge and that's what drives me."

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Flashback...Dance the Night Away to kick of Las Vegas Pride week on September 12, from 6pm-Midnight at the Cathouse in the Luxor. The danceathon will raise money for Community Counseling Center's programs.

Dancers sign up to dance their way through the decades and collect pledges from friends, family, and coworkers to support Community Counseling Center. Dancing will be from 7pm-Midnight with music spanning the past 40 years.

The event starts with a happy hour from 6pm-8pm with food and drink specials. Dancer registration and sign-in is from 6pm-7pm. Supporters can come cheer on the dancers, vote for their favorites, and can even join in for a song or two. There will be raffle prizes and award presentations to the top fundraisers and the "people's choice" for favorite dancer.

Admission is only \$10. Dancers who raise \$100 or more are admitted free of charge. All proceeds support Community Counseling Center - including the Community Health Program which provides counseling and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones.

Community Counseling would like to thank the Southern Nevada Area Pride Board (SNAPI), Cathouse, and QVegas for their support of the event.

For more information or to sign up visit www.flashback.cccofsn.org or contact Shaun Mollica at (702) 369-8700 x231 or smollica@cccfsn.org ■



LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS

The Las Vegas Men's Chorus is rocketing toward a new and exciting direction with Musical Director, Bruce Ewing. Bruce, a professional singer and musician, originally from NY, is bringing his wonderful talent and expertise to the group. Bruce has a BS in Music Education, Choral Studies and Conducting. He is currently performing nightly in "Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular", and has also performed in the Las Vegas productions of "Forever Plaid" and "Plaid Tidings". Prior to relocating to Las Vegas, he performed in a variety of musicals on tour and in regional theaters.

Also joining the Chorus this season is David Kancsar, an accomplished pianist and accompanist. David began his piano studies at the age of three and has an extensive education and performance career. Locally, he has performed with "Chicago", "Mamma Mia!", "Phantom", "The Second City", "Le Reve", "The Sopranos Last Supper", "Monty Python's Spamalot", and "Jersey Boys". Kancsar also served as assistant conductor for the Las Vegas production of "The Producers" and as pianist and music director for "Forever Plaid" and "Plaid Tidings".

Rehearsal schedule has just begun. Practices are held Sunday afternoons, 12:30 at the Community Lutheran Church on East Tropicana and those interested in joining the group may attend, they are currently seeking 40 new members.

Join the Las Vegas Men's Chorus on Saturday, September 17th around 2:00 pm at the PRIDE festival, and Sunday, November 27th 2:00 pm for their Holiday Concert at the Community Lutheran Church. ■

SEPTEMBER 11 ONE UNITED

This year September 11th falls on a Sunday and also marks 10 years since the tragedy that shocked the entire world. On that weekend Metropolitan Community Church of Las Vegas will have ONE UNITED and COMBINED service at 10am on Sunday, September 11th. (The 5:30, 9 and 11 services will NOT meet for worship on this weekend. The regular worship schedule will resume on the following weekend.)

This unique service will focus on Unity and Peace as we look forward to a brighter future and seek to heal the divisions that exist within our world. "Respect and understanding for different cultures and faiths are essential if we are to answer the call to be peacemakers through reconciliation and forgiveness," said MCCLV's Senior Pastor, Rev. W. Wayne Lindsey. The entire community is invited to attend and take PRIDE in our diversity and our strength.

The speaker for this event will be Dr. Aslam Abdullah who is the Imam & Executive Director of the Islamic Center of Nevada. The service will also feature the upbeat and inspiring talents of MCCLV's NewSong Band & Singers along with outstanding soloists Lloyd Ziel and Tim Searcy. ■





by Jill Roth

Accredited actor, singer and Broadway phenom- Josh Strickland, with his South Carolina charm and a face that looks like it should sparkle in the sunlight (drool), is a force to be reckoned with in the entertainment industry.

Prior to becoming the Las Vegas "IT" boy- Strickland paid his dues first as a national finalist in season 2 of Fox television's *American Idol* in 2002 and since then the rising star has been busy. He created the leading role in the Broadway production of the Disney classic- *Tarzan* with several television performances alongside superstar Phil Collins on the Today Show and various others propelling him into the Vegas Spotlight in 2009 on the strip along side a very famous bunny.

Strickland can be seen starring along side bestie Holly Madison in *PEEPSHOW* at Planet Hollywood Casino & Resort on the Las Vegas Strip or fans can catch a peek at the star on the incredibly addictive reality TV show starring the former "Heff" flame in *Holly's World*, now in its second season on E!.

Now, local Las Vegas will get up close and personal with the star at this year's 2011 Pride celebration where Strickland adds a new talent to his resume: Celebrity Grand Marshal.

When asked in what way Strickland what is the best thing about the Pride organization as a whole, the performer sings (no pun intended) nothing but praises for the up-coming event as well as local community.

"Pride! Each year the organization grows significantly and I think this year will be the best Pride yet," says Strickland. "I get to be

the celebrity grand marshal! I plan to support Pride by going to as many organization events as I can - I love our community! I am just so honored to be able to represent Vegas and our community, all the people coming from out of town will see how much fun our city is!" Aside from joining in the festivities this year, Strickland also takes time to discuss some of his most Gay-tastic chill-out locations in the local Las Vegas area- proving once again the draw of the city extends beyond the neon lights of the Strip.

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"I love the Artisan and The Rumor Hotels for their ongoing support of the LGBT community," says Strickland. We have the best food in the world here! Our local clubs are always great too- but it is the diversity of the people that make-up Las Vegas. We have people from all backgrounds, cultures and beliefs thriving in the jewel of a desert."

Pride is a celebration for all people according to Strickland, making it an organization that transcends beyond merely the gay community. "I am expecting to see everyone [at Pride], not just the LGBT community- but everyone, says Strickland.

"It's a celebration of who we are, and who we are proud to be, no matter what 'that' is. It's the energy that comes from joining together to celebrate life. I think just the vibe and the atmosphere that is Vegas all year round makes our Pride that much more fun and exciting. We have some of the best nightlife in the world right at our fingertips."

As for what the star wants most for this year's event, well- simple: An audience. "I would just like to see more and more people attend, celebrate the community and who we are." ■

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The 2011 Gay Days at Disneyland are set to take place Friday, September 30 to Sunday, October 2. For its 14th year, the event is expected to attract more than 30,000 LGBT park-hoppers from California and all over the country.

The weekend opens Friday, September 30 with WONDERLAND, a dance party with DJ Ray Rhodes (Tiger Heat, KBIG 104.), hosted by Los Angeles drag diva Momma. The event, which benefits The Trevor Project, runs from 9:30pm-1am at Ralph Brennan's Jazz Kitchen located in Downtown Disney at the Disneyland Resort. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

Saturday, October 1 will be Gay Day at Disneyland, which culminates with KINGDOM, the weekend's signature dance party with music from renowned DJ Kimberly S. and a special performance by The Voice finalist, Frenchie Davis. KINGDOM will be held at the House of Blues Anaheim in Downtown Disney from 9pm-1:30am. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door.

New this year is a Saturday ladies night, featuring a performance by renowned comedienne, Suzanne Westenhoefer, performing her show, XXX. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. That will be followed by another Gay Days Anaheim first, a lesbian lounge at The Anabella Hotel, across the street from Disneyland.

Sunday, October 2 will be Gay Day at Disney's California Adventure and the return of the Gay Days Anaheim pool party, PLUNGE! from noon until 4:00 p.m. at The Anabella Hotel. DJ Zach Moos will be spinning while Momma and her bathing beauties splash around in the pool. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. VIP ticket packages for all three parties are available now.

Both days in the parks will feature gatherings only available over Gay Days weekend, including scavenger hunts, a group photo, a lesbian ice cream social, group meet ups at varying attractions, and many more events targeted to families, youth, bears, couples and Mouseketeers of every ilk. There will also be a young people's luncheon sponsored by The Trevor Project, the nation's only 24 hour suicide prevention hotline for GLBT youth. A complete schedule is available at the Gay Days website www.GayDaysAnaheim.com.

Other highlights of the weekend include free gift bags at the Gay Days Welcome Center (located inside the Trillium Room of Disney's Grand Californian Hotel), and a Gay Days Pin Trading event on Sunday.



Gay Days Anaheim is a "mix-in" with the park's other weekend guests, but gays and lesbians are encouraged to wear red shirts in order to identify each other and to show strong numbers. Official T-shirts are available at the official Gay Days at Disneyland website. Note: Gay Days Anaheim is NOT a Disney-sponsored event so Disney will not have any information regarding the "unofficial" happening.

Sponsors for the event include Undergear, Absolut Vodka, Howard Johnson Anaheim, Hotel Menage, The Anabella Hotel, Knott's Berry Farm, Miller/ Coors, and the Anaheim/Orange Country Visitor and Convention Bureau. Media sponsors are Gay.com, Frontiers, PIX, Odyssey Hawaii, Rage, Grindr, Hollywood and Highland, EDGE and QVegas. ■

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Performer and recording artist, Lorena Peril has been dazzling audiences with her singing and dancing abilities for many years. Lorena began singing and performing in local San Francisco Bay Area clubs and cinco de mayo festivals. When the word got out, she was quickly sought after by Carnival Cruise Lines and offered a five-year contract to headline as a lead singer/dancer. She embarked on a career in Las Vegas and has been seen impersonating Christina Aguilera in "American Superstars", performing the lead role in the Sunset Strip Band, as headliner in Sin City Bad Girls", and is the current lead in the exotic show "Fantasy" at the Luxor Hotel & Casino. Miss Peril will be performing her new single and production will choreograph by, Gary Thomas.



JOSH STRICKLAND

Singer and actor, Josh Strickland, is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. In 2002, Strickland was a national finalist in season 2 of Fox television's American Idol and was later on ABC's season premiere of Star Search 2004. Strickland created the leading role of Tarzan in Disney's "Tarzan -The Broadway Musical" In 2009, the Broadway star became an original cast member of PEEPSHOW at Planet Hollywood Casino & Resort and is currently still starring as the lead male singer. He also co-stars with his best friend and PEEPSHOW leading lady, Holly Madison, in her hit E! reality show "Holly's World". In February 2011, Josh debuted his first single "Report to the Floor", off his much anticipated EP.



MATT ZARLEY

Matt Zarley began his career in commercials at age of 12, and has since gone on to appear in numerous productions on Broadway and became an internationally published songwriter. A huge supporter of the LGBT community, Zarley has performed at a variety of events, HRC dinners, and Market Days in Chicago. He has also had the good fortune of working with such artists as Vanessa Williams, Gladys Knight and Chaka Khan



JUSTIN UTLEY

Justin Utley began his career as a Mormon contemporary singer/songwriter. He was featured performer at the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympics, has performed in the Utah regional run as "Joseph in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" 2001/2001, and the 2005 Utah premier of Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida", as the leading man "Radames". Justin released his first nationally distributed CD "Runaway" in 2005. Leaving Utah and his Mormon faith behind, he relocated to New York City in 2006.

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On November 4, 2008 Proposition 8 passed in California, amending the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. The defeat provoked a groundswell of initiative within the GLBT community at a grassroots level, with many new political and protest organizations being formed in response. The NOH8 Campaign is a photographic silent protest created by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska and partner Jeff Parshley in direct response to the passage of Proposition 8 in California. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world, with "NOH8" painted on one cheek in protest. Nearly two and a half years since its inception, the NOH8 Campaign has grown to over 15,000 faces and continues to grow at an exponential rate. The campaign began with portraits of everyday Californians from all walks of life and soon rose to include politicians, military personnel, newlyweds, law enforcement, artists, celebrities, and many more. The NOH8 Campaign has received overwhelming support from around the world, from TV to Twitter.

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CHAD MICHAELS

Chad Michaels' career as one of the world's premier Cher impersonators now spans two decades of acclaim. Chad has performed in the Las Vegas and London productions of "An Evening at La Cage", the South American tour of "La Cage Aux Folies" and the California production of ICONS. He has been featured on E! Entertainment Network, MAD TV, A&E Biography and comedy Central. Chad produces and performs with the longest running drag show in California, The Dreamgirls Revue. He has performed for everyone from Elton Jon to Cher, herself.



MORGAN MCMICHAELS

A local fixture in Southern California's drag circuit, Morgan became a reality television personality, when he joined the cast of the second season of the popular cable television reality competition, RuPaul's Drag Race". He has since gone on to appear on the 2010 & 2011 seasons of Logo Networks' RuPaul's Drag U", as a facility member. Morgan lives in Los Angeles and can be seen performing n such shows as Showgirls at Micky's, The Playgirls at Toucan's in Palm Springs and The

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In 2008, Canadian Luba Sasowski embarked on a risky and ambitious endeavor, opening the Wax Hair Removal Bar in Vancouver, British Columbia. At the time most, if not all, waxing and bodily maintenance bars relied as much upon the experience as the service as a key factor in attracting clientele, rather than focusing strictly on the types and levels of service, as Sasowski set out to do. "I think where we are different is that we have everything broken down," she explains. "For example, we have hands and fingers, feet and toes, half derriere, and full derriere. So it is broken down very specifically to service someone's specific needs, without forcing them to purchase other services in a package, that they may not want or need.

"A couple other things include our anal bleaching, or skin lightening service," continues Sasowski. "The service is actually called ass you like it, and we make the experience comfortable and non-intimidating. We have an in-house service and we also have a take-home product that you can either buy on our website or come into the store and purchase."

At first the idea of anal bleaching may seem scary, or even unnecessary, but Sasowski is quick to dispel that notion. "One of the most common misconceptions is that it's about bleaching the hair, and that is so wrong," she says. "What it is about is bleaching the skin.



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By William Bessette

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People are attracted to youthfulness, and that is exactly the same when it comes to anal bleaching. When you remove all the hair in those areas, the skin becomes much more apparent to the naked eye, so people want it to blend and look more youthful looking. The three most common reasons why people do skin lightening are as follows: women who have children and go through hormonal changes and they tend to discolor in areas below. Ethnicities, whose skin is darker, tend to be even darker in the intimate areas, so they want to lighten it and blend. The third is with age, as people get older, their skin tends to discolor and get darker or more yellow. So it's all about having a healthy and youthful look."

Another key differentiator for the Wax Hair Removal Bar and their competitors is in the area of experience. While most establishments of this type try to offer an opulent experience along with the service, Wax Hair Removal Bar chooses instead to focus solely on what the customer needs, without the fancy experience to go along with it. "You won't see any fancy chandeliers or soft music," says Sasowski. "What you will see is a large list of comprehensive services offered in a discreet setting handled by highly trained professionals, we call our Wexperts™, at an affordable price and in a short time frame."

While the skin lightening procedure is definitely the most intriguing service on the menu, Wax Hair Removal Bar also offers pubic hair tinting and shaping (magenta arrow, anyone?), and other general waxing and intimate bodily maintenance procedures in a gender neutral setting. For more information on the diverse and affordable services served up by trained professionals at the Wax Hair Removal Bar, visit www.waxlasvegas.com for more information. ■

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NEVADA RAISES THE RAINBOW FLAG

By: William Bessette

One doesn't often include Nevada among the list of states when describing ultimate travel destinations for honeymooning gay couples, but don't tell that to Larry Friedman, interim Director of the Nevada Commission on Tourism. Larry has responsibility over the entire state and is putting into place something that has been in the works for a long time, a serious marketing effort to the LGBT community. The aim is to promote Nevada as a top destination for LGBT couples. With the launch of gay.travelnevada.com, Larry hopes that the initiative will yield multiple benefits for the state. He sits down with QVegas to discuss this new initiative and why it's such a big deal.

Q: So, why now? How did this initiative come to life?

L: From a business perspective, the recession has made people realize that everybody's money is green, and forced people to open their minds and their doors, and that's a good thing. Business has really come to grips with the reality of the gay and lesbian market. We like to travel, actually we travel more, statistically speaking, than most other demographics. It's also a strong market that rewards loyalty. My theory is that gay people travel everywhere, but if you reach out to gay people, statistically they are more likely to respond. If it's a business decision, then it's a smart business decision. It's a fact, we like to travel, our income is higher than average, most gay people can travel year round and don't have children. So there is a greater chance that we will do so compared to the rest of society in general.

Q: Was there any pushback from within the system, seeing as how Nevada can still be a pretty conservative place?

L: No. It's interesting because as soon as we put it on our strategic plan, it has been endorsed at every level; urban partners and rural partners as well.

Q: What kind of statewide impact could this have?

L: We are, of course, responsible for marketing all of Nevada. Gay people don't just travel to San Francisco and New York or other gay mecca's. They actually like to visit the same places as everyone else. Gay people want to know about the Great Basin National Park. They want to travel Highway 50 across the state because they know it's a beautiful drive. Also, for gay people visiting Las Vegas they want to get up to Cathedral Gorge [on Mt. Charleston]; Cathedral George is beautiful;

or how about staying in a unique property like the Overland Express in Lincoln County. The whole state is filled with wonderful outdoor recreation and everybody is welcome to use it and enjoy it.

Q: Explain this initiative in detail and the direction it will take. Will it be "Nevada specific" things or "gay specific things" or an amalgamation of both?

L: It will be both. We have just opened up our website. Some of the initial things we are promoting are things like Gay Pride in Reno and Gay Pride in Las Vegas, and Winterfest, the gay ski week at Lake Tahoe, but we are about to put on some information about a fun bus that leaves from Salt Lake City and goes to Wendover, on the Nevada / Utah border. This will be sponsored by the gay publication in Salt Lake City. In Eureka we have this incredible opera house, in the middle of the state that is completely restored and has incredible entertainment. So we do plan to use it to promote the entire state. In addition, it is linked back and forth with our regular website. The idea is to inform the gay market of all the state has to offer, regardless of what you are interested in, camping, hiking, boating, fishing, gaming, even theater. Again, it's just a focused effort to a market to inform gay people of everything Nevada has to offer.

Larry Friedman is one of the most energetic public officials, dedicated to making Nevada a fixture in the minds of people engaged in planning vacations. His enthusiasm for the state and all it has to offer is infectious and his leadership in this field bodes well for the LGBT community as well as the wider population in the pursuit of finding all that Nevada has to offer. We may be a desert state but when it comes to the sights and sounds of a beautiful place to visit then we are as lush as Hawaii.

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MOST ELIGIBLE DALLAS: DREW GINSBURG

by Richard Davis



What would be your response if you received a Facebook invitation to be in a new reality TV show about being single? Drew Ginsburg said yes. And so the 29-year old, eligible gay bachelor is set to debut on "Most Eligible Dallas" (MED) on Bravo, Monday, August 15, at 10:00 p.m. (check local listings).

Ginsburg says he still sometimes thinks of himself as a fat guy. "Sometimes I still get this weird thrill that some handsome guy wants to date me."

Ginsburg says that making this leap onto the little screen is just part of what he's learned by coming out as a gay man, "Being safe is nothing, being real is everything."

As the cameras rolled into his life, Ginsburg says, "They pushed me to come out of my shell." Ginsburg promises viewers, "You'll see me coming into my skin for the first time ever."

The 6', 4" Ginsburg fought a nine year battle to lose 200 pounds. He realized he was morbidly obese when his doctor said he was disabled. He says, "I couldn't fly a single seat on a plane." Through a combination of gastric by-pass surgery, HCG and well-balanced, structured nutrition, Ginsburg slimmed down to his current hot body. He now enjoys exploring organic cookery.

His advice to others trying to shed weight, "It's not going to happen overnight. I look now the way I wanted to look five years ago." He says, "Don't give up, it's tough to change, give yourself time."

Ginsburg says he still sometimes thinks of himself as a fat guy. "Sometimes I still get this weird thrill that some handsome guy wants to date me."

Drew works in his family's business, which controls 10 car dealerships throughout the Dallas/Forth Worth area, and in San Francisco. He says, "Don't ask me how to decorate a house or how to dress someone

up." But when it comes to cars and engines, he's knows his stuff. He says, "I memorized cars by logos before I knew my alphabet." His business car is a 2012 Audi 86, but his personal ride is a 2009 Porche Cayman S. His dream car to race around Dallas in would be a Ferrari 458 Italia.

When I call MED a soap opera, Ginsburg corrects me with "docudrama." "I mean," he says, "I didn't see Chardonnay thrown in anyone's face." He was already friends or acquaintances with the other cast members when they met for a group casting interview after one-on-one auditions. When I asked Ginsburg if there were any sexual tensions between him and the two straight guys in the cast, he says no. "We were good friends and I did not change who I was around them." He says fellow cast member and pro-footballer, Glenn Pakulak, "is one of them most protective guys I've ever known. Someone yelled, 'Queer,' at me and he went ballistic."

Drew says that during the show, "I formed one of the deepest bonds in my life with Tara Harper," MED's busty, blonde who has been through four broken engagements. "Tara and I were friends before, but our friendship became incredibly strong on the show." He describes that during a recent promotional tour in Los Angeles, "I was jumping on her bed, I crawled under her covers and we were tickling each other."

I ask Ginsburg about the teaser on the Bravo website, www.bravotv.com/most-eligible-dallas, that mentions his "unresolved feelings for an ex-boyfriend"—Does the ex show up in the series? All Ginsburg will say is "Watch to find out!" He says the cameras had a funny effect on his love life, "I found out who my true friends and my fake friends really were."

Ginsburg says that that the move to legalize gay marriage is "changing the definition of what a relationship is in the gay world." He says, "I would love to have legalized gay marriage right now in Texas." But whatever his partnership status now or in the future, Drew says, "I will eventually adopt. Not an infant but a toddler because these kids really need a home."

Ginsburg says, "What you see on camera is real. I wanted to be real, not safe. Nothing's not me." He says, "I have overcome adversity in my life. I want people who watch the show to know, 'You're not alone.'" Drew says, "People wonder, 'When am I going to get my chance?' You'll get it before you even know it." ■



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Frank Marino Kicks Joan Rivers To The Curb

Superstar female impersonator Frank Marino has been honored with nearly every award in Las Vegas, including: being the only entertainer with two stars on the Las Vegas Walk of Fame; a street named in his honor; his own official day (February 1); and the key to the city, which were all given to him by Mayor Oscar Goodman. However, there is one thing he has yet to accomplish – his own building wrap on the famed Las Vegas Strip. Marino will celebrate his new wrap on Friday, August 19, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino, where he performs his show, “Divas Las Vegas.”

Additionally, Marino is announcing that after more than 26 years, 20,000 shows, 10 million audience members and 350,000 costume changes performing as Joan Rivers, he will no longer be “keeping up with the Jones’.” Marino will gradually phase Rivers out of his show, and will soon perform solely as Frank Marino, Superstar Female Impersonator. He will open the show with his ever changing comedic monologue and narrate the production throughout, but since he has achieved

such high levels of stardom, he no longer feels it necessary to attach himself to another star.

“When I was going into the business, I didn’t realize how hard it would be climbing the ladder of success ... especially wearing high heels!” Marino said.

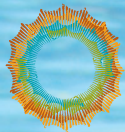
A contemporary and upbeat production, “Frank Marino’s Divas Las Vegas” is chock full of female celebrity look-alikes impersonating some of entertainment’s most beloved superstars from Cher and Bette Midler to Britney Spears. To keep the production fresh and exciting, Marino has recently made some additions to the dazzling show including Rihanna, Janet Jackson and Lady Gaga. Marino will also soon debut a new wardrobe, with half of his custom-made dresses from designer-to-the stars Bob Mackie, and the other half from up-and-coming designers. The show, which opened at Imperial Palace in October of 2009, has been extended through December 2012.

“Everyone at Imperial Palace congratulates Frank on his first building wrap, which is a true

accomplishment for any entertainer performing on the Las Vegas Strip,” said Rick Mazer, president of Imperial Palace. “We look forward to seeing what other surprises Frank has in store for the future of the show.”

“Frank Marino’s Divas Las Vegas” is co-produced by Adam Steck and Alex Schechter of SPI Entertainment. SPI Entertainment also produces the hit Motown tribute show, “Human Nature – The Ultimate Celebration of the Motown Sound” at Imperial Palace

“Frank Marino’s Divas Las Vegas” performs six nights a week (dark Fridays) at 10 p.m. Ticket prices are \$39, \$69 and \$79 (plus tax and fees) and are available at the Imperial Palace box office, online at www.imperialpalace.com or by calling (888) 777-7664. For more information on Frank Marino, visit [HYPERLINK “http://www.frankmarino.com”](http://www.frankmarino.com) www.frankmarino.com.



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MATT ZARLEY

by Randy Slovacek

Matt Zarley has received critical acclaim as a singer/songwriter for over ten years. He has been a mainstay on the Billboard charts, performed extensively on Broadway and was the first gay man named one of People Magazine's "Hottest Bachelors." In 2008, he was honored as one of Billboard magazine's "Critics Top 10." In reviewing Matt's CD "Here I Am", Chuck Taylor from Billboard wrote "Stunning. A marquee mainstream artist is born." His new CD release date is August 23rd, and he will be performing at Las Vegas Gay Pride September 17th.

QVegas: Your new CD is titled "Change Begins With Me" - how is it different from your previous CDs?

Matt Zarley: I think this is the most unapologetically pop album I've done. It also has the most variation in terms of song styles. I wanted to explore different vibes while trying to stay cohesive. It definitely felt like a more focused process. I also had specific things I wanted to convey on this. I've never had a clear vision of what I wanted to say before starting to work on an album. With this CD, I knew what those specifics were.

Q: The first single from the CD "WTF" has a fun, sexy video. What inspired the song?

MZ: I met someone unexpectedly that blew me away emotionally. It was extremely

intense and romantic. But it ended as quickly as it began. He just stopped communicating with me one day. It was all really bizarre, and really hit me hard at the time. I could only ask myself, "what the f**k just happened?" And WTF was born. :)

Q: What song on "Change Begins With Me" feels the most wholly executed in terms of what you set out to create?

MZ: Probably the title track. I knew before I finished writing the song that I wanted The Broadway Inspirational Voices to sing on it. I had a pretty clear vision of what I wanted to say and what I wanted the production to sound like. It's so fulfilling hearing that come to fruition.

Q: How do you define the concept of 'success' in the music industry today?

MZ: "Success" for me is when someone tells me that my music affected them personally. Someone recently told me that my music helped them deal with the death of a loved one. Hearing something like that makes me feel like I've truly succeeded.

Q: You were 19 when you were cast in your first Broadway show - how do you approach creativity today differently from the 19-year-old Matt Zarley?

MZ: When I was 19, I didn't really have

a formula or a specific process when approaching a project. Now, years later, I've formed my own specific way of approaching a creative project. I think I now have the organization skills that I didn't have then.

Q: What question have you never been asked that YOU think is relevant?

MZ: No one has ever asked me how male and female artists differ in the dance music world. I think a lot of people would be shocked to know that it's somewhat of a challenge to get DJs to play male vocals. In a world that is made up of primarily gay male DJs, there's a lot of resistance to playing male singers. It's an issue that is baffling to me.

Q: You'll be performing at Las Vegas Pride this year. Do you think it's important to express pride as an openly gay man?

MZ: I think it's important for all of us to be proud. I express my pride by being honest about myself. I've been told that I'm "brave" for being an out artist. I never think of myself as being brave at all. I'm just being me. I'm proud to be a gay man. It would be an issue for me not to be proud of being a gay man.

Release date for Matt's new CD "Change Begins With Me" is August 23rd.

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EDIE

Edie has lived in Las Vegas for almost four years and currently performs in Cirque De Soleil's Zumanity show. The volunteer work Edie is - or has been - involved with includes work with Golden Rainbow, Broadway Bares Las Vegas, the Ali Forney Center in New York City, and Broadway Cares / Equity Fights: AIDS. The primary reason he volunteers his time is because he feels it is his way of giving back to a community that has been so supportive to him over the years; he became hooked on volunteer work back in his native New York after getting involved through Broadway connections. He feels that it is vitally important that everyone volunteer whatever they can at some point in their life, that it is an amazing feeling to help wherever one's passions lie. One of the most memorable charity experiences for Edie was when he was participating in a charity event to raise

money for Broadway Bares / Equity Fights: AIDS. As they were in the middle of a tribute to the 25th Anniversary of A Chorus Line, the original cast suddenly appeared onstage, walked between them and hit their original poses. Through a tearful "Kiss Today Goodbye" Edie realized that what amazing moments like this volunteering your time and energy can bring. If he could make any recommendations to the aspiring volunteer he would definitely recommend Golden Rainbow's Ribbon of Life and Broadway Bares, Las Vegas. Instead of recommending just one other Person with Pride, Edie would like to put forth all of the chorus men and women, singers, and dancers on the strip who show up to every charity event they can. He truly believes that they give so much of their time and love and deserve to be recognized and is so impressed with all of them!

MISSY MORGAN

Missy Morgan is a six year Las Vegas resident and currently works as a Manager for Teacher Leadership Development at Teach for America. Her volunteer work, like so many others, includes work for the Human Rights Campaign, the LGBT Center, and Sin SltY Sisters. Morgan volunteers her time because it is simply "the right thing to do." She greatly enjoys seeing the progress that is being made out in the community, while still knowing that there is so much more room for growth and continued help. In her, and many others, opinions, the LGBT community is finally being heard and recognized, resulting in Vegas becoming a major tourist destination for the LGBT population. Additionally, amazing legislature has been passed in order to make Las Vegas and Nevada a much more LGBT friendly environment. While in college, Morgan started a gay/straight alliance on her campus and then went on to work at a transitional living program for LGBT youth in Detroit. Those experiences were so rewarding to her that she knew she MUST get involved once she moved to Las Vegas. The first exposure she had to volunteering here was after she attended an L-Word event put on by HRC at the Center. She met Dawn Christensen while at the event and left knowing she just HAD to become involved. She would most definitely recommend the HRC Gala Dinner, the SNAPI Pride Festival, and the LGBT Center Honorary to anyone looking to volunteer or explore something new. If Morgan could nominate one other person with Pride, it would be Ron Quinn, who has grown the volunteer base for HRC tremendously by being motivated, dedicated, and innovative, all of this, resulting in a drastic increase of effective and informative events.



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VINCENT

Vincent R. Frey has lived in Las Vegas for 35 years and is a political consultant. Over the years, Vincent has donated his time to The Center, PLAN, The Victory Fund, Emily's List, NGLTF, GLAAD, GLJA, One campaign, HRC, The Trevor Project, The Gay and Lesbian Holocaust Memorial, St Therese Center, ERN, ACLU. Golden Rainbow, 3 Square, Westcare, Susan G Komen, Neon Museum, Las Vegas Art Museum, and The Animal Foundation. He gives back because these organizations contribute to making the world a better place. His volunteer advice is to find causes

and organizations that you can care about, have fun, it's okay to say "no" and set out to learn something new in your experience. His most memorable volunteer moment was helping to get Nevada's first openly gay candidate elected to office, David Parks in 1996 and then Tammy Baldwin to the United States Congress in 1998. His favorite charities are The Center's Honorarium and Golden Rainbow. He would nominate Jane Heenan as a person with pride because of her tireless efforts to educate the community on Transgender issues.



HERFIT "COCO" LLENAS

Herfit "COCO" Llenas has resided in Las Vegas for twelve years and works as an Event Planning Community Liaison and Realtor. She currently is a member and volunteer for the Human Rights Campaign, Toastmasters en Espanol, Dominicanos Unidos, HRC- Women in Leadership, and the Make A Wish Foundation of Southern Nevada. She believes that volunteering one's time helps them to be a part of something that betters the world we live in and finds the most satisfaction seeing the results from the work she does. For anyone thinking of volunteering she offers a corporate motto that she herself lives by: Just Do It! She gives credit for her initial start in volunteer work

to Dawn Christensen and Gwen Migita. Part of Llenas' hopes for the future includes trying to get the Latino community in Southern Nevada more politically involved. She encourages anyone willing to themselves get more involved to check out the Ya Es Hora Citizenship workshop co-sponsored by HRC, Caesars Entertainment and Mi Familia Vota, The Run for a wish from Make-A-Wish, and the International Competition of Toastmasters 2011 in Las Vegas. If she could recommend another Person with Pride it would without a doubt be Dustin Worthington, the web content manager for HRC and Social Media, Equal for Harrah's and Ya es Hora Citizen Workshop.



GRETA

Greta, "once you get her you won't reGRETA HER" has lived in Las Vegas since 1986 and proudly works for Valley Press of Las Vegas, the only job she has ever had. Greta has an impressive list of organizations that she divides her volunteer time up between which include, AFAN [Aid for Aids of Nevada], My HIV, the Teen Suicide Hot line, and the LGBT Community Center. Despite this extensive list of commitments, however, Greta insists that she is following in her dad's foot steps, he was an advocate and huge supporter of causes within her community. She could count on her father to help any any of our great organizations, it was him that instilled in her the importance of representing Valley Press in a way that supports the Las Vegas community as a whole. Fond volunteer memories for Morgan include donating

printing and banner ads to the LGBA for the first AFAN walk, to the countless hours and resources. For those thinking about volunteering, she has a simple message: "Get off your ass and do it!" Sometimes getting friends and family involved can also be a huge self motivator, seeing how excited they are. Greta fondly remembers taking her mother to the AFAN Black & White Party where her mom was so impressed by the sense of community and level of effort put into the event. Her three recommendations for must see or participate in events would be the AFAN Black and White Party, AIDS Walk, and National Coming Out Day! If she could nominate one other Person with Pride it would be her partner at Valley Press, Sheila Hacco, who has been at her side for the past seven years, helping to expand

A photograph of Derek Washington, a Black man with a goatee, wearing a brown blazer over a striped shirt and a patterned tie. He is raising his right fist in a gesture of solidarity or protest. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a public event.

DEREK WASHINGTON

Derek Washington, Aid for AIDS Nevada's "New Media and Diversity Outreach Consultant" is a nationally known African American LGBT activist who was diagnosed with HIV in 2006. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Derek has made politics and community activism his life since his positive diagnosis. Derek was a national delegate for Hillary Clinton in 2008 and currently, Derek is the Chairman of Nevada's largest and most influential LGBT political organization, Stonewall Democrats of Southern Nevada. He recently was honored for his, and Stonewalls', work on the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" with an invitation to the historic ceremony in Washington, DC, where President Barack Obama signed the repeal.



MICHAEL FRANKLIN

Michael Franklin, also known as Lord Michael or Baron Franklin, has lived in Las Vegas for five years and is a retired Naval Medical Officer. He currently works with SinCityQSocals and LVGA3. He believes in volunteering because, quite simply, it is the right thing to do and it helps build new friendships and establish new bonds. Franklin as volunteered for several organizations throughout his lifetime and the most important advice he could give anyone who wants to volunteer is to simply leave the ego and personal agendas at home. Volunteering requires focus and dedication to achieve the goals of that organization. He first got involved with volunteering when he moved to Las Vegas. He just happened to stop by Ram Rod

on the first Friday he was in town and met Terry Hernandez. They developed a bond and friendship that is immeasurable and through that friendship Franklin has been able to volunteer with several organizations throughout the community. His most memorable occasion was riding on a float that he helped create in last year's Pride Parade. For those seeking to get involved he recommends Las Vegas Pride and SNAPi events, as well as SinCityQSocals and LAMBDA as great ways to meet other like minded individuals in the community. If he could recommend one other Person of Pride it would be Mark Santa Cruz, who through his quiet demeanor exemplifies what it is to be a gay man in today's society.

Pietra Sardelli, or "Pete", was born and raised in Las Vegas and is the On-Site Events Manager for Three Square Food Bank. She is also on the Golden Rainbow Board of Directors, and actively participates in the Grant-A-Gift Autism Foundation Walk and Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure. Sardelli volunteers within her community mainly because she can, so why not? She considers herself fortunate in so many ways that to not help when she is able to just does not make sense to her, especially as she has met some amazing people and been fortunate enough to see an immediate impact from some of her efforts. For anyone thinking of getting involved she advises that they ask a lot of questions. Wanting to help is great, but learning what is being asked for will help one manage his or her commitments wisely; it will also help make sure that one is aligned to the correct organization. She got involved because a dear friend and former cast mate of hers had been on the board of Golden Rainbow and came to her with help looking for a venue. Once she learned about the organization, she jumped at the chance to

get involved. Her most memorable volunteer experience came during a fundraising event, when a Golden Rainbow client came up to her and thanked her for allowing his participation in The Twenty-fifth Annual Ribbon of Life Show. The client said, "Five years ago I was in the audience watching the show and basically dying. Now, because of Golden Rainbow, I'm healthy and I can't believe I performed on that stage." Sardelli was humbled by this person's gratitude for helping them create a great show and blessed to know her time is with an organization changing lives for the better. For anyone with aspirations of getting involved she recommends Ribbon of Life, The Funny Bones Foundation, Grant a Gift Autism Foundation's Fashion for Autism, and DISH – Three Square Food Bank's signature fundraiser. Sardelli's additional recommendation for a Person with Pride would be Natalie Fleming who, in addition to lending her time and tremendous talent to all of the Golden Rainbow events, has stepped up, without hesitation, to assist in any way needed to make Ribbon of Life a success.

PIETRA SARDELLI



IKAIKA REGIDOR

Ikaika "Kai" Regidor has lived in Las Vegas for eight years and currently works for the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada. He also does volunteer work for ProgressNow Nevada, the National Association of Social Workers, the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network, and CRUSH. He believes that many people think volunteering doesn't matter, that there will always be an endless list of things that need fixing in the world, however, he ardently believes in the age-old saying "many hands make less work." He believes volunteering is something that doesn't cost a dime, but makes a huge difference. Regidor

has been involved with volunteer work, going all the way back to work he did for the YMCA in Honolulu. He firmly believes that anyone who volunteers will personally gain in their own life from helping to better someone else's and highly recommends volunteering with the CRUSH Stocking Stuffer program, the Center's Honorarium, and Las Vegas PRIDE. If he could pick one other Person with Pride it would be Senator Sheila Leslie, who championed on behalf of the LGBTQ bills that were recently passed more than any other legislator; Regidor believes Leslie is an invaluable straight ally.



KAREN PLOWDEN

Karen Plowden, otherwise known as Richard Tyler Longcock III, is a freelance web developer who has lived in Las Vegas for five years now. The organizations he is most associated with are The Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and the Trevor Project. He commits his time to volunteering because volunteer because no amount of money, cars, houses or mansions could ever equal the joy he gets from knowing he's made a difference to at least one person. To him, volunteering is like oxygen, with every breathe, every task, it keeps him alive; it gets his blood flowing knowing there is a chance to do right to today, to correct some type of social wrong or to improve some type of inhumanity by just taking the time to care. His advice to anyone thinking of getting involved is to find what one most passionate about changing and just go

for it. Even if an opportunity doesn't exist, create one. The desire to make a change, no matter the cost, will be all the drive one needs to make it successful. One of his most memorable volunteering experiences was with AmeriCorps, where they did Habitat for Humanity's, Meals on Wheels, protest marches and constructed after school programs for young children. A few of his favorite recommended events are The Sin City Sisters Red Dress Event, Planned Parenthood Corks and Forks, and The Opportunity Village Magical Forest. If he could provide one recommendation as another Person with Pride, it would be Sybrina Barnabei, who has been a small heroine of his. According to Plowden, she has a heart of gold when it comes to doing the right thing and she holds out until justice is served!



ELIZABETH ANN JODZKO

Elizabeth "Liz" Jodzko was born and raised in Las Vegas and currently works as a C.C.S.D. Campus Security Monitor at Southeast Career Technical Academy. She is also an advisor for SECTA's Pride Alliance (GSA), where her daughter is my co-adviser. She volunteers because she wants the kids to know that there are people out there who have been through what they are going through. She doesn't want to see any of her students become a statistic and wants to make school a "safe space" for everyone. Additionally, she wants the "Pride Alliance" to be more than just a club, but also a support system, outreach program and even a family. She would advise anyone who wants to get involved to go for it, but says that it's not something to be taken lightly, it takes a lot of time and dedication, but the end result is totally

worth it. She became involved when a gay student asked her if she would try to start a Gay Straight Alliance on campus and be the adviser. She had several students over the years "come out" to her, because they felt safe confiding in me and her most memorable experience was the first annual "pride" picnic where they got together with several other high school GSAs to broaden the support system. For anyone looking to volunteer she would highly recommend Street Teens, St. Judes Ranch, and RoosnMore Zoo in Moapa. If she could choose another person with Pride, it would have to be Andrew "A.J." O'Reilly. He's very active in the gay community and he's her go-to guy when the club needs information on upcoming community events. She reports that he's a great teacher and a great friend!





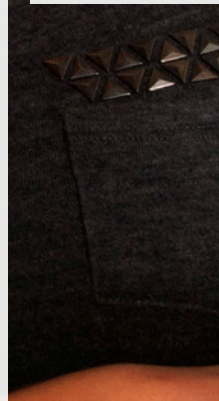
CYNTHIA HALL

Cynthia Hall is a freelance photographer, graphic designer, and bookkeeper, and also serves as the President of Betty's Outrageous Adventures. She is also the founder of the L Group Newsletter and volunteer facilitator for the L Group at the LGBT Center and has lived in Las Vegas on and off for 35 years. She loves giving back to the community that has given her so much and doesn't know where she'd be without it. Ever since she first came out, when she was 18, the community has been a huge part of her life. The support and love she feels through her community could never be replaced and she feels that giving back some of her time to help pay it forward is the least she can do. For anyone else thinking of volunteering, she advises to just jump in and go for it, saying that "if everyone would volunteer on day each month the world would be such a better place." She loves photographing for The Center: The Youth Prom, The Honorarium, Artrageous, and the Pride Youth Pageant and recommends to anyone with ideas of getting involved to check out the Bettys' Flirtatious Fantasies Masquerade Ball, The Sin City Sisters' Red Dress Event, and AFAN's Black & White Party. She is currently thinking about getting more involved with SNAP! and helping to put on Pride, as well as doing more with the LGBT Center. Her recommendation for a Person with Pride is Tracy Skinner, Mother Loosy Lust Bea Lady of the Sin City Sisters, because he lives and breathes Gay Pride.



MEL GOODWIN

Mel Goodwin was born and raised in Las Vegas and is currently the Youth & Volunteer Services Director at The Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Southern Nevada. Her volunteer work includes being the Co-Chair for GLSEN Southern Nevada and Regional Director for Equality Nevada Community Services. She volunteers because she can't imagine living a life in which she only entertains her own selfish pursuits and also because there are problems in the world that neither time nor governmental intervention nor wishful thinking will solve; she believes that her efforts to positively impact those problems are meaningful. If one is thinking of getting involved Goodwin would recommend asking what the holdup is. If time is a barrier, there are many other ways to potentially become involved, including giving financial or in-kind donations, attending non-profit events or fundraisers, and offering your professional services and/or unique skill set to an organization or worthy cause. Her recommendations for volunteer work are The Red Dress, which benefits the amazing work of the Sin City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (those Sisters sure know how to throw a party); ARTrageous Vegas!, which celebrates a broad interpretation of art and brings together many facets of the arts and LGBTQ communities of Southern Nevada; and International Drag Day for its celebration of diversity in drag and for increasing the visibility of drag kings in Las Vegas. If she could recommend another Person of Pride it would be Candice Banks, who is a Catholic U.S. Army wife and mother of six children who has advocated tirelessly for the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and the passage of federal legislation to protect transgender and gender non-conforming persons.



NORMAN WARNER AHNEE

Norman Warner AhNee has lived in Las Vegas for 16 years and is a member and volunteer at the St. Therese Center for HIV Outreach. After five years of volunteering at the St. Therese Center, he finally became a member of the staff, working every day and enjoying every minute of it knowing that he is helping people and making a difference. His most memorable experience volunteering was at the annual Circle of Roses Event where he had the privilege, but more so, the fun, in creating elaborate baskets for those who attended so they could bid on the baskets and raise money for the Center.

Volunteering gives him peace and knows that anyone who wants to volunteer should do so, as they will also get the same measure of peace that he gets from doing good for others. If he could recommend any events to experience or be involved with they would be the Circles of Roses, the Ribbon of Life (Golden Rainbow), and the Pride Festival, raising awareness within the community. If he could recommend one other Person with Pride it would be his partner, David Brown, because he always encourages him to be happy, enjoy life, and trust God, because miracles are happening out there every day!





BRUCE EWING

Bruce Ewing has resided in Las Vegas for 15 years and is an actor / singer in Phantom: The Las Vegas Spectacular. He is also the Worship Leader and Choir Director at Community Lutheran Church and Musical Director / Conductor of the Las Vegas Men's Chorus. Despite being so busy, Ewing still finds the time to provide volunteer work for Family Promise of Las Vegas, a local organization who helps homeless families get off the streets & back into homes, AFAN [Aid for Aids of Nevada], and Golden Rainbow. He does it because volunteering helps him to stop thinking that he is the center of the world, and helps him to remember what is truly important in this life. He often gets to meet families that have made it through the challenges of their lives, and are now volunteering to help others who are in a bad way, and finds those to always be inspiring and amazing experiences. In 2006, when Family Promise was in danger of closing, Ewing had just started performing in Phantom, and the fund raising concerts that they got involved with as a cast helped to save Family Promise from closing, another amazing experience! Ewing highly recommends anyone who is thinking about it to volunteer and recommends getting involved with the Angel Tree Network, serving a dinner for Family Promise or Ronald McDonald House, and running or walking any 5K that benefits an organization, such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. He plans to continue his work with Family Promise and help to evolve the Las Vegas Men's Chorus. If he could chose any one other Person with Pride, it would be Fred Harmon.



KAREN GRAYSON

Karen Grayson has lived in the Las Vegas Valley for 15 years and currently works as a self employed construction consultant. She has been a member of, and/or affiliated with the LGBT Center, Stonewall Democrats, HRC [Human Rights Campaign], and Equality Nevada Community Services and volunteers her time and life experiences in order to better the LGBT, and primarily, transgender communities. She believes that the transgender community is just now at a point in time when the transgender person is being accepted more as being just another sector of society and not an oddity that people have misunderstood for so long. Grayson has been speaking at universities, colleges, and

political events for more than 25 years in an effort to educate the public as to who and what the transgender community is about and believes that volunteering for a cause one believes in is good for the soul; that being a volunteer helps one take a good long look at how privileged or healthy one may be, and how important just having a warm bed to sleep at night really is. She would definitely recommend involvement with Pride, the AIDS Walk, and any HRC [Human Rights Campaign] events. Her recommendation for a Person with Pride would be James Healy, for all of the hard work he has done here in Southern Nevada.



ANDREW STUTZ

Andrew Stutz works as a housekeeper and has lived in Las Vegas for five years. He currently volunteers all of his time with the Human Rights Campaign, Las Vegas. He volunteers because he believes that because it gives him a chance to give back. There have been times when he needed help and asked for it and this is his way of saying thank you. He also believes that there are important issues out there that need to be addressed and being involved with an organization that can address them is empowering. He believes that anyone looking to volunteer needs only have passion and commitment to a cause and they can make it happen. Like so many others, his most memorable volunteer experience was at an HRC Gala, full of

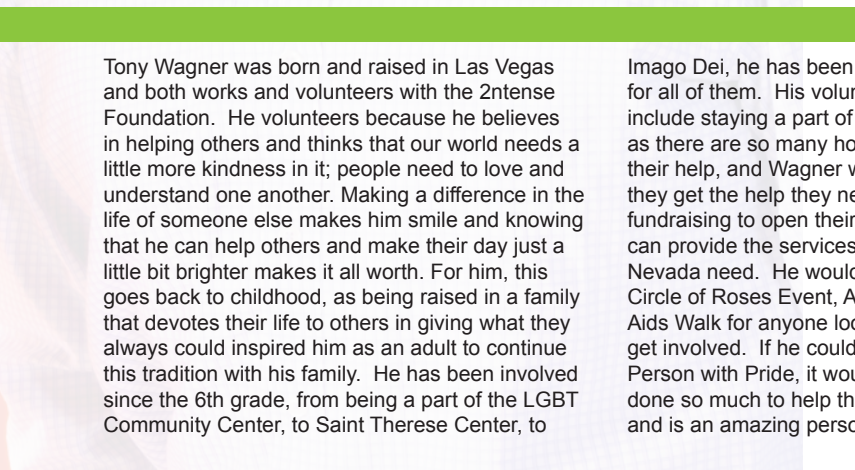
wonderful people gathering for a good cause. Through this he gains a unique sense of unity and community and belonging. He looks to continue to personally raise funding for HRC to fight for Marriage Equality, as he was legally married to his husband Chuck in California 3 years ago, though it is not recognized in Nevada. He recommends any HRC Gala, the AFAN Black and White Party, and any Sin City Sisters events for those looking to experience something new or get involved. If he could nominate any other person as a Person with Pride it would be his Best Friend Forever, John Willey, who Stutz says is just a wonderful person to be around, is smart and full of life, caring about the issues and going to great lengths to fight for them!



MARCUS LIDEY

Marcus Lidey is the Director of VIP Services for the Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas and has lived in Las Vegas for the past eleven years. He is currently on the Board of Directors for the LGBT Center and is a volunteer at Opportunity Village and the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. He volunteers because he feels that it is his responsibility to help if he is capable of helping. He thinks that the more people that volunteer, the stronger our community will be, not to mention that he just finds it a lot of fun. He would sincerely encourage anybody who was thinking about volunteering to do it and would also give that same advice to someone not thinking about it as well, as he believes they will find it a truly rewarding experience. He fondly recalls joining the Center Board in early 2009 and being a part of the Honorarium Committee. He reports that they knew that moving the end of year Gala from its previous location to Caesars Palace would be risky,

but watching it take shape and become an extremely fun night and showcasing the Center on that level was definitely a memorable moment. His goal for the future is to encourage as many of his friends and family to volunteer as well as to develop friendships with other organizations in our community. If he could make any recommendations for events and involvement they would be The Center's Honorarium, the AFAN Black and White Party, and HRC's Annual Gala. As a nomination for another Person with Pride, he would give it to Jose Garcia, who is the co-chair of Caesar's Entertainments LGBT Business resource group EQUAL and also co-chairs the Ya Es Hora Citizen workshops. Lidey says that in addition to giving his time to these efforts, Garcia is also very active with The Center and HRC sub committees, a great representation of pride!



TONY WAGNER

Tony Wagner was born and raised in Las Vegas and both works and volunteers with the 2ntense Foundation. He volunteers because he believes in helping others and thinks that our world needs a little more kindness in it; people need to love and understand one another. Making a difference in the life of someone else makes him smile and knowing that he can help others and make their day just a little bit brighter makes it all worth. For him, this goes back to childhood, as being raised in a family that devotes their life to others in giving what they always could inspired him as an adult to continue this tradition with his family. He has been involved since the 6th grade, from being a part of the LGBT Community Center, to Saint Therese Center, to

Imago Dei, he has been on the board of directors for all of them. His volunteer goals for the future include staying a part of the 2ntense Foundation, as there are so many homeless youth that can use their help, and Wagner wants to make sure that they get the help they need. Right now they are fundraising to open their drop-in center so that they can provide the services the youth within Southern Nevada need. He would definitely recommend the Circle of Roses Event, ArtRageous, and the AFAN Aids Walk for anyone looking to experience and get involved. If he could nominate any other as a Person with Pride, it would be Paul Scott, who has done so much to help the community as a whole and is an amazing person, with a big heart!



MICHAEL-ANGELO CABERO

Michael-Angelo Cabero works for the Las Vegas Male Medical Clinic and is currently a member of Southern Nevada Association of Pride. Having lived in Las Vegas for 15 years Cabero takes a sense of pride from making a difference in his community and collaborating with people who share similar goals. After originally getting involved with a youth group years ago, he then met a couple of former SNAPi members and decided to get involved with the organization. Although meeting great entertainers and performers throughout the years of his involvement with Pride has been important, seeing Fanni Pack live on

stage is his most memorable experience. Cabero's non-profit event recommendations include Gay Pride, the NGRA Rodeo, and the AFAN Black & White Party and he believes that if you want to make a difference in your community, get involved, no matter how big or small the contribution, whether it is time or money. Any contribution you make will help strive to make your community stronger. His vote for a Person with Pride goes to Joe Hood, as he was the person who sparked Cabero's interest with SNAPi and overall involvement with the community.





LAURA MARTIN

Laura Martin works with the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada and has lived in Las Vegas since 2007. Her volunteer list is quite extensive and includes the Stonewall Democratic Club of Southern Nevada (communications director), Asian American Democratic Caucus (Social Media director), Clark County Democratic Party Central Committee Precinct Captain, Nevada State Democratic Party at-large Executive Board Member, Nevada Youth Coalition (volunteer), Si Se Puede Latino Democratic Caucus (member), Clark County Democratic Black Caucus (member), Green for All Fellow and Truman Project Partner. Wow! She volunteers because she truly believes that the community we live in will never be as it should be unless we all get up and do something about it. To her some of the most

important things are the friends she's made, the connections that have led to bigger and better things and mostly the memories, especially when she FINALLY accomplishes something that she's worked so hard to do. Her most memorable experience was on then Republican Senator John Ensign, who was waffling on supporting the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. After much hard work, her sense of relief after he voted to repeal it was palpable. She would definitely recommend being a part of Stonewall's 10th Anniversary celebration on September 7, as well as the AFAN Black & White Party. If she could nominate one other Person with Pride it would be Lydia Toscano-Corbett, who is a fellow straight ally and member of the LAMBDA Business Association and Stonewall.

SEAN VANGORDER

Sean VanGorder was born and raised in Las Vegas and currently works for Wells Fargo Bank. His volunteer list includes a great number of organizations, including HRC, AFAN, SNAPi, NGLCC, Wells Fargo Pride TMN, and The Gay & Lesbian Center of Southern Nevada. He volunteers in order to volunteer to stay informed and involved within my community and to give back to those in need. He also enjoys hearing the stories of those who have struggled and overcome their obstacles and feels that it is important to educate oneself in the importance of understanding and comprehending the strength of those individuals. He first got involved by reaching out to his employer's Community Relations department, the Wells Fargo Pride Team

Member Network. Through them he was introduced to the various organizations dedicated to making a change. He wants to want to be on the board for or work for any organizations involved in his community. With that position, he hopes he will be able to make sure that other's opinions and voices are truly heard. His most memorable experience was at the 2010 HRC Gala, and he truly believes that HRC is an organization like no other. He would definitely recommend any HRC Gala to those seeking to get involved or experience something new, as well as the AFAN Black & White Party and SoCRUSH events. If he could nominate one other as a Person with Pride it would be Timothy Gonzalez, who he sees at every event that benefits a greater cause, which he finds incredibly inspiring. Watching a young man such as Timothy get involved creates the accurate image that young people get involved just as much as everyone else, so Sean would like to Timmy for all that he does.



AJ O'REILLY

AJ O'Reilly is a teacher with the Clark County School District and has lived in Las Vegas for his entire life and is proud of it. He currently volunteers his time with student activist organizations, Anti-Bully and Harassment groups, PRIDE Clubs and GSAs (Gay/Straight Alliances) of local high schools, and work to raise money and funds for the Human Rights Campaign and The LGBT Center of Las Vegas. He volunteers because he sees first-hand the difficulties that kids today face while trying to understand and discover who they are. He not only wants them to have the confidence and self-respect to be themselves, but also to develop within them the ability to respect the individuality and unique nature of

everyone that they meet. For anyone thinking of getting involved he would advise to find one thing that they have a passion for and ask, "Is there anything, no matter how small, that can be done to make it better?" As with many others he finds some of his most memorable times to be at the best events in Las Vegas, the LGTB Center's Honorary, Aid for AIDS of Sothern Nevada's Black & White Party, and the monthly QVegas and HRC Socials. In the future, he plans on continuing to develop programs that encourage and support youth, and promote tolerance and acceptance along with confidence and self-respect in today's kids.



KAREN JONES

Karen Jones is self-employed four and-a-half year resident of Las Vegas and volunteers because she believes one of the gifts that she has to give to the world is the gift of her voice and positive spirit. Since the LGBT community can often be ostracized or isolated by society, when she sings for organizations that help this community, she does so to lift us all up and celebrate the joy of being who we are, with pride! The list of organizations she volunteers with is long and includes AFAN [Aid for Aids of Nevada], the Green Girl Festival, Gay Pride, HRC [Human Rights Campaign], The LGBT Center, Artrageous, the Honorarium, and Unity By The Bay (Miami).

Jones enjoys meeting young and old people alike through her singing and doing her best to make them feel better about themselves. For anyone thinking of volunteering she would advise them to just be themselves, be professional, and to make choices based on what they do best. Her non-profit volunteering recommendations include Sin City Sisters events, Artrageous, and the NGRA Rodeo. Finally, Jones would chose Suzy Grissom as a Person with Pride, because she is like a sister and a volunteer in our community that always gives with a smile and believes in the good in everyone, no matter what.

Charles O'Neill has lived in Las Vegas for seven years and currently serves as the Director of Ministry for Imago Dei: Gay/Lesbian Catholic Ministries of Southern Nevada. He currently volunteers for the St. Therese Center and Right Pride. O'Neill believes that in volunteering, he gets back more than he gives, and got his drive to give from parents who instilled in him a will to help others; volunteering is about more than just a paycheck. His most memorable experience was at a retreat in 2008 when a Catholic school teacher from New Orleans said he couldn't be "out" at his job or in his life there; seeing this gentleman so free with the group, able to celebrate his faith and who he was as a person, was both touching and inspiring. O'Neill hopes to get more people involved with Imago

CHARLES O'NEILL

Dei, volunteering and leading various activities and events. With the St. Therese Center's new retreat house, he also hopes to again start holding the annual retreat as well as sponsoring other days of retreat and reflection. Aside from Imago Dei, he hopes to organize events to honor those in the LGBT community who have served in the armed forces. Definite recommendations for those seeking to get involved would include the Imago Dei Monthly Mass and the St. Therese Center Circle of Roses. If he could recommend one other Person with Pride it would definitely be Fr. Joseph O'Brien of the St. Therese Center for his tireless ability to organize volunteers and keep St. Therese running under limited space and conditions, while still serving so many people within the community



JUSTIN LIMING

Justin Liming, AKA JewDi Vine, has lived in our fair city for eight years and is the show hostess for Charlie's Las Vegas. He is also a full time student in fashion design at the International Academy of Design & Technology and the Vice President of Southern Nevada Association of Pride, Inc. He volunteers to raise awareness, share his voice and promote education. He loves to make a difference in people's lives, even if it's only one person and wants to tell anyone thinking of getting involved that it will completely change their life for the better and also make a difference in someone else's. When he first moved here from Minneapolis, MN he worked at Hamburger Mary's and attended SNAPI Bingo and met James Healey and Ernie Yuen.

Those two, throughout the years, have not only become his personal friends but mentors to him, as well. What they and SNAPI are doing, along with the many other non-profits for the community, he knew that is what he wanted to do with his life! Moving into the future, he plans on still being a part of SNAPI in some form, whether as Vice President or not. Also, with his career in fashion, he hopes to one day have his own foundation or non profit. He definitely recommends the AFAN Aids Walk, Las Vegas Pride, and the Sin City Sisters Red Dress Event all as events to see or be a part of. If he could choose one other Person with Pride it would be Ms. Tracy Savage, who holds a very special place in his heart.



SCOTT WILSON

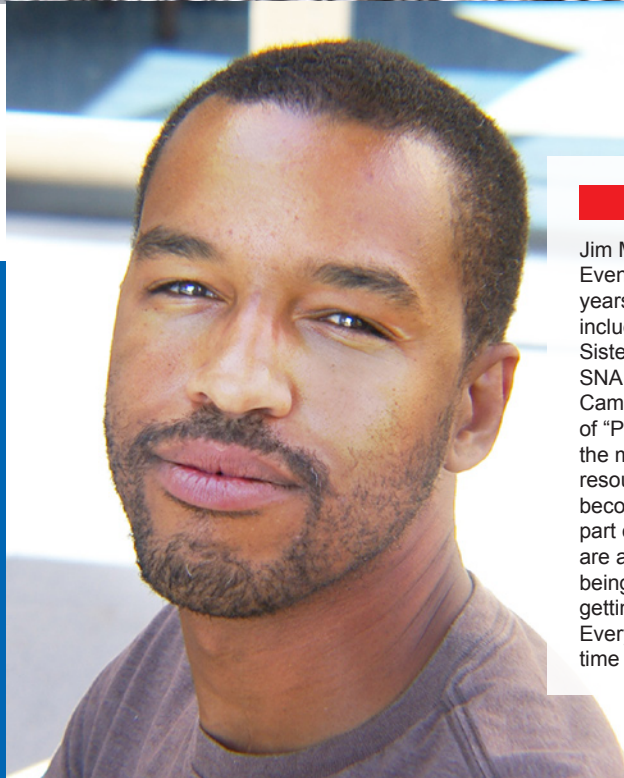
Scott Wilson, AKA Syren Vaughn, is a chef and a student and has called Las Vegas his home for six years. He volunteers his time with The Imperial Court, Sin City Sisters, The National Gay Rodeo Association, and SNAPI. He volunteers because he loves to help and be a part of the community and truly believes that it is about all of us making a difference in what little, or big, way that we can. He fondly remembers when he lived in Salt Lake City and was honored to host an event that allowed them to raise money for people living with HIV / AIDS and in turn gift them \$100 to use however they would like. To be able to interact with others of like mind and raise money for a good cause, he feels, was uniquely humbling. There are so many great events to see and be a part of now here in Southern Nevada that Wilson would recommend all of them! If he could recommend one other Person with Pride he says without hesitation that it would be Meena Archer, who has a huge heart and deserves the recognition!



JIM MCCOY

Jim McCoy currently works for MGM Resorts Events and has resided in Las Vegas for 14 years. His volunteer list is quite long and includes MGM Resorts Diversity, Sin City Sisters, the LGBT Community Center, NGRA, SNAPI, HRC, AFAN, NOH8, Bearvillities, Camp Sunrise – Ohio. He is a firm believer of “Pay It Forward” philosophy of life, that the more you give of yourself and your resources the stronger your community becomes. The greatest reward for being a part of volunteerism is that of knowing you are a part of the bigger picture by simply being involved. If one is on the fence about getting involved, then start small, but think big! Every little bit helps, from an hour of volunteer time every month, a \$20 bunch of raffle

tickets at an event or a donation of clothing to a thrift store. Volunteering can be very contagious! Get involved and don't look back. These are McCoy's firm beliefs. As a child McCoy always volunteered to champion the Halloween UNICEF fundraising efforts in his small Ohio town and it just grew from there. He hopes to stay as active and utilize his creative abilities as a volunteer and supporter with as many organizations as possible. If he could recommend any events to experience they would be The Sin City Sisters Red Dress Event, the AFAN Aids Walk, and First Friday. McCoy also romantically chose his husband Derek Guerrero, a silent soldier when it comes to supporting the local and national LGBT community.



CHARLES BERAUD

Charles Beraud has called Las Vegas his home for almost four years and currently works for Cirque De Soleil. He is currently a member and volunteer with the Human Rights Campaign, The LGBT Center, and RagTag Entertainment. He volunteers because he believes it is part of his DNA. It's something that he learned from his parents and has been doing practically all of his life. Both of Beraud's parents were immigrants who made him and his siblings understand that “the situation to which we were born” had nothing to do with merit but rather was the result of random luck and with the privilege of being in a place of opportunity comes the responsibility of being an active contributor to the community. He recommends volunteering to anyone who is even considering it, as the difference – no matter how big or small – is enriching to the lives of everyone involved. He

gives high recommendations for the 3rd Annual DISH Las Vegas on Thursday, September 22nd, benefitting Three Squares (because no one should ever go hungry), The Public Education Foundation's fundraiser, also in September, because they believe in the power of education and that public education can and should deliver that power to every single child, and any event that benefits St. Jude's Ranch for Children. His volunteer goals for the future include putting himself out of business – that there be no more need to fight for Equality for all; that no one ever be failed by the system again; that there be no illness for which we haven't found a cure. If he could recommend one other Person with Pride it would be James Healy, who is so involved in this community, dedicates so generously his time and resources.



KIMBERLY FOX

Where's my TEXT BITCHES!?

Kimberli Foxx, aka Ric Franklin-Sewell, Miss International Gay Rodeo Association 2011 works as a domestic goddess, community mama and fundraising machine and has lived in Las Vegas since 2009 and is legally married to Shaun. Kimberli can be found any given day devoting his time to Nevada Gay Rodeo Association, International Gay Rodeo Association, Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, Inc. the Las Vegas League of Gentlemen. He volunteers simply because he believes in the organizations he is involved with and his volunteer advice, "Simply Do It".

Kimberli became a volunteer 18 years ago to help raise funds for AmFAR and Sin City Sisters and is proud that he has contributed to the raising of over half a million dollars over the years. His most memorable experience is the success 2010 Red Ribbon Review, as founder of the event he was overjoyed with the support and turnout. His goals in the future are to contribute MyAIDS Campaign and dedicate more time to Susan G Koman and Trevor Project. Kimberli's pick for "People With Pride" is Jason C, 2011 Charlie's Man Of The Year.

Jamie Dahlem is retired and has lived in Las Vegas for 18 years. She currently is a volunteer or member at Equality Nevada, the LGBT Center, and Human Rights Campaign. After becoming aware of the many needs of the transgender community as she herself transitioned, she wanted to help, believing that the work she is doing will make a difference in people's lives. She would recommend volunteering to anyone as it is so self-fulfilling and will award them the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. Before her transition and attendance at a number of Trans.lation meetings at the Center, Dahlem had never done anything more than write a

JAMIE DAHLEM

check to various national organizations. It was after her own personal experiences and eye opening sessions at the Center that led to her discovering that help for the transgender community was, and is, sorely lacking. She hopes to help expand the Center's transgender program, get a "back to work" program for transgender individuals started with HRC. She recommends involvement with the HRC Gala, the Center's Honorary, and AFAN's Black & White Party. If she could recommend one Person with Pride it would be Mel Goodwin, for the work she has done at the Center.



LATOYA YVETTE

Latoya Yvette Holman has been a resident of Las Vegas for twelve years and is presently employed at R&R Partners as a Media Assistant. The list of organizations that she lends her time and energy to is vast and includes Human Rights Campaign as the Board of Gov. & Steering Committee Co-Chair, The Public Education Foundation, Spread the Word Nevada, The LGBT Center, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. As a straight ally, her reasons for contributing her time and efforts are concise and clear, simply because volunteering is the best way to give back to the community that one lives in, engenders a greater ability to meet and learn more about new people, and shows the community how working together can strengthen everyone both as individuals and as a nation. Additionally, her reasons for getting involved are also simple and straight forward, the first part of which is that most of her friends happen to be gay and the turning point for her was when she realized why her friends had hesitations about starting their families, or what state they would accept job offers from,

and why they were unable to express their love like every other heterosexual couples did, so after she got over the frustration and anger she felt regarding their situation, she got organized with the Human Rights Campaign. Now, she absolutely feels that she is a stronger, more informed, humble, and educated person as a result of giving back to her community. If she could offer any three recommendations for events that new volunteers or people at large could experience or get involved with, they would include Spread the Word Nevada's "One Enchanted Evening" Storybook Gala on Sept 17th, The Gay & Lesbian Center's Annual Honorary, and the HRC Family Picnic in the Park on Oct. 16th. Finally, Holman's choice for any other one Person with Pride that she could bestow the honors to, it would be Pastor Wilfred Moore of Abundant Peace Church, as he has really dug his hands into Transgender outreach/programming and political work and is focusing on connecting the LGBT community's political needs with the faith and religion community.

JOHN N. WILLEY

John N. Willey is a retired corporate lawyer who has lived in Las Vegas for two years. He is currently on the Las Vegas Steering Committee for the Human Rights Campaign and volunteers because he finds it personally fulfilling to work towards a common, more altruistic goal, benefiting others and promoting equality for the LGBT community. Meeting and working with some of the most dedicated, intelligent, driven, and selfless individuals is one of the most enjoyable aspects of his volunteering experience. Having always volunteered in cities that he has lived in, Willey has been involved with the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York City and the Aids Project in Los Angeles. One of his most memorable volunteer experiences include being a part of

Equality Days in Carson City, where three legislative bills were passed guaranteeing transgendered individuals non-discrimination in housing, public accommodations, and employment. Willey would definitely recommend anyone interested in volunteering get involved with national organizations like the Human Rights Campaign or American Cancer Society, or local organizations such as the 3 Square Food Bank or AFAN [Aid for Aids of Nevada]. It is his belief that anyone who volunteers will get a greater sense of personal satisfaction and develop camaraderie and friendships with amazing people! If he could choose another Person with Pride, it would be Charles Beraud, for his tireless work on behalf of HRC and the Center.



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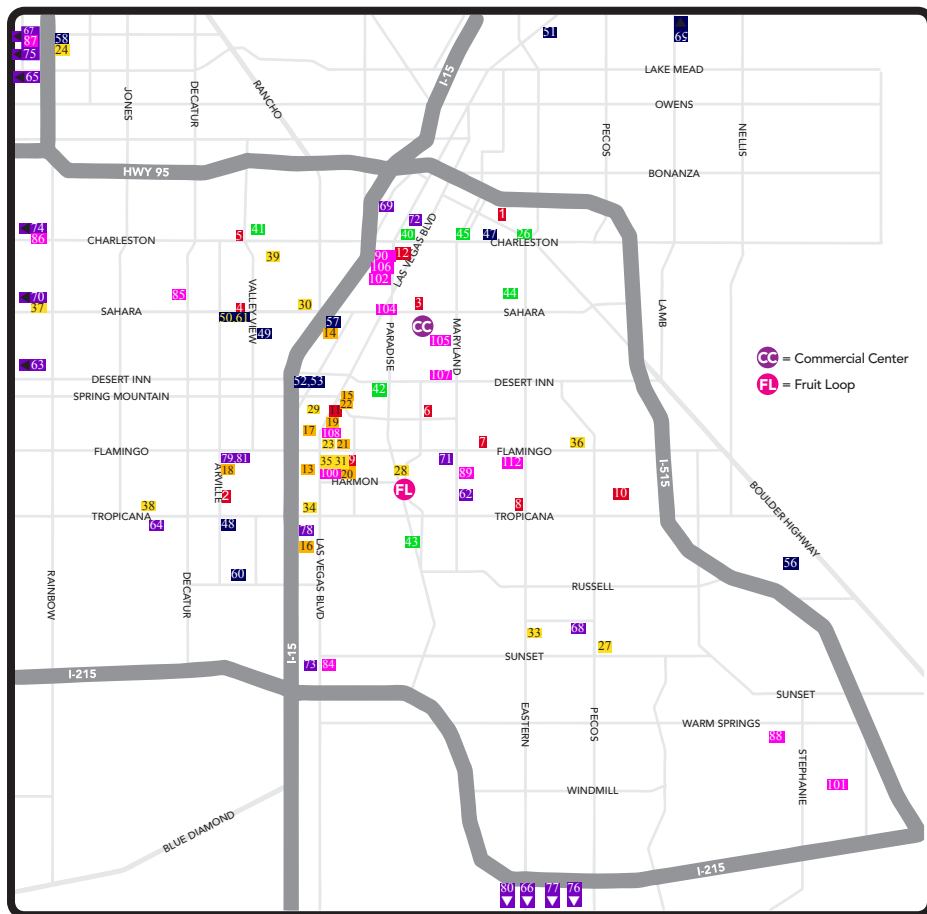
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In addition to being an award-winning Chef, restaurateur, author, and radio and TV personality, top Chef Susan Feniger is also openly gay. As a celebrity chef, Feniger knows that she is under the media glare and is proud to represent herself to her community, despite the risks. Sitting down with Q Vegas at the Border Grill in the Mandalay

Bay, a restaurant she co-owns with fellow celebrity chef Mary Sue Milliken, Feniger opens up about what it means to have top chef pride!

W: What was your inspiration for becoming a chef?

S: I grew up in Toledo, Ohio, so I was a good Midwest girl and my mom was a fantastic cook. We had people at our house all the time; my mom would always be cooking. When I was in high school, the first job I got was in a Smith's cafeteria, and there was a woman cook there who was like a drill sergeant, but I really fell in love with the kitchen. Then I went to college and didn't think about it again but the whole time I was working in the kitchen. Eventually it just started to feel like that this is what I should be doing... Thirty years later and it is really nice to be able to say that I still love what I do.

W: Did you find it hard to make a name for yourself in what was, at the time, a male dominated industry?

S: Well, we're talking thirty-five years ago working in strict French kitchens and at that point I was really one of the few women. Even when I was in the Culinary Institute, there were very few women in the class. I think for me I was just really driven; for one example, at one point I had made a decision that I wasn't going to read anything else except for cookbooks. Really, I think our industry is - even then when it was male dominated - more about whether or not you work really hard, are you a good cook, are you responsible, and can you learn. I never really had any problems with any of the guys because I was always one of the gang, always a tom boy. Even when I was straight I wasn't the type to wear dresses and high heels. I would rather have been playing sports with the boys.

Learn more about Feniger "coming out" in QVegas October issue.

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CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Career and financial momentum shall be with you in an almost magical manner. It's simply the "powers that be" rewarding you for so many months (or could it be years?) of continuous hard work. You truly deserve it, Cappy. No other signs (except Scorp. and Leo) are as committed. So, we insist that you buy a self "reward". Do something extravagant and maybe even a bit sinful. Mums the word from us.



AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Your sign has always marched to a "different drummer". For the next three months, it'll seem to many people that it's a "whole new band". Embrace being different, Aquarius! That's part of what life is all about. Watch that Full Moon on the 13th, as it's liable to "knock your socks off" where a new relationship is concerned. All real estate deals are best completed after the 27th, just to be on the safe side..



PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 19

The need to socialize won't be as strong during September. It's just that higher priorities need to be dealt with. Taking care of business and tying up any loose ends shall afford you the opportunity to shine as a social "butterfly" from Oct.-Dec. Don't loan money to a sibling who has let you down in the past. It's like throwing good money after bad. Avoid all games of chance (& casinos in general) on the 30th



ARIES

MARCH 20 - APRIL 19

The time seems to be close at hand for the two of you to move in together. No reason to panic, Aries. You've taken things slow and now, the next level awaits. Think of it like this: the only thing good about being single is a tube of toothpaste lasts twice as long. That dwelling of yours could do with a mini makeover. So could that wardrobe, come to think of it. Ask a fashion whiz for help. It could be lots of fun.



TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Looking forward to that overseas trip is partly what's kept you so sane and grounded these past few months. Whether you're off to the Mediterranean or Australia, it'll be a time to remember and cherish. Until you're on the way to the airport, there's work to be done. Don't leave it for when you return. Call in a personal loan that been overdue, by the 17th. Don't get dragged back in to a lover's quarrel.



GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Issues involving trust (or the lack of it) seem to be eating away at you. We say go with your intuition. Funny thing where trust is concerned, you must give it in order to get it. Thoughts of relocation become stronger as this month (and year) comes to a close. Take your time and don't skip any steps. That way, everything will be fine. Resist the urge to settle an "old score". It's time to just let it go and move on.



CANCER

JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Getting over a breakup or major loss takes time. There is no statute of limitations on grieving, Cancer. Let the tears flow (in private of course) and allow the healing to take place. Believe it or not, there is much happiness and laughter to be experienced. Don't become a recluse. It won't help and we sense that some good buds won't allow it. Why not finish off that interior design project? It'll look fantastic.



LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Like Aries & Sag., you don't like to over plan life and day to day events. This is a wise choice. Life is actually half "set in stone" and half a "crap shoot", the key, knowing which is which at times. With a bit of practice and "trial & error", each of us can successfully become the master of our destiny. It can be a bit scary at times, but oh so rewarding. Welcome a new acquaintance into the friendship "fold". You won't regret it.



VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

About 85% of September looks to be problem free and "steady as she goes". Labor Day weekend may be a little on the wild side. How could it not be with all those parties you've been invited to? Ah, the curse of being so much in demand! Full Moon on the 13th may cause some moodiness in those around you. The 16th-18th look amazing for that mini getaway you've been overdue for & deserve so much.



LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Surprisingly, the 3rd-5th doesn't offer nearly the "buffet" of invites that Virgo will be showered with. It won't matter though, what with you and your sweetie sharing margaritas, sun tan lotion and Lord knows what else (be sure to record the spicier goings on). A financial surprise arrives at mid month. Don't worry, as it shall be very good news. Stay close to home on the 26th, unless someone else drives.



SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Financial aspects look good (though not great) throughout this month. Suppress the urge to "buy on impulse" and you'll avoid any "choppy waters". A simple (but not very easy) relationship choice needs to be met head on. It's not fair for either of you to be in "limbo". The 23rd looks like a terrific day to make amends and pay up on old debts. We don't necessarily mean those involving cash either, okay?



SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Though you're constantly on the lookout for new and ever more exciting adventures, this is far from the best time to seek them out. The planetary energies won't truly smile on you until the 19th. Until then we suggest that you work hard, behave (we know that galls you) and keep a relatively low profile. As of the 20th that naughty little "inner child" can safely come out to play. Then, look out world.

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a note from our EDITOR

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 Chris Campbell • David Reynolds
 Marc Brooks • John Eisele
 Chris Morrow • Bob Napierala
 Duncan Payton • Nick Mortaloni
 Nick San Pedro • Michael Weaver
 Brock Allen • Robert Scott
 Derek Washington
 Sister Hope 'n' Grope (aka Sybrina Bemabei)
 Melissa Morgan • Ginger Grant
 Tim Conroy • Bill Watkins
 Holly & Susan Carratelli

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 Christina Hernandez♦Winsor Cooper
 David Brown♦Brandon Johnson
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 Chris Miller♦Bootsy Carmichael
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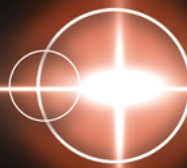
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