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PRIDEFEST HOURS

Friday, June 6

Opening ceremonies at 4:30 p.m.
Guests will include community leaders and elected officials.

General admission from 4:30 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 7

General admission from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Sunday, June 8

Interfaith service at 10 a.m.
General admission from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ADMISSION PRICES

Five Ways to Enter PrideFest

1. A \$5 General admission ticket at the gate.
2. A \$12 three-day pass, available in advance or on Friday at the ticket booths.
3. Free admission Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. when you wear an advance-sale PrideFest pin.
4. Proud Crowd members get free admission every day, any time, when you present your Pride Card at the gate.
5. Free admission on Sunday, June 8 from 2-4pm with your Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Press Card.

TOURIST INFORMATION

If you need rate or reservation information in regard to accommodations, or general tourist information for the greater Milwaukee area, please call the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 554-1448.

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1997 PRIDEFEST COUNCIL

PrideFest 1997 Pride Council

They Make Everything Happen

PrideFest's Pride Council members work year-round organizing performers and vendors, raising funds, arranging events, and rushing around at the last minute to make sure you enjoy the festival.

Jane Baudelaire, Merchandise Coordinator - Jane has been an active volunteer within the community for a number of years. She has been involved with PrideFest since the end of 1996. "It's a pleasure and an honor to serve the community through such a credible and professional organization." Jane has brought a new look to our merchandise area for 1997. Stop by the "Official PrideFest" booth and see if there is any merchandise you want to take home as a souvenir.

Ted Berg, Family Activities Coordinator - Ted has been a volunteer for PrideFest since 1993. This year Ted has joined the committee in a new area called Family Activities. It is Ted who will be planning all the activities in the Children's Area. Ted has received a lot from the gay community. He believes "it is time for me to give back to the community I love." If you get some time on Saturday, check out the Children's Area to see what Ted has done.

Jill Clark, Entertainment Coordinator - Jill has been a performer at PrideFest for the last several years. This year Jill has agreed to join us as Entertainment Coordinator. She enjoys working with her peers. She wants to promote a variety in the entertainment to satisfy the wide tastes of our audiences.

Susan Cook, Co-Director; Volunteer Coordinator - Susan joined PrideFest two years ago after returning to Milwaukee. She enjoys recruiting the volunteers PrideFest needs to serve the crowds, she has also stepped in to serve as our administer since PrideFest is a volunteer run organization with no paid staff. She does all this plus serves as our Co-Director. Where does she find all the time?

Rick Finger, Parade Coordinator - Rick has been involved with PrideFest for four years coordinating the Parade. In addition to planning the route, getting the permits that are necessary, he also assists the committee with hanging the rainbow flags and untold operational tasks. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Michael Hall, Co-Director, Operations/Security - Michael has served on the PrideFest committee since 1993. Little did Mike know at that time that he would be the Co-Director of PrideFest. Today his duties have increased from security guard to operations manager. It is Mike who makes sure that all the tents and lights are working while the crowds are dancing to the music. Mike's goal is to make sure "everything runs smoothly so our community can come together." Mike is also a proud gay father of two children.

Christine A. Klein, Treasurer - This is Chris' third year with PrideFest. "When Bill Meunier recruited me three years ago, he never told me how much was involved in being the bean counter." PrideFest has given Chris a chance to give back to the community she has been involved in for over eleven years. In addition to being the "official bean counter," Chris has assisted in the grant writing, and in working with business owners on sponsorships.

Michael S. Lisowski, Vice Chair, Booth Coordinator - Michael has been involved with PrideFest since 1993. He served as secretary until this year when he was promoted to Vice Chair. Michael enjoys working with PrideFest because "it's the one time during the year that our entire community can come and celebrate together, young and old, white, people of color, men, women, single and coupled, gay and non gay. To work so hard every year to see everyone else enjoy themselves is worth it!"

Bob Moore, Volleyball Coordinator - Bob is the PrideFest coordinator for the fourth annual Miller-PrideFest Volleyball Tournament. Bob served as chairman of the first three tournaments; for 1997 Pat Brady is serving as chairman. Bob and Pat's interest in volleyball stems from their leadership rolls in organizing community and tournament volleyball for Milwaukee GAMMA.

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Welcome



Community: (*Ke-myoo-ni-tee*) n. a group of people with a faith, profession or way of life in common.

For nearly a decade gays and lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders, their families and friends, have been gathering as a community to celebrate their community and its supporters. PrideFest is proud to carry on this tradition and proud to celebrate with you our faith in each other, our commonalities, our way of life!

At a time when the rest of society is just beginning to explore diversity issues, our community has been living proof that people of all backgrounds can find common ground while maintaining the uniquenesses of our own identities. Tolerance of differences is the first step. Accepting differences is the second. The benefits of diversity are finally realized after sharing the differences.

We welcome each and every person who comes through our gates whose purpose is that of accepting, learning and sharing the qualities of the Les-Bi-Gay-Trans community. Let our festival be an example to the rest of society as to how diversity leads to richness in culture and community, as we celebrate Sharing A World of Difference at PrideFest '97.

The PrideFest Council and Executive Board

A large, dark, rectangular sign with the text "WELCOME TO PRIDEFEST '96" in white, serif capital letters. The sign is mounted on a wall or structure, and the background behind it is dark and somewhat blurry, suggesting an outdoor setting.

The Welcome Sign at PrideFest '96

John J. Prentice, Esq., Legal Advisor - John joined the committee in 1996. He renders legal advice to both the Executive Board and the Council.

Dan Ratkowski, Stonewall Coordinator - Since his son, David Todd, came out in 1992, Dan has been an avid supporter of the gay and lesbian community in Wisconsin. Dan keeps politically active and, this year, joins his son as a PrideFest volunteer coordinating the Stonewall Stage.

Sheldon Schur, Parade Coordinator - Sheldon has served as Parade Coordinator for four years. This year, as in all past years, Sheldon will work with Rick on selecting the route, obtaining the necessary permits and making sure that all the marching groups and floats are ready to step off at 12:00 sharp on Sunday. If you can't march with the parade on Sunday, Rick and Sheldon encourage you to watch from the side lines.

Lori Sitzwohl, Food/Beverage Coordinator - Lori started working with PrideFest in 1994 as a volunteer in the food tent and has been involved in the food preparation since. When you're strolling through the food

areas and you come across your favorite meal, a veggie burger or a regular burger, think of Lori.

Del Slowik, Food / Beverage Coordinator - Del has been involved with PrideFest since 1991. It was not until 1994 when Del became involved with the food management of the festival. Del enjoys doing this "because of a family history of community involvement and a sense of accomplishment in a job well done." Friday night Del will be making this fantastic spaghetti dinner; come down early and enjoy.

David Todd, Secretary, Marketing and Media Director - Joining the PrideFest Executive Board in 1996, David has been involved with PrideFest since 1995. David is also involved with the board of the International Association of Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival Coordinators. David is a media marketing executive and was born and raised in Milwaukee. During the festival you will see David running around the grounds with the media cameras on him.

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Cream City Foundation *Sponsoring Our History and More*

The Cream City Foundation operates simply: It raises money to fund organizations and projects that benefit the Milwaukee and Wisconsin LGBT community, says Scott Gunkel, CCF's Grant Committee chair.

"Our giving has gone up exponentially year after year," he says. Much of that has been due to donations from the Miller Brewing Co. and from money raised by AChoice.

AChoice collects money in the workplace for groups who are not part of the United Way. When a United Way representative visits a workplace, employees can use donor option C to designate CCF or Cream City Foundation, or if they prefer to give to a non-gay organization, to designate AChoice, which gives a portion of its donations to its member groups, including CCF. AChoice raised \$20,000 last year for CCF.

In addition, CCF raises funds through mailings and phone banks. In all, Gunkel says, CCF will be able to donate more than \$34,000 this year.

CCF's Grants Committee reviews requests every quarter. This year it gave \$5,000 to PrideFest, much of it paying for the History Exhibit. CCF will have a booth near the exhibit.

Over the years, CCF has given \$37,000 to PrideFest, making it "one of our most loyal sponsors," says PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook. "CCF made it possible for this festival to get off the ground in the very beginning."

CCF has also funded the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at UWM, the Legal Aid Society for LGBT projects, the

Human Rights League for 1996 Coming Out Day activities, CESA 7 for educator training films about lesbian and gay students, the Gay Youth Milwaukee hotline, PFLAG outreach, and the April 12 showing and discussion of the film "Gay Cuba" at UWM.

Park East Hotel *Host Hotel for PrideFest*

Located just north of the festival grounds on a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, the Park East Hotel, 916 E. State St., will be the host hotel for PrideFest, as it has been for the past four years. The PrideFest shuttle will stop at the Park East on Saturday and Sunday, so guests need not worry about parking.

The hotel will offer a special PrideFest rate of \$70 plus tax for one or two people. Reservations should be made by May 15. Call (414) 276-8800 or (800) 328-7275 and mention PrideFest.

Official Travel **Service**

Horizon Travel, the official travel service of PrideFest, can arrange hotel accommodations, air flights, or train travel, along with car rentals in Milwaukee and other needs for festival visitors.

Gail Unger of Horizon advises making reservations early. Inside the 414 area code, Horizon can be reached at 255-0704. Outside the area, call (800) 562-0219. Ask for Gail or Sue.

PrideFest Thanks Miller Brewing Company

PrideFest wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the Miller Brewing Company for its outstanding support of PrideFest 97.

Miller's generosity toward PrideFest should come as no surprise to anyone. The company is well known for its commitment to diversity in all phases of community life. Miller has supported many gay and lesbian events such as the International Gay Rodeo Association; NAGAAA World Series, and Pride celebrations in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and across the country.



Also a leader in the fight against AIDS, Miller has given millions to local and national AIDS organizations throughout the country. What may not be known is that Miller was the first and continues to be the largest corporate contributor in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the state of Wisconsin. Miller has also produced an AIDS awareness advertising campaign in support of local AIDS organizations.

As in prior years, Miller has again made a considerable donation to help us "carry the torch" at PrideFest. Their contribution has made it possible for us to present America's only Pride fireworks display, our volleyball tournament, and much more.

You can find Miller products at all the beer stands at PrideFest. Cheers!

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Outpost Natural Foods

Sponsoring the Rainbow Cafe

This year, Outpost Natural Foods becomes a new sponsor of PrideFest.

"It seemed like a natural thing for us to do," says Lisa Malmarowski, marketing and merchandising manager of the store. Part of Outpost's mission is to serve different segments of the general community, she says, and many of its customers are in the LGBT community.

"Also, we thought it would be a lot of fun," Malmarowski says.

Outpost will sponsor the Rainbow Cafe, and Outpost volunteers will serve food there. "At a lot of festivals, there are not a lot of choices for vegetarians or people who want something lighter to eat," Malmarowski says. Outpost will sell vegetarian and organic dishes such as sandwiches, fresh fruit, possibly a dessert, and spritzers for people who might not want beer or soda.

Any profits after the \$2,000 sponsorship fee and the costs will be

donated to the Cream City Foundation, Malmarowski says, and Outpost is trying to get donated supplies and food "so we can offer more back to the community."

Food will be on sale from 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 8.

Outpost Natural Foods is a consumer-owned cooperative committed to products and services that promote healthful living, and to creating a fair, diverse, and supportive workplace.

Located at 100 E. Capitol Dr., Milwaukee, it offers groceries, produce, a full-service deli, packaged goods, vitamins, herbal supplements, homeopathics, essential oils, a wine and beer department, gardening items, a gift department, books, bulk grains and other dry goods, bulk wet goods like laundry detergent and oils, and snacks.

Last year's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



ARCW and MAP

Supporting a Stage and Volunteers

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) provides a comprehensive range of client services including prevention education; support services such as housing, financial, legal, transportation, and benefits planning assistance; health services such as mental health counseling, dental care, cooperative therapies, STD diagnosis and treatment, support groups, and the Early Intervention Program.

ARCW also houses a food pantry, the Wisconsin AIDS Library, the Wisconsin AIDSline, and the Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium, which is Wisconsin's only statewide HIV clinical drug trial program comprised of an impressive network of physicians.

ARCW and the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will continue to encourage support of the LGBT community in many ways, including its sponsorship of two PrideFest events. Last year, ARCW generously sponsored

the laser light show and the Harvey Milk Stage. This year, ARCW will again sponsor the Harvey Milk Stage, which features dance groups, local entertainers, and a country-western jamboree.

ARCW will be sponsoring the PrideFest volunteer t-shirts.

Some other ARCW involvement with PrideFest '97 include a marching unit and decorated car in the parade, a strong HIV prevention presence, and MAP's Survival/Revival resale shop's help in setting up the PrideFest Committee reviewing stand in front of the resale store on Chicago Street.

**NEW THIS YEAR!
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More from last year's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Q•Voice and In Step Sponsoring the Stonewall Tent

As a new PrideFest sponsor, Q•Voice Magazine and In Step Newsmagazine are supporting the Stonewall Tent, the "soapbox" where speakers can bring their messages to festival-goers and where organizations can meet with the LGBT community.

Launched in 1995, Q•Voice Magazine is Wisconsin's queer lifestyle monthly. Published in an oversized magazine format, it provides in-depth interviews with local, statewide, and national celebrities of interest to our community.

Q•Voice includes unmatched coverage of Wisconsin's art scene including artist profiles and reviews. Coupled with popular features like *Out of the Closet*, *The Casual Observer*, and *Juicy Bits* by W.W. Wells, Q•Voice has quickly gained respect and accolades through-out the gay and non-gay community for its editorial content and design.

Q•Voice is distributed free of charge at over 130 locations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Indiana. Subscriptions are available for \$35 (first class).

Q•Voice Magazine can be reached at P.O. Box 92385, Milwaukee, WI 53202, (414) 278-7524 voice, (414) 272-7438 fax, and <http://www.qvoice.com>.

Founded in February of 1984, In Step Newsmagazine publishes 12,000 copies every two weeks in a magazine format, making it the state's oldest and largest LGBT publication.

In Step Newsmagazine provides LGBT Wisconsin with the most up-to-date, comprehensive statewide and national news, a complete calendar of events, an indispensable guide to Wisconsin LGBT and supportive businesses and organizations, and the state's most effective classified ads.

In Step includes extensive coverage of the arts, Wisconsin's LGBT night life and club scene and features regularly appearing columnists and cartoonists.

In Step Newsmagazine is distributed free of charge at over 130 locations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Indiana. Subscriptions are available for \$35 (third class) and \$50 (first class).

In Step Newsmagazine can be reached at 1661 North Water Street, Suite 411, Milwaukee, WI 53202, (414) 278-7840 voice, (414) 278-5868 fax, and by e-mail at instepwi@aol.com.

If you need information on hotel accommodations, call the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau at

1-800-554-1448

Be sure to mention that you will be attending PrideFest.

Kudos

The 1997 PrideFest Committee wishes to thank the many people who have offered their services to make the 1997 PrideFest possible:

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TKNet

Volunteers Needed Help Out & Have Fun

Volunteers are the lifeline of PrideFest. Last year, more than 500 people gave their time and skills to make the festival a success.

Volunteers help as beer and wine bartenders, cooks, food servers, food preparers, cashiers, ticket-takers, security, American Sign Language interpreters, Children's Activity Area assistants on Saturday, parade hands on Sunday, set-up on Thursday and Friday, and clean-up on Monday.

PrideFest asks for a minimum of four continuous hours of volunteer time.

You can get an application from the PrideFest office, (414) 272-FEST, or P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. If you want to work with a friend, send in your applications together for assignments at the same time and location. Applications should be returned by May 15.

Two volunteer orientation sessions will be offered and can be especially helpful for first-time volunteers: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, May 8, at Milwaukee's East Library, 1910 E. North Ave.; and 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 10, at Milwaukee's Bay View Library, 2566 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

You will receive confirmation of your volunteer assignment about two weeks before the festival.

Members of the 1997 Volunteer Corps receive special benefits:

1. Free admission on the day(s) you work. Those who help with pre- or post-festival tasks receive a complimentary ticket for the festival.
2. A special badge that clearly identifies you as a volunteer corps member.
3. A free meal at PrideFest.
4. Self-satisfaction from knowing you helped make PrideFest the most exciting pride festival in Wisconsin.

TKNet Creates Website

<http://www.pridefest97.com>

"We decided we needed to do something spectacular for PrideFest," says Dave Warren, president of TKNet. So he and the members of his company have created the festival's website: <http://www.pridefest97.com>.

It's a labor of love. It's going to be a whole lot of fun," he says. The website already has information on all aspects of PrideFest, including a complete lineup of events. But even after the gates open for the festival, the website will be worth visiting. Warren plans to take pictures at PrideFest and post them daily.

"You'll get to see yourselves on the web," he says. "Isn't that exciting?" He readily admits that he loves this kind of work.

TKNet is a media company that designs web pages and print graphics. Only a year old, it has a total of 50 years of experience in its staff, Warren says, and serves clients from around the country from its Milwaukee headquarters. As a gay-owned business, he adds, providing a page for PrideFest seemed natural. TKNet can be reached at 1-888-29-TKNET, or <http://www.tk.net>.

The page will carry 1998 PrideFest news as it becomes available, Warren says. "We'll be an info resource year-round." He has plans to keep improving the site. "Who knows what we can do by next year?"

PrideFest on the Internet

Visit our Web site

www.pridefest97.com

THINGS TO SEE & DO

The Wisconsin Pride Parade

Ride, March, or Wave and Cheer

Parades have been a tradition of Pride celebrations since the Stonewall Rebellion. This year's Wisconsin Pride Parade will step off at noon Sunday, June 8, and follow the same route as last year.

It will leave the North Gate, head north on Harbor Drive to Michigan Avenue; west on Michigan Avenue to Cass Street; north on Cass street to Wisconsin Avenue; west on Wisconsin Avenue to Water Street; south on Water Street to Chicago Street; and east on Chicago Street to Harbor Drive. On-site parade workers will help line up parade participants, and registered groups will get detailed instructions with their confirmation letter.

Marching units can enter the parade for a \$30 fee until June 1; \$40 afterwards. Cars and floats can enter for \$25 until June 1; \$35 afterwards. For entry information, call the PrideFest office at (414) 272-FEST.

Individual marchers are free. Individuals may join any of the marching groups, join in at the end of the parade, or line the streets to wave and cheer marchers.

Dykes on Bikes invites anyone with a motorcycle to help them lead the parade. For more information, call Deb Procknow at Just Us tavern, (414) 383-2233, or visit the tavern at 807 S. 5th St., Milwaukee.

Prizes will be awarded for the first place marching unit, first place float, first place car, and special creativity.

The parade's grand marshal is Lea DeLaria — stand-up comic, actor, musician, activist, and Saturday night's headline act. Joining her as a parade marshal is Jamie Nabozny, who successfully sued the Ashland, Wis., school

district for failing to protect him from anti-gay bullies.

LEA DELARIA

Brash, Loud, and Proud

She might not be the girl you want to take home to mother, but feel free to bring your mother with you to see Lea DeLaria on the Alyn Hess Stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7. What she says might not shock you — we've all had those thoughts before — except that she says it out loud, on stage, and in front of thousands of people!

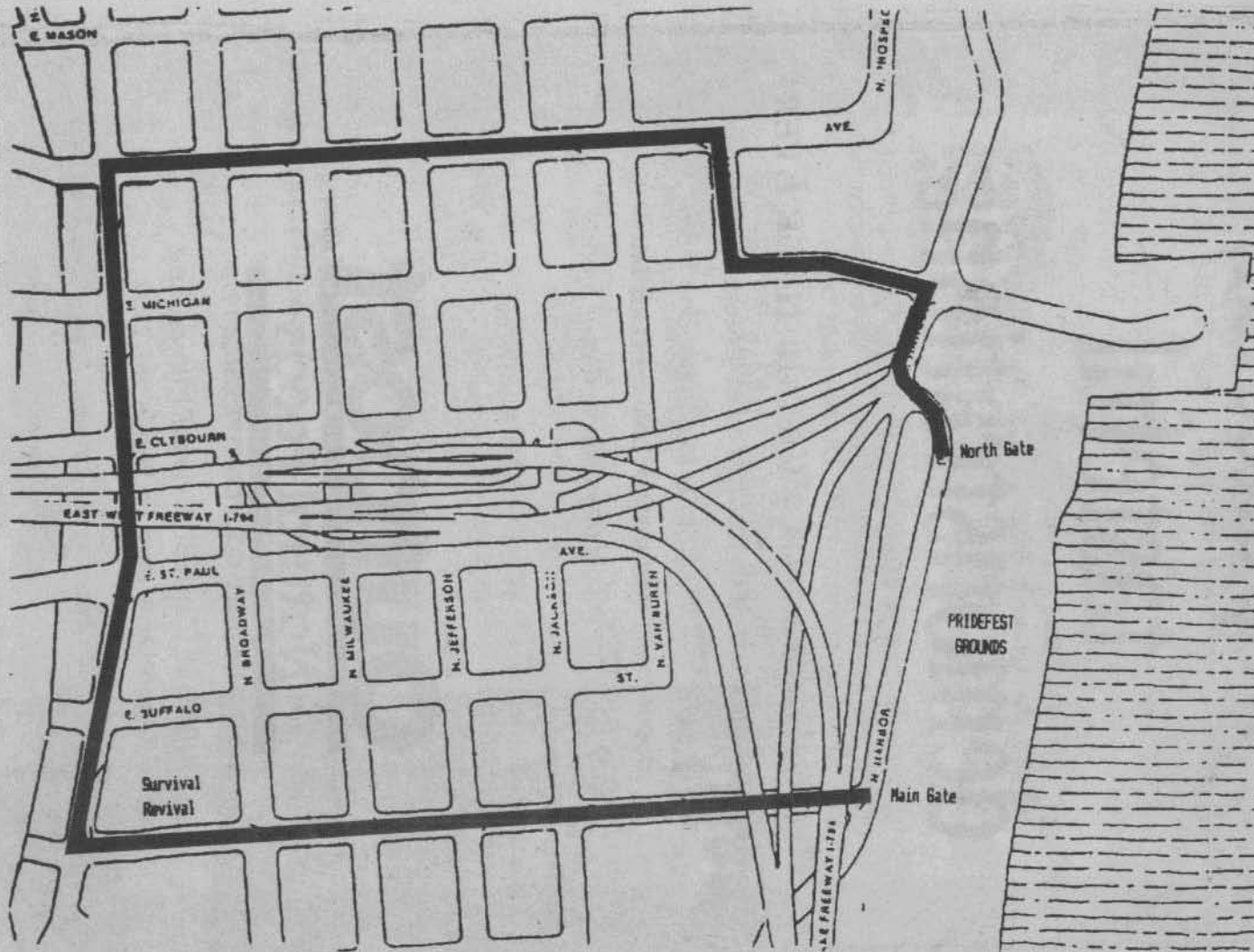
She's a Big Dyke and proud of it.

DeLaria is not the girl next door. In fact, she's not even allowed in the neighborhood. She is a stand-up comic, musician, actor, and civil rights activist whose brash comedic style has landed her in the national spotlight. She was the first openly gay comic on national television when she appeared on "The Arsenio Hall Show" and when she hosted Comedy Central's first all-gay special, "Out There."

DeLaria appears as the recurring character Detective Pat Poletti on ABC's **Matlock** and as bartender Lorell on NBC's **The John Laroquette Show**. She appears in the movie **First Wive's Club** with Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, and Diane Keaton.

Her professional career began as soon as she moved to San Francisco, where she started performing immediately. She joined a local women's theater, where she wrote plays and acted. Meanwhile she worked in construction to pay the bills.

Her first stand-up gig was in April, 1992. She immediately became a hit in the LGBT community with her combination of brash in-your-face humor and



1997 Pride Parade Route

North on Harbor Drive to Michigan Avenue

West on Michigan Avenue to Cass Street

North on Cass Street to Wisconsin Avenue

West on Wisconsin Avenue to Water Street

South on Water Street to Chicago Street

East on Chicago Street to Harbor Drive

AIDS Memorial Service

To remember those who have been lost

A service of remembrance and celebration in honor of all those who have been lost to AIDS will be held at the Rainbow Cafe at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

The service is new to PrideFest and will be officiated by Brother Stephen Braddock, a member of the Order of St. Camillus and founder of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

"During this time," says Braddock, "we will pray as a community for all those who have AIDS or those who are HIV positive, their lovers, families, friends, and for all those who care for them as the hands of a God whose divine name is compassion."

The service will include sacred drumming, a ceremony of light, and other spiritual rituals. The Fest City Singers will perform several songs, including "Someone's Missing" by Chicago songwriter Khristin Lems. Soloist Diane Bloom will sing "When Angels Cry" by Janice Ian.

Sandy Lewis, a member of the choral group, said Lems has granted the Fest City Singers permission to use her song at any time. "It's sort of become our song," Lewis said. "It honors artists of all types who have been lost."

She said the chorus is performing by request, and is pleased to have been asked. "Obviously we're deeply involved and concerned," she said, "and have lost some dear members of our group."

Braddock is pleased to officiate. "Over the years," he says, "I have watched in awe as the LGBT community, a community drenched in grief, reached out with unconditional love to people with AIDS. Often, in the absence of organized religion, members of the gay community have been to one another shining examples of God's presence and love in the world.

"I celebrate the fact that they shamed me into action," Braddock says, "and I am proud and privileged to be
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praying and working with them for the freedom of every human being to live in a world that can one day be at peace with itself."

The hour-long service will be inclusive and open to everyone. People are encouraged to bring photos or other mementos of loved ones.

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melodic bee-bop jazz. She played to audiences across the country and became an award-winning favorite.

The alternative press began noticing DeLaria, and articles appeared in *Paper*, *The Village Voice*, and *MS*. She won a regional Emmy Award for a series entitled, **The World According to US**, which aired on Boston's WGBH. The visibility of lesbians led to a segment on ABC's *20/20* about the lesbian community in North Hampton, Mass., which included a portion of DeLaria's stand-up act. Appearances on *The Arsenio Hall Show* and *Comedy Central* quickly followed; as well as a Christmas show on Great Britain's Channel 4.

DeLaria has been on *Rolling Stone's* Hot List and has been featured in articles in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *People*. In fact, she was the first open lesbian featured in *People*. She has also appeared on *ABC's Day One*, *CNN's Showbiz Today*, and *A&E's Evening at the Improv*.



BESTD Clinic marchers from 1996

Dance Tent Biggest Tent at PrideFest

It's back, it's popular, and it's bigger than ever.

The Dance Tent will be three times larger this year. PrideFest will use the most spacious tent available — 90 by 120 feet — and will be joining it to the Ethnic Buildings, which house two bars. In all, this means the PrideFest grounds will be expanded to the north so more people can dance.

Deejays from around the area will spin their favorite songs. Last year, staff members from the Milwaukee World Festival, the managers of the Summerfest grounds, found it difficult to pull themselves away from the rhythmic beat of dance music.

So dance all you want. We'll make more room.

Marketplace Your Place to Shop Around

The Williamsburg Village will hold up to 80 businesses, organizations, and artists — each one with things to sell or make available to you. The Marketplace will be open from 11 a.m. to 10:30 Saturday, June 7, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, June 8.

Spaces will be available for rent until May 15 by calling PrideFest at 272-FEST and leaving a voice mail message for more information, says Mike Lisowski, Marketplace's booth coordinator.

As last year, everything from brochures to clothing to fine art will be available. Lisowski says PrideFest is attracting a lot of new vendors because of Summerfest grounds' facilities — a roof and pavement instead of the open grass at many festivals — which make both shopping and selling more pleasant.

Let's Eat!

PrideFest Offers Plenty of Choices

When it comes to food, PrideFest differs from many other summer festivals in two ways.

First, volunteers run most of the food booths as fund-raisers for their organizations, which receive a portion of the gross profits.

Second, compared to other summer festivals, PrideFest offers a variety of vegetarian offerings. For example, the special PrideFest tomato sauce being used at the Galano Club for spaghetti and sandwiches starts off meatless and remains "unviolated," according to its cook.

As last year, a spaghetti dinner — vegetarian and with meatballs — will be offered on Friday and Saturday nights from the Galano Club tent. Galano will also sell Philly brats, meatball sandwiches, & baked potatoes with a choice of butter and sour cream topping or broccoli cheese sauce topping. New this year are fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies.

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, brats, vegetarian burgers and Mexi-burgers will be featured at the main grill.

In the snack area, called Davinci's Pizza, you can again purchase pizza with various toppings, along with snacks.

A fried foods booth will offer goodies like deep-fried zucchini, deep-fried mozzarella sticks, jalapeno cheese poppers, and French fries, plain or with cheese topping.

New this year will be a booth selling Mexican style fare, such as meat and vegetarian tacos and burritos, and everyone's favorite - nachos.

Amazon's Heros will again feature both meat and meatless cold submarine sandwiches and deserts.

One entire booth will be devoted to the special summer treat of roasted corn on the cob.

Coffee will be served at both Davinci's Pizza and the Galano Tent.

In addition, several private vendors familiar to the LGBT community will sell coffee, sandwiches, frozen custard, and other treats.

Look . . . Up in the Sky!

It's Fireworks!

PrideFest Pyrotechnics!

You're going to love this: Pink triangles exploding over Lake Michigan.

"They're perfected," says Mike Hall, the PrideFest volunteer working with Bartolotta's Fireworks Co., one of the nation's foremost fireworks manufacturers and aerial pyrotechnics producers.

For the third year in a row, a Bartolotta crew headed by Joe Maz is designing a unique show for PrideFest. As last year, the show will last about 15 minutes and end in a spectral barrage — loud and proud.

For the third year in a row, the show will be underwritten by the Miller Brewing Company.

The show will start at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and the rockets will be launched from the Lake Michigan island just east of Summerfest grounds, so the best viewing spot will be the lakefront. The rain date is Sunday night.

The Bartolotta crew has been trying to perfect pink triangles for years, Hall says, but has battled technical problems. "One year they turned out to be circles," Hall remembers. "This year, we're going to have three-inch shells with pink triangles that are going to break in the air, but they're also developing a six-inch shell that's going to break a lot higher and wider." In other words, they'll be seen for miles around.

Hall says PrideFest remains the only pride festival in the nation with its own exclusively designed fireworks display. Bartolotta Fireworks also produces the world-famous July 3rd Milwaukee lakefront fireworks displays. Each show is carefully planned to start big and end bigger, with beauty and excitement in between.

So watch for pink triangles lighting up the sky with pride.

Interfaith Service *An Uplifting Message*

People of all faiths will join in an interfaith service at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Rainbow Cafe, officiated by the Rev. Lew Broyles, pastor of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church.

As in previous years, Broyles says, members of Dignity, Integrity, Lutherans Concerned, and the United Church of Christ will be invited to participate. He also hopes to enlist participants from non-Christian faiths, and promises a service welcoming to all beliefs.

"We focus strongly on inclusive language, empowerment and a message that is uplifting," Broyles says.

"The interfaith service is a wonderful part of PrideFest that offers people from all different faiths the chance to worship together," he says. He has been organizing the ceremony since 1993, and looks forward to doing it again. Last year's service filled the Rainbow Cafe tent.

Volleyball Tournament

For the fourth year, PrideFest will serve up the Miller Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, June 7, in Urban Park, just north of the Summerfest grounds at the lakefront.

Teams, both men and women, from across the Midwest will begin in the morning and continue through the afternoon in round-robin and single elimination play. Top teams will win trophies, which will be presented at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Fine Arts Stage.

Last year, 11 teams participated. Miller Brewing Company is again sponsoring the tournament.

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Ticket Outlets & the NEW
Shuttle Bus Routes*

History Tent

New, Revised, and Bigger

When it first appeared at the 1995 PrideFest, the Milwaukee History Exhibit caused a stir. Panels displaying articles, flyers, posters, announcements and memorabilia of the LGBT community sparked old memories and reminded younger people of what can be accomplished.

The exhibit also invited viewers to make suggestions, provide additional information, or suggest people who deserved credit for their contributions.

"We've incorporated some of that," says Jamakaya, the historian working on this year's exhibit. "We revised some of the old panels, and we created new ones for 1995 and 1996." In addition, she and other people found some old photographs and items that will be added. "We're hoping to have two or three new panels just with new photos, visuals, and highlights of events."

She adds, "Even people who went through it last time, I think, will be interested in seeing the new stuff."

The History Exhibit, which will be displayed in its own tent, is being paid for in part by the Cream City Foundation's 1997 grant to PrideFest. The exhibit will have plenty of space so people can take their time, study the panels, sit, and reflect.

"For too long, our history has been rewritten or eliminated by those who would rather see us back in the closet," says Scott Gunkel, CCF's Grant Committee chair. "By making sure our history is told and seen by as many people as possible, society cannot deny the valuable contributions and significant gains made by members of our community."

Jamakaya agrees. "It's also important for the non-gay people who are attending to see the kind of history we have, the struggles we've had over the years, and how we've created our own culture and community."

The exhibit starts with local events before the New York City Stonewall Riots, and after 1970, dedicating a panel to each year. In addition, separate panels list almost every gay-related organization in Milwaukee since the 1960s, some now defunct; nearly every gay bar; and the awards given out over the years along with the recipients.

"It was simply impossible to incorporate the names of every group or bar or outstanding individual for each year," Jamakaya says, "but it's an important part of the exhibit."

Parade Marshalls Bob & Ginny Savrnoch



A Literary Coffeehouse

Readings and Discussions Over a Cup of Java

An exciting new feature this year is the Literary Coffeehouse, sponsored by Afterwords Bookstore & Espresso Bar and The Wisconsin Light newspaper.

The Afterwords/Wisconsin Light Literary Coffeehouse expands upon last year's extremely successful Afterwords Literature Tent. It will feature a diverse program of author readings and discussion throughout Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8.

An important component missing last year was plenty of hot coffee — so this year, the Literary Coffeehouse will offer a menu of coffee, coffee drinks and other beverages, plus biscotti, muffins, and other freshly-baked treats.

Whether this year's festival is blessed with warm and sunny weather, or (heaven forbid) last year's winter-like conditions, those attending PrideFest 97 will find the Literary Coffeehouse the perfect place to hang out, have coffee,

check out the latest gay and lesbian fiction and non-fiction titles, and experience unique and exciting programs offered by both local and nationally known authors.

Throughout Saturday and Sunday, the Literary Coffeehouse will feature author appearances, writing workshops, poetry readings, and a host of other literary events. A complete list of authors and program was not available as the Pride Guide went to press.

Among the authors appearing last year at the Afterwords Literature tent were Betty Berzon, "Setting Them Straight"; Richard Isay, "Becoming Gay"; Will Fellows, "Farm Boys"; and Shelly Roberts, "Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living."

For the latest news on who will be appearing this year, phone (414) 963-9089 or visit the Afterwords website at www.afterwords.com.

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Jeffrey Fillion

Muralist in Action

Last year, Jeffrey Fillion offered to create sidewalk art with chalk at PrideFest — but of course, it rained, so he missed his chance.

He'll be back this year at the request of PrideFest officials, "and we decided not to do chalk this time," he says. This time, he'll use a waterproof medium — probably oil pastels, which resemble high-quality crayons — and he'll work on an eight-foot-square wood panel.

"I like pastels because you can be real spontaneous with them, and you don't have to mix the colors ahead of time. You can mix the colors on the canvass," Fillion says. When he paints, "I'll mix the color, and it will be absolutely perfect, but I'll run out of it and not be able to get it back."

He plans to create the outline and basic composition before the festival and to execute most of the work on Saturday, June 7, as fest-goers watch. The finished mural will be on display on Sunday. He hopes to create something

to symbolize the way the LBGT community represents PrideFest 97's slogan, "Sharing a World of Difference."

"I want to somehow express the synergy that everyone feels when they're at PrideFest, and hopefully that will inspire people to seek that in their everyday life."

Fillion works part-time as an artist. He contributed a piece to the Art for AIDS sale last year that inspired competitive bidding. A work depicting the Thursday Night Group of volunteers at MAP appeared in the Feb. 1, 1996, issue of "Wisconsin Light." In that work, 49 different figures, each representing a specific volunteer, danced over a winding rainbow road.

"The best pieces of my work have to be the most spontaneous," Fillion says. "Planning it out ahead of time helps to a degree, but when I'm working on a piece, if I'm inspired to go in a different direction, I have to follow that inspiration, otherwise it seems forced."



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Possum Queen show

Fun, Funds, and Surprises

On your mark, get set, go! Possum Queen contestants have six weeks to raise as much money as they can any way they can for AIDS service providers. Whoever brings the most money to the Alyn Hess Stage at 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, becomes the 1997 Possum Queen.

But there's more.

While the campaign team is determining the winner, Possum Queen contestants will entertain the crowd. "It's not going to be a beautiful drag diva fashion show," warns Max Barnett, head of the Possum Queen campaign team. "It's going to be more of the raucously, campy, silly, drag stuff."

There might be line dancing or go-go dancing. There might be belly button whistlers — if you've ever seen one, you know how silly they are. Some contestants lip sinc. Some sing for real. One year a contestant impersonated an animated cartoon character.

The whole thing, Barnett explains, started as a joke six years ago as a contest among bars. It got bigger. It became an AIDS fundraiser. "Now it's just gotten huge, huge, huge, huge, huge. We raised \$22,000 last year." It has grown so big it has joined PrideFest.

"There are no rules," Barnett says, "which allows a lot of really silly stuff to go on. Last year one of the candidates from one tavern was kidnaped, taped to a bar stool, bound and gagged, and shanghaied and taken around to all of the other taverns, where they made fun of him and drank beer around him."

In past years, contestants have raised funds with mud wrestling challenges, pie tosses, chili cooking competitions, car washes, wiener dog races, raffles, bead sales, dances, shows, direct solicitations for funds, and chicken bingo, which involves live chickens in a pen running across

numbered squares. The winning square is determined by chicken "deposits."

At the show, someone involved with the campaign will receive the "Tommy Award," named after a past Possum Queen who died of AIDS, for "the person who we feel really sees the point of it," Barnett says. "Just raise money — none of the bar politics, none of the social circle politics. The winner is beyond the games."

Possum Queen candidates who are shy may designate a proxy to perform. Barnett says that because the show is limited to two hours, this year's show will be more organized than previous years, but he still doesn't know who exactly will perform or what they will do.

Barnett admits there are a few rules. No vandalizing other bars for fundraising purposes. "Beg, borrow, or whatever for money — no stealing." At the show, "no raunch, because my mom and my grandma and my nieces and nephews come. It's a family show for everybody."

Expect the show to be spontaneous and full of surprises. Last year, "I got on the stage at the beginning of the show as the host in slacks and a neck tie" Barnett says. "By the end of the show, someone threw a wig and gown on me, and I became Victoria Maxwell. This year, I don't know if you'll be seeing Max or Victoria.

"I'm not sure exactly what to expect, but I'm sure we can expect fun."



Happy, smiling faces of fest-goers.

Stonewall Tent PrideFest's Soapbox

If someone has something to say that's worth hearing, the Stonewall Tent is where they'll probably say it — speakers from community and political groups, activists, and experts.

Elna Hickson, president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, will speak at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

Organizers of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center will host a town hall meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8.

Although times have not been set, other speakers will include:

Karen Gotzler, activist and former Milwaukee Common Council candidate.

The Police Community Relations Committee, with Milwaukee Police Department representatives expected.

Jean Paul Ranieri, who was at the 1969 Stonewall Riots.

Jamie Nabozny, who won a 1996 federal court case against the Ashland school district for refusing to protect him from anti-gay assaults by other students.

*The Car Show returns to PrideFest '97.
So look for it . . .*

Get Married PrideFest Hosts Ceremony

For the third year, PrideFest will host a wedding at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Alyn Hess Stage, where couples can make or renew their vows to each other. The Rev. Lew Broyles, pastor of Milwaukee's Metropolitan Community Church, will again officiate.

"Especially this year," Broyles says, "with the state legislature considering banning same-sex marriages, it is important that people see us as serious in our intent and serious in our commitment." He hopes this year's mass wedding will be the largest ever.

"When people take up the issue of same-gender marriage," he says, "it's important to recognize that first and foremost it dispels the myth of promiscuity that people often bring to the subject of same-gender relationships."

Couples must pre-register for the wedding at the Metropolitan Community Church booth in the Marketplace area. There is a \$15 fee. They will receive flowers and a picture at the ceremony.

A huge wedding cake will serve the brides and grooms and hundreds of guests — one of the largest wedding cakes in the state. "Last year's was beautiful, with columns and a fountain in the middle," Broyles says. "It was just to die for."



COME ONE - COME ALL

Your Best Route to PrideFest

Take I-94 east from Madison, I-43 south from Green Bay, or I-94 north from Chicago to the I-794 spur east in Milwaukee's downtown Marquette Interchange.

Exit right at Plankinton Avenue (Exit 1D) or exit left at Jackson Street (Exit 1E) or exit left at Lincoln Memorial Drive (Exit 1F).

Follow the green and white signs with red smiley faces to the Henry W. Maier Festival Park.

Watch highway signs for detours in case of construction.

New Shuttle Buses Will Travel Two Routes

Last year, you asked for shuttle service to PrideFest. This year, you've got it.

Two free buses will carry people to the festival grounds. Buses will run continuously on Saturday from 11 a.m. to midnight, and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. All stops will be specially marked.

The north route will cover the downtown area north to Brady Street. Stops will include the free county parking lot at McKinley Marina. Sponsors of the north route are Mama Roux Bar & American Grill, This Is It, and Pizza Shuttle.

The south route will go through the southside bar district, including 2nd Street and 5th Street. Sponsors of the south route are Station 2, the Ball Game, La Cage, Just Us, & C'est La Vie.

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C'est La Vie
The Ball Game
M & M's

Ticket Prices

\$5 daily general admission.
\$12 three-day pass.

See Page 3 for other ways to get in to PrideFest '97.

COME ONE - COME ALL

Family Day Bring Your Kids for Special Fun

Bring your kids, or borrow your nieces and nephews, and bring them to PrideFest's new Family Day Children's Area Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

They can play carnival games, sing and dance, enjoy face painters and clowns, and help make a banner that will be carried in the Pride Parade the next day.

Chief Clown and organizer of the event, Ted Berg, hopes 100 kids come for the first year. "We're kind of doing a smattering of a lot of different things to see what works, and in coming years to incorporate the things that work and reorganize the things that don't," he says.

If there are enough children at any one time, he'll organize a clown express children's parade to tour the grounds.

Children's performers will include "Side by Side" at 1:30 p.m. in the Children's Area. Diane Bloom and Sandy Lewis will provide fun participatory music and movement. "We wow em on the grade school circuit," Lewis says.

Berg has no children of his own, "but I do love children," he says. He's both a clown and a Santa Claus, and he believes bringing children into PrideFest activities is an important celebration of the community.

The Parade banner will express the children's pride and love for their parents. "When it is carried in the parade," Berg said, "it will say to the outside community that gay and lesbian people are also mothers and fathers, and we do have family values if you just look."

Bartender's Contest Are You Being Served?

Bartenders from across the state will compete against each other to provide brew to the most customers from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 6. The winner will receive a \$250 cash prize and a trophy.

The bartenders will work in the Miller beer pods at the Alyn Hess Stage. Up to 24 bartenders can enter the contest.

"It's much more fun than an actual contest," says Susan Cook, PrideFest co-director, "because you can never control where the crowd is going to flow."

Still, winning is a matter of pride — and perhaps customer loyalty. When the contest was held two years ago, Steve Byers from Just Us won.



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ENTERTAINMENT

Björn Again Bigger than Abba

According to the official biography of the musical group Björn Again, four of its members — Agnetha Falstart, Frida Longstokin, Benny Anderwear, and Björn Volvo-us — surfaced in 1989 after their helicopter and a giant glittery platform shoe from outer space collided, leaving

them stranded on a deserted island. They were rescued and taken to nearby Melbourne, Australia, with total amnesia, except for some beautiful melodies running around inside their heads.

To find themselves, they teamed up with Rutger Sonofagunn on bass and Ola Drunkit on drums, and set off to search for their past, perform catchy songs, and preach the values they felt were lacking in the 90s: love, kindness, and good fashion sense.

"For a while," the biography says, "everyone mistook them for the Swedish super group Abba since they looked, sounded, and behaved so much like them, but of course they were not — they were Björn Again."

They will bring their music, love, kindness, and good fashion sense to PrideFest's Alyn Hess Stage at 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 7.

In 1990, Abba member Björn Ulvaeus sent the band a telegram: "Best of luck. Anyone who looks like me

ought to have a successful career." In fact, Björn Again has toured more extensively than Abba, presenting 1,200 shows in 30 countries over eight years. Björn Again has performed at European rock festivals along-

side Nirvana, Bryan Adams, Bon Jovi, the Beach Boys, and James Brown.

In 1996, Björn Again headlined London's Gay Pride Festival and played



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in front of more than 300,000 people. The band also performed at the Cannes Film Festival in 1994, and last year at the celebrity party for the United Kingdom premier of the film "Independence Day."

PRIDEFEST 1997 STAGES

To appeal to the broadest possible tastes, each of our PrideFest stages has its own character and flavor. We have tried to program entertainment to meet that character. Listed below is a preliminary line-up of entertainment and performers at the PrideFest stages. A more complete schedule will be published in the LGBT press as the '97 PrideFest approaches.

Alyn Hess Stage

Named for a Milwaukee activist who helped found Milwaukee's LesBiGay movement, the Alyn Hess Stage is our big outdoor venue and will utilize the Summerfest Miller Stage. The Hess Stage will not only offer entertainment but will host most of the general political and special events of the festival, such as the PrideFest pre-parade rally and the PrideFest wedding on Sunday, June 8 at 6pm.

Some of featured performers include:

Björn Again

Lea DeLaria & Mrs. Fun

Singsational

The Possum Queen Pageant

Pageant Productions featuring Lady Belle Bradley

Krystal Moon

Les Lokey Band

Dianna Jones

The BJ Daniels Revue, hosted by Lilly White featuring a variety of talent from around the state.

Harvey Milk Stage

Sponsored by ARCW & MAP. The Harvey Milk Stage will feature dance groups, local entertainers and a country-western Jamboree.

Some of featured performers include:

DuWanna Moore

Lilly White

Kiley West

Dressing Room Divas

Kristina

Love from the Valley

Celeste Olds



Just one of the many featured performers at PrideFest '96.

PRIDEFEST 1997 STAGES

Rainbow Cafe

Sponsored by Outpost Natural Foods. In addition to showcasing fine entertainment, the Saturday, 6pm AIDS Memorial Service and the Sunday, 10am Interfaith Service will be held here.

Vegetarian food will be served Saturday, June 7, 11am-7:45pm and 11am to 7pm on Sunday, June 8.

Some of featured performers include:

Mia Montenegro

Terri Vaun

Carl & Tomi

Jonnie B.

Robert N. Jones

Lu Shanti

Stonewall Tent

Sponsored by Q•Voice and In Step Newsmagazine. Think of this as the festival's soapbox where speakers can bring their messages to festival-goers and where organizations can meet with the LBG T Community.

MAP will present a mini-massage clinic here and some of the other confirmed programs include:

Elna Hickson, president of Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) will speak Saturday, June 7 at 1pm

Galaxy Gay Youth Organization on Saturday, June 7

Tammy Baldwin on Sunday, June 8

Organizers of the Milwaukee LBG T Community Center will host a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, June 8 from 2-4pm

Karen Gotzler, Activist & former Milwaukee Common Council Candidate

The Police Community Relations Committee, with MPD reps

Jean Paul Ranieri, who was at the 1969 Stonewall Riots

Jamie Nabozny, who won a 1996 federal court case against the Ashland school district for refusing to protect him from anti-gay assaults by other students

Fine Arts Stage

Some of the confirmed programs include:

Youth Talent Show on Saturday, June 7 at 11:30am

The Fest City Singers will perform excerpts from their show - "An Evening Out" on Saturday, June 7 at 5pm

Volleyball Tournament Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 7 at 6pm

Gutzman Productions Presents . . . on Saturday & Sunday, time to be announced

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PRIDEFEST 1997 STAGES

The AfterWords/Wisconsin Light Literary Coffeehouse

Expanded from the Literature Tent from 1996, the Literary Coffeehouse will feature a diverse program of author readings and discussion throughout Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8. A menu of coffee, coffee drinks and other beverages, plus biscotti, muffins, and other freshly baked treats will be available.

Some of the confirmed programs include:

Humorist Frank DeCar • A Boy Named Phyllis: A Suburban Memoir

A Humor Workshop offered by Jorjet Harper • Tales From the Dyke Side

Jackie Calhoun • Seasons of the Heart

Michael Craft • Flight Dreams

Jean Marcy • Cemetery Murders

Poetry Reading with Laurel Mills

Jeanne Arnold illustrated by Barbara Lindquist • Amy Asks a Question: Grandma, What's a Lesbian

Fest City Singers A Little "Evening Out"

Fest City Singers will perform excerpts from their show, "An Evening Out," at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7, on the Fine Arts Stage. The cabaret performance will include music and dance and is "a lot of fun," according to chorus member Sandy Lewis.

The full show is being presented during Memorial Day weekend at Cafe Melange in Milwaukee. Peggy Lozier is music director and Tim Hess is artistic director and choreographer.

The Fest City Singers was founded about a dozen years ago, Lewis said, and has participated at every PrideFest since the founding of chorus.

She calls the cabaret group 'mixed in every sense of the word.' "Some people would say a little mixed up." Its best known show is "History, Herstory, Ourstory" by Peter Mortenson, about gay history from the 1950s to the present.

Slogan Contest Your Chance to Win

This year's slogan, "Sharing a World of Difference," was chosen from 47 different slogans for pride festivals suggested at this year's International Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee Conference. Next year's slogan might come from you.

"We thought it would be more fun," says Susan Cook, PrideFest's co-director. The winner will become an honorary parade marshal in the 1998 Pride Parade.

Entries must be received by November 15, 1997. An entry form is included in this booklet and will be distributed at the festival. Entries can also be mailed to PrideFest Inc., P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Be sure to include your address and phone number so the Pride Committee can contact you if you are a winner.

So what are you waiting for . . . clip, complete and mail the entry form at your right and enter today!

1997 PrideFest Award Recipients

"The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at the best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Living in our midst are countless numbers of people who have made notable contributions to our community. Many have been generous of their time and expertise. Others have challenged some of society's worst injustices while risking their own comfort, financial well-being, and sometimes, even their careers. And then there are those who have actually changed the course of our his/herstory by demonstrating leadership abilities that cause many of us to stand back in wonder.

The LGBT community is graced with these self-sacrificing people as we know from experience that no one else is going to get the jobs done for us. Every person who has every volunteered a single hour, who questioned the status quo, or who have led the way through social battles deserves recognition and our gratitude. Unfortunately, most of these people remain nameless because they believe that what they have done is no more than what others do. But we do have our shining stars.

The Community Service Award is presented to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated exemplary contributions of time to the community and its members. Too often, these people are our unsung heroes, quietly going about the business of providing service for others. Their contributions are priceless. PrideFest is proud to present the 1997 Community Service Award to **Carol Stevens & Jai Brett**.

To the thousands of women who have attended the women's music concerts and dances, Jai and Carol are known as the smiling faces at the door, selling tickets or handing out programs. Unselfish with their time, Carol and Jai have donated thousands of hours of time to organizations such as Amazon Magazine, the Women's Coalition, Grapevine, Hurricane Productions, and Full Moon Productions. Carol was also involved with the Gay Peoples Union during the organization's early years. They have also organized a play-reading group called the Off-Stage Players, and have performed in both the Milwaukee and Madison variety shows. Their holiday/potluck parties have become legendary. Active in Milwaukee's community for nearly 30 years, Jai and Carol are two of the most-loved women in Milwaukee.

Ross Draeger. Many LGBT organizations have benefited from Ross' financial savvy and don't even know it. Ross Draeger is the financial advisor for the Cream City Foundation and has been instrumental in the wise investment of CCF's endowment so that additional funds can be raised to financially support community groups and organizations. While providing this very valuable service to CCF since 1989, Ross and his partner, Robert, have also opened their home for numerous receptions, enabling CCF board members to meet potential donors. These receptions were responsible for raising thousands of dollars for CCF, which in turn, has made funds available to the community.

The Stonewall Award is presented to individuals or organizations who have demonstrated the spirit of the Stonewall Riots by fighting to bring about change. Usually, their fight begins as a personal crusade against an injustice, but often leads to far-reaching impacts for the good of our community, as well as others. PrideFest is proud to recognize **Miriam Ben Shalom**.

In 1976, Miriam Ben Shalom truthfully answered the question as to whether or not she was a lesbian. Even though her performance evaluations documented that she was good as any soldier, and a good deal better than most, the US Army Reserve began discharge proceedings. Miriam decided to fight this action.

For the next 15 years of her life, Miriam began the long process of challenging the US' ban of gays in the military. In 1980, a federal district court found no grounds for the military's ban and ordered the Army Reserve to reinstate Miriam, at which point the Army Reserve refused to comply with the law.

Miriam filed a contempt of court suit for reinstatement in 1982. Five years later, the US Court of Appeals reaffirmed that the Army Reserves must reinstate Ben-Shalom. Finally, in September of 1988, and only after a \$500-a-day contempt of court fine was levied on the Army Reserve, Miriam was reenlisted into the 509st Army Reception Battalion. Court challenges continued and in 1989 a federal appeals court ruled against Miriam. Her case was forwarded to the US Supreme Court where the "justices" decided

in 1990 to let stand the last federal court rulings upholding Miriam's discharge.

Miriam Ben Shalom was trained to fight. When she enlisted, she had no idea what battle laid before her.

John Paul Ranieri and Jeffrey Hicks.

There are those who's mission in life have touched persons of all backgrounds, whether they be gay or straight; of faith or not; of one color or another. For Jeffrey Hicks and John Paul (JP) Ranieri, they have seen the effects of poverty and have chosen to do something about it.

For nearly twenty years, JP and Jeffrey have been running The Sanctuary, a shelter for homeless people on Milwaukee's South Side. They have been vigilant and self-sacrificing in the cause of justice, equality and the fight against poverty. Not only have they provided shelter to men, women and children, they have provided food and clothing; coordinated efforts with various shelters, including Guest House, Hope House, Salvation Army and Open Gate. JP conducts a ministry to the poor and homeless, but does not make this a condition of assistance. The couple has sacrificed personal comforts so that others have a place to rest, a bit to eat, and an ear to listen to their life's stories. They use thousands of dollars of their own money to carry out their mission. While JP is the fire of this activity, Jeff is the forge. They augment each other's gifts.

JP also has the distinguished recognition of being a "Stonewall Survivor," a person who was actually present at the Stonewall Inn during the early hours of June 29, 1969 when police raided the bar. There are only 25 survivors left to tell the story of what really happened when the riots of New York's Greenwich Village.

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to one individual who has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the LGBT community. Individuals who receive this award have often been instrumental in changing the course of our history. This year's award goes to **Jamie Nabozny**.

Age does not dictate when one has reached a lifetime achievement. This year's recipient is in his early 20's, and yet, he has not only demonstrated leadership and commitment, but unwavering courage.

Jamie Nabozny was presented the Stonewall Award in 1996 for his legal challenge against the Ashland School District whose administrators' inactions allowed the verbal and physical assaults by Jamie's classmates to continue until he dropped out of high school and moved away from his hometown. At a time in his

life when it would have been much easier to start a new life elsewhere, Jamie Nabozny, with the continued support of his parents, returned to his hometown after earning his GED to make school administrators accountable for their actions, and/or inactions which led to the continued violence.

Since then, the courts have ruled in favor of Jamie, and have, in effect, told school administrators and teachers all over this nation that they have an obligation to ensure that all students, regardless if they are gay or straight, are entitled to a safe learning environment, and that inaction or proclaimed ignorance are no excuse for allowing violence to continue against gay youth. Just as if a small stone was thrown into Lake Superior, the ripple effect of this ruling has been slowly spreading across Wisconsin, the Midwest, and the entire United States.

Having achieved such a great goal so early in life, the PrideFest Council will certainly not be surprised if someday we read that Jamie Nabozny has once again set a new course for our future by changing, again, the course of our history.



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Logo Artist Barb Peterson

"Difference" Yields Diversity & Versatility

"This year's slogan, 'Sharing a World of Difference,' is very simple," says artist Barb Peterson, "yet it also lends itself to good graphics." Peterson created this year's PrideFest logo, which appears on the cover of this booklet.

"It's meant to express the diversity of our community as well as the world

at large," she says. "The strength of that diversity obviously helped shape a world of many visions, so the use of a variety of letter forms in the word 'difference' as well as the production of this year's buttons and T-shirt in several background colors helps tie into this theme of difference and versatility."

Buttons and T-shirts will come in three colors with the logo reproduced in different colors according to each background color.

Peterson has been volunteering for PrideFest and donating her artwork for logos since 1994. She freelances as a graphic designer for Wild Child Design and is involved in a new art gallery, Gallery H₂O at 221 N. Water St. PrideFest shuttle busses will stop near the gallery, Peterson says, and fest-goers are invited to visit the gallery, which will showcase work by Richard Waswo, whose work is familiar to the LBGT community.

For this year's logo, she says, the design has been kept simple to accommodate multiple formats, "but because of its simplicity, it lends itself to making a pretty strong statement. Hopefully, it will work well for the entire community and for PrideFest."



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Members of the Proud Crowd will be honored with a refreshment reception from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, June 6 at the Festival grounds.

Proud Crowd members are the individuals and businesses whose contributions form the basis of PrideFest's budget. In addition to the reception, Proud Crowd member receive a Pride Card allowing free admission to the festival and offering discounts at a number of businesses.

Certain giving levels include premiums of PrideFest logo polo shirts and sweatshirts or a rainbow flag. The flag can be one that has flown at the festival or can be provided prior to the festival so it can be flown at home.

Proud Crowd donations are being accepted up to and throughout the festival. For more information, call (414) 272-FEST or write PrideFest at P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203 and request an informational brochure.

A booth outside the PrideFest gate on Friday night will allow people to join the Proud Crowd, get their card, and participate in the reception.



Doug Nelson, 1997 Proud Crowd Member and just one of the Community's dignitaries who attended PrideFest '96.

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The first opportunity to volunteer is May 31 when nearly 400 volunteers statewide are needed to help place AIDS Walk posters and registration materials in stores, churches, businesses and schools around the state. Some areas are planning a picnic following the day's poster outreach.

Other opportunities to volunteer include: help in organizing teams; outreach at state summer events and

festivals for Walk registration; joining one of the many committees such as the food, water and decorations committees; day-of registration, rest-stop coordination; and many more.

Be sure to be on the look-out this summer for an announcement from ARCW in regards to AIDS Walk Wisconsin 1997's Honorary Chair. Contacts have been made with several exciting prospects, and once confirmed, ARCW will be sure to share the news.

As in past years, there will be a breakfast at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee the morning of the Walk. There will also be entertainment before and after the Walk.

If you would like any information on registering for the Walk or volunteering, please call 414-225-1517.

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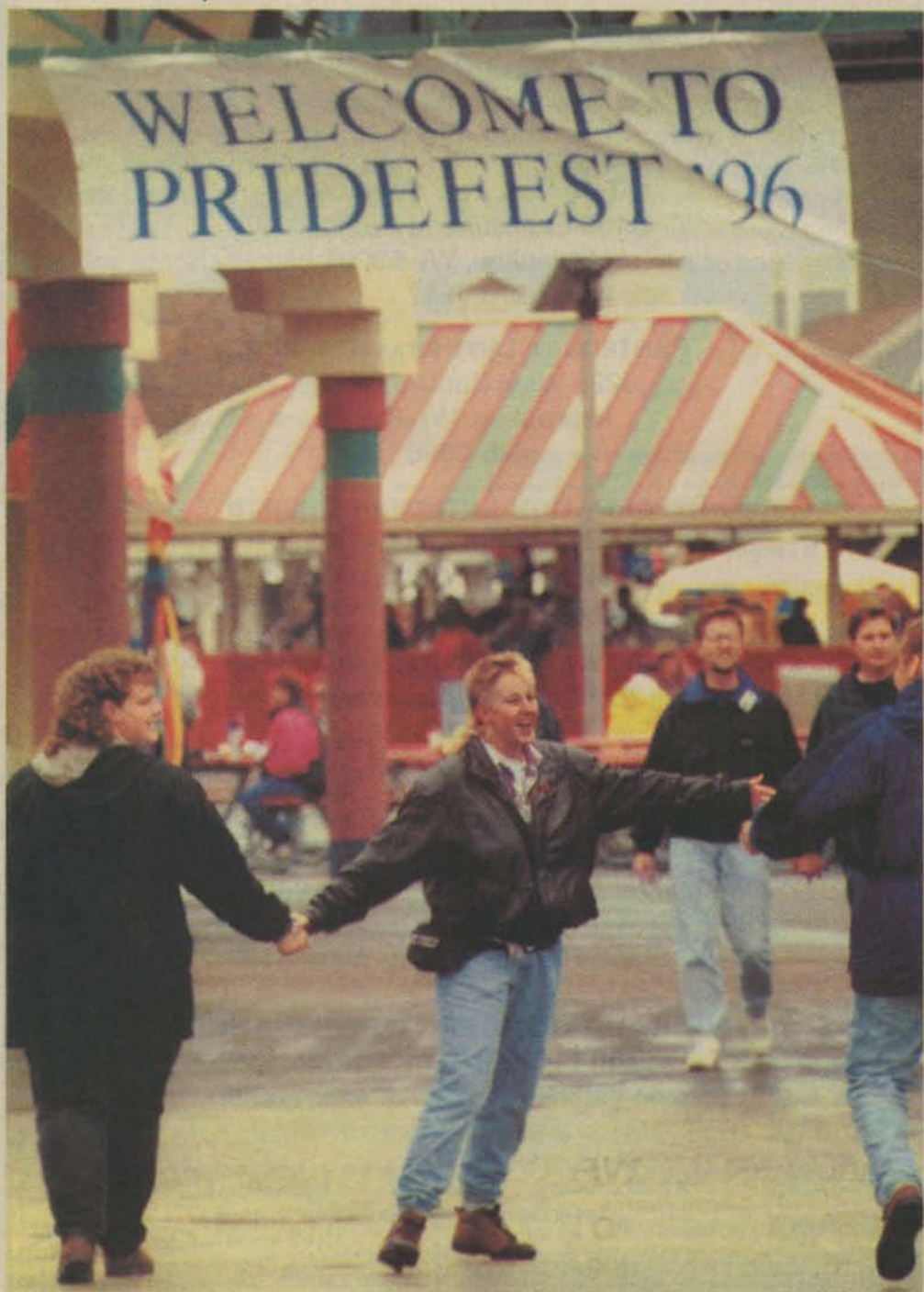
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PrideFest Announces New Corporate Logo

We are proud to unveil PrideFest's new corporate logo. Utilizing the historic symbol given to us, by those who oppressed us – the triangle; and the celebratory symbol created by a member of our own community – the Rainbow Flag; we link our past to our future. We wish to visibly promote everything our festival celebrates - community, culture and diversity.

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