

# Capital Pride Events

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST – SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST

### Pride Kick Off Flag Raising Event

Albany City Hall • 12pm

Join the Pride Center and Mayor Jerry Jennings outside Albany City Hall as New York's Capital City once again shows its support for the LGBT community by flying the Gay Pride flag from the building, marking the official beginning of Capital Pride 2011.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND

### Kick Off BBQ

Pride Center, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany • 5–8pm  
\$5 Suggested Donation

Food, friends and fun at the annual opening event of Capital Pride Week with Special Guest New York State Senator Neil Breslin. Opening Day Cruise Special: Get your Big Gay Pride Cruise ticket for only \$25 if you attend any Pride event on 06/02/11.

### Interfaith Pride Celebration

First United Universalist Society of Albany (FUUSA), 405 Washington Avenue • 7–9pm

Advocates for Welcoming Congregations will help to launch Pride Week with its annual Interfaith Pride Celebration under the theme *Journeys of Faith: Everyone's Story is Sacred*. Well-known local storytellers Joe Doolittle and Christie Keegan will share personal stories of faith and connection to our LGBT community. And musical guests the Albany Gay Men's Chorus will add to the joy of the occasion. A dessert reception will follow the program. For further information, contact Rev. Tony Green, 928-7069.

### Post BBQ Karaoke Kickoff Party

Oh Bar, 304 Lark St., Albany • 8pm–1am  
Suggested Donations • Cash Bar

Voted "2010 best Karaoke" by *Metroland*. A-Man Productions featuring Juan gets you singing and dancing after the BBQ! Happy Hour prices from 8pm until 10pm. Shot Specials &

Giveaways during event. PLUS...Opening Day Cruise Special: Get your Big Gay Pride Cruise ticket for only \$25 if you attend any Pride event on 06/02/11.

### Therapy Thursday

Fuze Box, 12 Central Ave., Albany • 11pm–4am  
Cash Bar; under 21 \$10, 21+ free

Visit [www.therapythursday.com](http://www.therapythursday.com) for up to the minute details. Opening Day Cruise Special: Get your Big Gay Pride Cruise ticket for only \$25 if you attend any Pride event on 06/02/11.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD

### Joshua Dunning Powell Scholarship Awards Breakfast

74 State, 74 State St., Albany • 9–11am

Honoring the remarkable youth selected to receive the Pride Center's Joshua Dunning Powell Scholarship for LGBT graduating high school seniors. Family and friends of the scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. An RSVP is required by May 27th to Dana LePage at [dlepage@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:dlepage@capitalpridecenter.org) or 518-462-6138.

### First Friday—Pride Art Show

Romaine Brooks Gallery, Pride Center, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany • 5–9pm

Come to the Romaine Brooks Gallery, the Pride Center's very own art gallery for their annual Pride Show. The gallery features a new show every month to coincide with Albany's popular "First Friday." This year's exhibit features the photography of Sebastian Barre who, for the last few years, has taken some great shots of Capital Pride. He'll display some of his favorites from years past. You won't want to miss it!

### Saratoga Pride Bowling

Saratoga Strike Zone, 32 Ballston Ave (Rte. 50), Saratoga Springs • 6:00pm • \$10

Join us for an evening of bowling in Saratoga. \$10 gets you two games, shoes, a slice of pizza, and soda.

## Orange Party

**Club ROCKS, 77 Central Ave., Albany • 10pm–2am**  
**\$5 cover after 10pm**

Break out your Orange clothes for Albany's only Circuit Party! The Orange Party is back and better than ever! ROCKS is bringing you the hottest dance party with the coolest music. Great Orange-themed drink specials and hot go-go dancers will keep the party going all night long! This is sure to be a great time for EVERYONE! [www.ROCKS77.com](http://www.ROCKS77.com), 518-472-3588.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH

### GayAlbanyOnline.com Pride Tea Dance

**Taste, 30 S. Pearl St., Albany • 4pm–6pm • \$15 (21+)**

Join GayAlbanyOnline.com on the roofdeck of Taste Restaurant for our second annual Capital Pride Tea Dance! Great music, great food, great friends and amazing views of the Capital Plaza and the Hudson River. This is a Pride Center Fundraiser and tickets may be purchased by contacting [gayalbanyonline.com](http://gayalbanyonline.com), [facebook.com/gayalbany](https://www.facebook.com/gayalbany) or at Taste Restaurant at 518-694-3322.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH

### Pride Mini-Golf

**Fun Plex, 589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush**  
**11am–3pm • \$15**

A yearly favorite, this year, Pride Mini-Golf moves to the FunPlex in East Greenbush. Your admission fee gets you a round of mini-golf, tickets to two other attractions (Go-carts! Batting Cages! More!) and a free small Lickity Splits Ice Cream Cone. A perfect way to spend a summer day!

### Vintage Pride Lunch

**First United Universalist Society of Albany (FUUSA), 405 Washington Ave., Albany • 1–3pm • Free**

Join the Pride Center of the Capital Region's Vintage Pride program for LGBT adults 55 and older for a free lunch and special presentation featuring one gay senior's story about his landmark efforts for marriage recognition in New York State. Please RSVP to Dana LePage at [dlepage@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:dlepage@capitalpridecenter.org) or call 518-462-6138.

### Pride Tea Dance

**ROCKS, 77 Central Ave., Albany • 4–7pm**  
**Suggested Donation**

Come join us at ROCKS for a Back-Deck BBQ featuring Happy Hour drink prices. We will have a DJ spinning all your favorite songs (and requests) to keep you rocking on the dance floor! There is no cover charge to come join the party, but donations will be accepted to help raise money for the Pride Center. There will be

a 50/50 raffle and giveaways throughout the day!! Make sure to stick around for some Karaoke with the A-Man from 7–10pm following the T-Dance. [WWW.ROCKS77.com](http://WWW.ROCKS77.com), 518-472-3588.

### “Based on a Totally True Story”—A Staged Reading

**Russell Sage College, James L. Meader Little Theater, 1st St., Troy (entrance located between Ferry and Division Sts.) • 7pm • \$5 Suggested Donation**

“Based on a Totally True Story” is Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa's lightning fast gay romantic comedy for the iPhone generation. For playwright and comic book writer Ethan Keane (Ian LaChance), adapting the play he wrote into a movie starring Nicole Kidman should be the best thing that's ever happened to him. So why is everything else in his life (his parents, his boyfriend) falling apart around him? Aaron Holbritter directs this hilarious and surprisingly touching fully-staged play reading. Cosponsored by the Theater Institute at Sage. (All proceeds benefit the Pride Center of the Capital Region.)

### Open Mic Night

**Waterworks Lounge, 76 Central Ave., Albany**  
**8:30pm–12am • Free**

Capital Pride's 1st annual Open Mic Night! Can you sing? Do you love poetry? Do you write? How about sharing a favorite passage from that book you're reading? Come share your talents and experiences in a relaxed atmosphere @ the new “Lounge” at Waterworks Pub! The second floor transforms into the “Lounge” every Sunday night from 8pm till close. Comfortable seating, couches and tables to help you relax and melt away as you listen to local artists do their thing.

## MONDAY, JUNE 6TH

### LGBT Professionals Networking Happy Hour

**Experience and Creative Design, Ltd., 510 Union St., Schenectady • 5–8pm • \$5 Suggested Donation**

The Pride Center Business Alliance presents a LGBT Networking Happy Hour Event at beautiful Experience Designs! Come and meet up with friends, distribute those business cards, and make important business contacts in the beautifully crafted design atmosphere at Experience Designs. With terrific food by Capital Pride sponsor Bangkok Bistro, this event is not to be missed!

### Pride Bowling

**The Playdium, Ontario and Park Ave., Albany**  
**6–9pm • \$12 single, \$10 ea. for groups of 3 or more**

Grab your shoes, a ball, and aim for those pins!! Pride Bowling Night at the Playdium has become an annual favorite, and this year we'll be featuring Capital Pride 2011 official beer sponsor Coors Light! There's not only bowling, but great concessions, a 50/50 raffle door prizes and MUCH MORE!

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH

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### Capital Region LGBT Mental Health and Substance Abuse Network Pride Celebration Breakfast

Midtown Tap and Tea Room, 289 New Scotland Ave., Albany • 9am-10:30am • \$5 cover includes coffee and light breakfast; full menu available

Join local Mental Health and Substance Abuse service professionals providing culturally competent services to the LGBT community for a facilitated networking event with other members of the newly formed Capital Region LGBT Mental Health Substance Abuse Network. Perfect for anyone interested in expanding their network. Providers who are not yet members are encouraged to attend and find out more about the Network.

### Dishing Out Pride!

Multiple locations • 5–9pm • Cost of meal

Come join us for a night of conversation and cuisine all to benefit a great cause. Local restaurants have generously offered to donate a portion of their food sales to the Pride Center. Please come join us at either of Bombers' locations, Pasta Factory, Taste, or Wolff's Biergarten. Visit [www.capitalpridecenter.org](http://www.capitalpridecenter.org) for additional details.

### Bullying in Schools, Our Community's Youth Respond: A Panel Discussion

Community United Methodist Church: a Reconciling Congregation, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands 7–9pm • Free

This panel will feature student leaders of the Pride Center's Youth Action Team and allies from local schools who will discuss their experiences with bullying in schools today. Come share ideas for preventing bullying and harassment in our schools, and learn how to empower bystanders to speak up for all youth.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH

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### Wine & Cheese Tour

ROCKS, Waterworks, Oh Bar • 5–8pm  
Free (suggested donation)

Waterworks Pub, ROCKS, and Oh Bar welcome you to join us for a tour of wine country and sample some fine *fromage* from cheesemakers around the country and world. Each location will carry different brands of wine and champagne including vintages from Moët & Chandon, Veuve Clicquot, Stèle di notte, Casa Lapostolle and many more. Three locations, one day, great wine, better friends, and let's not forget...CHEESE!

### Cabaret Dinner Theater

Irish Mist Pub, 285 2nd St., Troy • 7–9pm • \$10 cover at door; order from regular menu

Join the Queens of song Carmie Hope and Frieda Munchon and a few surprise guests at this annual fun event at The Irish Mist. Guaranteed to make you leave with a smile on your face and a song in your heart!

### WMHT Exclusive Broadcast; "Out in America"

On a TV near you, WMHT • 9pm • Free

Emmy award-winning director Andrew Goldberg, in association with Oregon Public Broadcasting, will premiere a new PBS special, *Out in America*. The one-hour film will premiere Wednesday, June 8, at 9:00 pm ET/PT on PBS (WMHT) in conjunction with National Gay & Lesbian Pride Month.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH

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### LGBT Educator Appreciation Reception

Midtown Tap and Tea Room, 287 New Scotland Ave., Albany • 6–8pm • Free; cash bar

An opportunity for LGBT educators to network and be appreciated for all they do. The repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" represents a major civil rights victory of LGBT members of the armed forces. For thousands of gay teachers serving on the frontlines of America's classrooms, "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" remains a painful fact of life. LGBT teachers have long understood that openly expressing their identity in school can make them an easy target for discrimination. This event will provide an informal and open forum for LGBT educators to discuss issues both related and unrelated to being LGBT in educational communities. Allies are welcome to join in the festivities. Sponsored by NYSUT.

### Lovely Ladies Night

ROCKS, 77 Central Ave., Albany • 8–10pm • \$15

Those naughty girls and boys of Charmed and Dangerous are back for another great show. Also back are the not-so-real girls of Albany County. That's right, the girls of ROCKS will be there to rock out too. Can I get an Amen up in here! [WWW.ROCKS77.com](http://WWW.ROCKS77.com), 518-472-3588.

### Therapy Thursday

Waterworks, 76 Central Ave., Albany • 11pm–4am  
Under 21 \$10; 21+ free; cash bar

The Therapy Thursday Pride Ball 2011 at Waterworks Pub featuring DJ Shawn Gillie spinning a variety of R&B, top 40 and dance music all night long. Don't miss out on Shawn's crazy contests such as the frozen T-shirt & underwear contest and a performance by Miss Therapy Thursday. Visit [www.therapythursday.com](http://www.therapythursday.com) for up-to-the minute details.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

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### Saratoga Pride Cocktails

Tiznow, 84 Henry St., Saratoga Springs • 6–8pm  
\$5 cover; cash bar

Join Saratoga Pride in the Spa City for drinks and complementary appetizers.

### A-Prom (The Alternative Youth Prom)

Campus Center Ball Room, SUNY Albany • 7–11pm \$15,  
\$12 (with a non-perishable food item per person)

The Alternative Prom is a fun-filled evening for LGBTQ Youth and their allies ages 13–19. Back by popular demand are the free photo booth, door prizes, community organization tables, all-you-can-eat munchies and soft drinks, and a special performance by the Queer Youth Chorus and local *Rocky Horror Picture Show* troupe “The Kids You Picked On in High School.” For more information, check out the Pride Center Youth Program Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pridecenteryouth](http://www.facebook.com/pridecenteryouth) to put in song requests, get all the up-to-date information and have any questions answered by Pride Center staff.

### Film: “Tying the Knot”

First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady • 7:30pm • \$5 suggested donation

First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, presents the critically acclaimed documentary film *Tying the Knot*, with a post-film discussion featuring local marriage equality activists. Directed by Troy native Jim de Seve, this award-winning 2004 film is “extremely relevant, highly entertaining and utterly humanist” as it explores the political war between gay people who want to marry and those determined to stop them.

### Lesboa: Capital Pride’s Official All Girls Party

Fuze Box, 12 Central Ave., Albany • 8pm–4am • \$10

Pride week and girl parties go hand in hand! Join DJ Lady Luck and crew for a fabulous night at the Fuze Box. Starting earlier in the night this year, we will bring a lounge feel to the club until 10pm, when the party really starts. DJ Lady Luck specializes in a variety of music including 80s and modern and has won several awards in the *Metroland*. You will be sure to have an amazing night!

### Land HO!

Oh Bar, 304 Lark St., Albany • 10pm • Free; cash bar

If boats aren’t your thing, DJ Lady Gemini spins his own mixes for those who prefer to stay on land. Voted Albany’s Best Gay Bar 2009 & 2010, Oh Bar plays the newest and hottest music every Friday and there’s NO COVER. Play pool and darts or chill on the patio.

### Pre-Cruise Party

ROCKS, 77 Central Ave., Albany • 8–11pm  
Free; cash bar

This is the warm up to the Big Gay Cruise 2011. Come have a few drinks, organize your group, and relax until you have to head over to the Big Gay Cruise 2011. The Pre-Cruise Party will offer advance sale tickets for the Big Gay Cruise 2011 at \$30 each. ROCKS will also have tickets for the \$5 Party Bus at this Pre-Cruise Party. The Pre-Cruise Party will have “happy hour” drink prices for the first hour (8–9pm) along with light food and music! [www.ROCKS77.com](http://www.ROCKS77.com), 518-472-3588.

### The \$5 Party Bus

ROCKS, 77 Central Ave., Albany • Boarding at 10:45pm;  
leaves ROCKS at 11pm SHARP • \$5 donation

ROCKS has set up a safe way to get you a “round trip” ride from ROCKS to the Big Gay Cruise 2011 for only a \$5 donation. Advance sale tickets for the \$5 Party Bus will be available at ROCKS only starting in mid-May during regular business hours. Seating is limited and is based on a first-come-first-served basis. Get your advance sale tickets early to assure a seat on the \$5 Party Bus. The \$5 Party Bus will board those with advance sale tickets first (10:45 pm) and then offer the seats that are left till they are gone (for a \$5 donation). The Party Bus will get you to the Big Gay Cruise 2011 dock by 11:30pm for prompt boarding. The bus will return to ROCKS after the cruise and ROCKS will offer a regular cash bar till 4am. They will also have coffee and light food available to those who return on the \$5 Party Bus. [www.ROCKS77.com](http://www.ROCKS77.com), 518-472-3588.

### The Big Gay Pride Cruise

State & Front Sts., Troy • Boarding at 11:30pm; sails at  
midnight SHARP • \$30 advance, \$35 at the gate

*This is the only big gay cruise this year...so all aboard!* The A-Man is about to launch yet another Big Gay Cruise. This cruise is a benefit/fundraiser for the Pride Center of the Capital Region and the AIDS Walk 2011. All proceeds after expenses will be donated to these two wonderful groups. It’s a three-hour “Gay Party Cruise” that will offer karaoke with Juan on the main inside deck, DJ Swayy on the open deck, and a fabulous Drag Show on the main inside deck. There will also be light hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, hot 50/50 raffle bois, dancing and singing and music everywhere. This is a 21+ event and EVERYONE must show an ID to board the Big Gay Cruise 2011. The Big Gay Cruise 2011 will sail rain or shine! Advance sale tickets can be purchased at ROCKS, Romeo Gifts, JP Cruise Lines and any Team A-Man Karaoke show. You can CHARGE your tickets by calling the JP Cruise Lines at 518-270-1901. [AmanKaraoke.com](http://AmanKaraoke.com) has all the up-to-date details and directions. Call The A-Man for group rates of 10 people or more, 518-221-3723. Check this Pride Guide for opening day specials. NO REFUNDS. NO CHECKS.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

### Walgreen's Run for Pride 5K and Rainbow Fun Run/Walk

Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany • 8am registration, 9am 5K Race, 10am Rainbow Fun Run/Walk • \$15 Registration, \$20 day of race.

Show your pride by participating in the 3rd Annual Run for Pride 5K, sponsored by Walgreen's. Featuring prizes and giveaways, whether you're taking part in the run or cheering on your friends, the Pride 5K has quickly become one of our most exciting events! To register online, please visit: [www.active.com/5k-race/albany-ny/run-or-walk-for-pride-5k-and-rainbow-fun-run-2011?p=1745](http://www.active.com/5k-race/albany-ny/run-or-walk-for-pride-5k-and-rainbow-fun-run-2011?p=1745).

### Pride Family Fun Day/Coasters for a Cause

Six Flags Great Escape, Lake George • All Day \$19.99 pre sale tickets

The Pride Center of the Capital Region in cooperation with the Six Flags Great Escape Coasters for a Cause program, is thrilled to present Pride Family Fun Day at the Great Escape. For the reduced price of \$19.99, get full park access and enjoy all the fun and excitement of the rides and shows Six Flags Great Escape has to offer. Don't forget to wear purple to show your pride. Tickets must be purchased in advance through the Pride Center of the Capital Region either by visiting [www.capitalpridecenter.org](http://www.capitalpridecenter.org) or calling 518-462-6138. Tickets can be used only on May 28-30, June 1-5, June 8-12 and June 15-19. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Pride Center.

### Sing Out Louise V

Waterworks, 76 Central Ave., Albany • 9pm • \$10

The ladies who helped define drag in Albany are back! With the tremendous performances and magnificent response last year, Mama-Brent, Freida Munchon, and Carmie Hope continue an amazing Pride tradition with "Sing Out Louise V". They will dazzle you, amaze you, and change it up a bit in an electrifying opening show before Shontelle takes the stage.

### Shontelle Live @ Waterworks Pub

Waterworks, 76 Central Ave., Albany • 11pm (Right after Sing Out Louise V) • \$10

Shontelle, the next up-and-coming superstar in the music industry, brings her incredible voice and unbelievable talent to Waterworks Pub. With hits from her two chart topping albums, including Billboard sensations "Impossible," "Perfect Nightmare," and her latest single "Say Hello to Goodbye" she is sure to amaze and impress in a show that can't be missed!!! Capital Pride's Diva Night 2011 at Waterworks Pub!

## SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

### Capital Pride Parade and Festival

Washington Park, Albany • Noon-5pm • Free

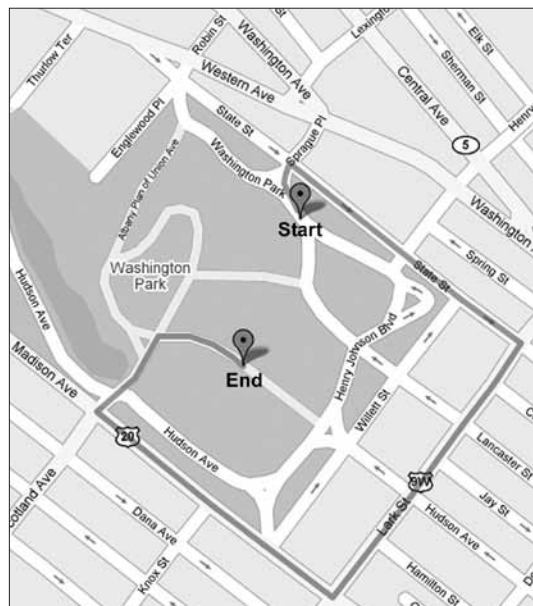
Capital Pride Parade! Come celebrate the Capital Region's great LGBTQ community! The parade steps off at noon in Washington Park. There will be live music, exciting floats and as always there are sure to be a few surprises! Come and enjoy the parade and then stay with us in Washington Park for the Capital Pride Festival. The festivities on the stage kick off immediately following the Pride Parade. Join us as Billboard Chart topper CeCe Peniston takes the main stage this year, including her #1 hit anthem "Finally." This year will also feature performances by up-and-comer Shontelle ("Impossible") as well as local favorites Sirsy and Taina Asili y la Banda Rebelde. There's always a lot to do and see in the park so come, spend the day and show your Pride at the largest Pride celebration in Upstate New York.

### Closing Parties

Waterworks, ROCKS, and Oh Bar • 5-8pm • Suggested Donations; Cash Bars

Waterworks, Rocks, Oh Bar, and the Pride Center team up to put the finishing touches on Pride 2011! Join the fun immediately following the Festival. And don't forget the Capital Pride 2011 Sober Afterparty at the Pride Center! Join us at 332 Hudson for a fun and alcohol free place to wind down from the festivities.

### Capital Pride Parade Route



*If you have questions about accessibility or need accomodation for any Pride events, please call the Pride Center at 518.462.6138. ASL interpreter and accessible parking will be available at the Festival.*