

Pride Around  
the Region!

# Capital Pride Events

**THURSDAY, MAY 31ST—SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH**

## Thursday, May 31, 2012

### **Kick Off BBQ and Rainbow Café Grand Re-opening!**

*Pride Center, 332 Hudson Avenue, Albany*  
5:00–7:30 p.m. • \$5 Suggested donation; \$15 incl. ticket to the Capital Pride Singers event at EBA immediately following the BBQ and an extra ticket for the door prize raffle

An annual tradition, the Capital Pride Kick-Off BBQ has marked the official start of Capital Pride for decades. Enjoy good food off the grill and catching up with old friends. We're using this opportunity to stage the unveiling of our newly remodeled Rainbow Café. Be sure to check out a special sneak preview of the "Pride Show" in the Romaine Brooks Gallery and, as always, terrific giveaways, including a fantastic dinner, overnight stay, and show featuring the iconic Dame Edna at Saratoga's Mansion Inn.

### **"In All Kinds of Weather" Capital Pride Singers Concert**

*EBA Dance Theater, 351 Hudson Avenue, Albany*  
7:30–8:30 p.m. • Tickets: \$10, available for presale and at the Kickoff BBQ at the Pride Center

"In All Kinds of Weather" is a weather-themed concert that takes the audience through rain, snow, wind, and sunshine. In the group's seventeenth year, the Capital Pride Singers are both excited and proud to help kick-off Capital Pride 2012 with music.

### **Kick-Off Karaoke**

*OH! Bar, 304 Lark Street, Albany*  
8:30 p.m.—1:00 a.m. • Cash bar

Voted "Best Karaoke" for multiple years by *Metroland*, A-Man Productions, featuring Juan, gets you singing and dancing after the BBQ. Happy Hour prices until 10 p.m., shot specials and giveaways, and, as always, a few surprises. Don't miss this Capital Pride favorite!

## Friday, June 1, 2012

### **1st Friday Pride Show**

*Romaine Brooks Gallery, Pride Center, 332 Hudson Avenue, Albany* • 5:00–8:00 p.m. • Free

The Romaine Brooks Gallery is the Pride Center's very own art gallery. The gallery features a new show every month to coincide with Albany's popular "1st Friday." This year's exhibit features the photography of John

McEnerney as he explores the various facets of Pride through his photographic lens. This is McEnerney's second solo exhibition at the Romaine Brooks Gallery.

### **Alternative Youth Prom**

*University at Albany Campus Ballroom, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany* • 7:00–11:00 p.m.  
\$15, or \$12 with a non-perishable food item

A fun-filled evening for LGBTQ youth and their allies aged 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 more! Check out the Pride Center Youth Program Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pridecenteryouth](http://www.facebook.com/pridecenteryouth) to make song requests, get up-to-date information, and have any questions answered by Pride Center staff.

### **Capital Pride Comedy Night**

*Waterworks Pub, 76 Central Avenue, Albany*  
8:00–10:00 p.m. • \$5 admission

Waterworks Pub presents the first Capital Pride Comedy Night featuring some of the areas funniest comics. Jennifer McMullen, Shawn Gillie, Sandy Beach, and more are sure to keep you laughing and crying at the Waterworks Comedy Lounge's first Pride Comedy Night!

### **Johnny Blazes and Her Amazing Wo(n)man Show!**

*The First Unitarian Society of Schenectady, 1221 Wendell Avenue, Schenectady* • 8:00–10:00 p.m. • \$10

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Blazes' gender-bending, gender-blending performance combines cabaret arts with theater to create a charming semi-narrative series of comedic vignettes. Utilizing a rich background in theater, clowning, drag, dance, opera, and circus arts, Blazes fuses genres, expands notions of gender, and dispels gender stereotypes—all while keeping the audience laughing! Stay to meet Johnny at a reception after the performance.

### **Orange Party**

*ROCKS, 77 Central Avenue, Albany* • 10:00 p.m.–4:00 a.m.  
\$5 cover after 10:00 p.m. (18–20 \$10); free before 10:00 p.m.

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!

## Sunday, June 3, 2012

### **Pride Mini-Golf**

*FunPlex, 589 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush  
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. • \$15*

A yearly favorite! 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! And be sure to join us at 1:00 p.m. for an ice cream social sponsored by Lambda Family Circle. A perfect way to spend a summer day!

### **Pride in Our History: A Vintage Pride Storytelling Event**

*First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, Channing Hall, 405 Washington Ave, Albany • 1:00–3:00 p.m.*

Join the Pride Center of the Capital Region's Vintage Pride program for LGBT adults 55 and older for an afternoon of storytelling and story sharing. This is an opportunity to reminisce, connect with, and hear from other LGBT older adults in our community. Come to share your story, listen to others, and be a part of the Oral History Project. Lunch will be provided by the Pride Center. Please RSVP to Curran Streett at [cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org), or call 518-462-6138 by May 28th.

### **ROCKS Tea Dance**

*ROCKS, 77 Central Avenue, Albany  
4:00–7:00 p.m. • No cover; donations accepted*

Come join us at ROCKS for a Back-Deck B-B-Q 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 to 10 p.m. following the Tea Dance.

### **Chardonnay LeTease and the Women of Distinction present "Over The Rainbow"**

*Tony's Terrace, 720 Central Ave, Albany  
9:00–11:00 p.m. • \$5 admission to benefit the Pride Center*

It's time to bring back the pride songs of yesteryear. The songs that made you sing along, and it didn't matter if you hit the notes. Join your host Chardonnay and fellow Queens of Albany as we bring back the songs of PRIDE! Including: "It's Raining Men," "YMCA," "I Will Survive," "I Am Woman," and many more. This is a *special sunday* show at Tony's Terrace for PRIDE! So don't miss it; starts at 9:00 p.m. sharp.

## Monday, June 4, 2012

### **Pride Bowling**

*Playdium Bowl, 363 Ontario Street, Albany  
6:00–9:00 p.m. • \$15 incl. shoes and bowling for 3 hours*

Grab your shoes, a ball, and aim for those pins! Pride Bowling Night at the Playdium has become an annual favorite, and this

year will be no different. There's not only bowling, but great concessions, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and MUCH MORE!

### **LGBT Professionals Networking Happy Hour**

*Van Dyck Restaurant, 237 Union Street, Schenectady • 6:00–9:00 p.m. •*

*\$5 suggested donation to benefit the Pride Center* 

Our very popular LGBT Networking Happy Hour comes to Schenectady's Van Dyck Restaurant. Come and meet up with friends, distribute those business cards, and make important business contacts in the beautiful ambiance of the Van Dyck Restaurant in Schenectady's Historic Stockade. Enjoy a cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Sponsored by the Pride Center Business Alliance.

## Tuesday, June 5, 2012

### **Gaymer Night**

*Pastime Legends Video Games, 73 4th Street, Troy  
6:00–9:00 p.m. • \$5 suggested donation to benefit the Pride Center*

Calling all gamers! Join us at Pastime Legends in Troy for Capital Pride's first-ever video game night. Beginners, experts, and everyone in between are welcome to join in on the fun. Current and vintage platforms with multiplayer games of all types will be available.

### **"Promoting LGBT Health: Conversation and Action"—A Panel Discussion**

*Albany Medical College, 43 New Scotland Avenue, Room ME-700, Albany • 7:00–9:00 p.m. • Free*

Moderated by Benita Zhan, this panel will feature health professionals, LGBT community leaders, and community members discussing the benefits and challenges of interacting with the healthcare system, and upcoming changes due to the Affordable Care Act. Come share ideas for accessing healthcare successfully as an LGBT person, and learn how to advocate for the best services available. This event is cosponsored by Albany Medical College's LGBT People in Medicine club. For more information, please contact Program Director Curran Streett at [cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org).

## Wednesday, June 6, 2012

### **Wine and Cheese Night**

*OH! Bar, Waterworks Pub, ROCKS • 5:00–8:00 p.m.  
Donations accepted at all locations*

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

**2nd Annual LGBT Educator Appreciation Reception**

*Midtown Tap and Tea Room, 289 New Scotland Avenue, Albany • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • \$5 Admission to benefit The Joshua Dunning Powell LGBT Youth Scholarship*

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 for 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. The 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.*

**Thursday, June 7, 2012**

**Marriage for All Wedding Expo**

*Key Hall at Proctors, 432 State Street, Schenectady 5:00–9:00 p.m. \$5 donation to benefit the Pride Center*



Celebrate Marriage for all New Yorkers with a Celebration Expo geared for all people! Produced by Two Bears Provisions, a local LGBT business for the benefit of the Pride Center of the Capital Region, Celebrating Marriage for All will feature the wonderful space and delicious creations of Key Hall in Proctors Theater, one of the fantastic venues of the Mazzone Management Group and over 20 vendors ready to help you plan your celebration. Martini bar, raffles, drinks, and food will be featured. We can’t wait to see you there.

**Ladies Night w/DJ Serenity**

*Waterworks, 76 Central Avenue, Albany • 7:00–11:00 p.m.*

DJ Serenity provides hip/upbeat new music for the ladies with contests, prizes and giveaways. Leading right into Therapy Thursday, get the party started right with sexy bartender Kris Bunc and her sexy entourage.

**Therapy Thursday Pride Ball**

*Waterworks, 76 Central Avenue, Albany • 11:00 p.m.–4:00 a.m.*

The Therapy Thursday Pride Ball 2012 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 and underwear contest and a performance by Miss Therapy Thursday.

**Friday, June 8, 2012**

**Joshua Dunning Powell Scholarship Breakfast**

*College of St. Rose, 420 Western Avenue, Albany 9:00–11:00 a.m.*

Honoring the remarkable youth selected to receive the Joshua Dunning Powell Scholarship for LGBTQ

graduating high school seniors. Family and friends of the scholarship recipients are encouraged to attend. An RSVP is required by June 1st to Curran Streett at [cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org](mailto:cstreett@capitalpridecenter.org), or 518-462-6138.

**Saratoga Pride Cocktails**

*Tiznow, 84 Henry Street, Saratoga Springs 6:00–8:00 p.m. • \$5 cover*



Join Saratoga Pride in the Spa City for their annual Pride cocktail hour at Tiznow for drinks and great complimentary appetizers.

**LESBOA—The Capital Pride Official All-Girl Party with DJ Lady Luck**

*ROCKS, 77 Central Avenue, Albany 8:00 p.m.–4:00 a.m. • \$10 admission*

Pride Week and girl parties go hand in hand! Join DJ Lady Luck and the crew for a fabulous night at ROCKS. Starting at 8:00 p.m. on the Club side of ROCKS, DJ Lady Luck specializes in a variety of music including 80s and modern and has won several awards in *Metroland*. You will be sure to have an amazing night!

**Pre-Cruise Party**

*ROCKS, 77 Central Avenue • 8:00–11:00 p.m. • Cash bar*

This is the warm-up to the Big Gay Cruise. Come have a few drinks, organize your group, and relax until you have to head over to the Big Gay Cruise. The Pre-Cruise Party will have advance sale tickets for the Big Gay Cruise for \$30 each. ROCKS will also have advance sale tickets for the \$5 Party Bus at this Pre-Cruise Party. The Pre-Cruise Party will have Happy Hour drinks prices for the first hour (8:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.) along with light food, and music!

**\$5 Party Bus**

*ROCKS, 77 Central Avenue, Albany Boarding at 10:45 p.m. • \$5 donation*

ROCKS has set up a safe way to get you a “round trip” ride to the Big Gay Cruise for only a \$5 donation. Advance sale tickets for the Party Bus will be available at ROCKS. Seating is limited. Get your advance sale tickets early to ensure a seat. The Party Bus will board with advance sale tickets first (10:45 pm) and then offer the seats that are left until they are gone (for a \$5 donation). The Party Bus will get you to the Big Gay Cruise dock by 11:30 pm for boarding and will return to ROCKS after the cruise. Rocks will offer an regular cash bar, coffee, and light food until 4:00 a.m.

**Land HO!**

*OH! Bar, 304 Lark Street, Albany • 10:00 p.m.–3:00 a.m. 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 and 2010, OH! Bar plays the newest and hottest music every Friday and there’s NO COVER. Play pool, darts, or chill on the patio.

## Big Gay Cruise

**Capt. JP Cruise, State & Front Streets, Troy**

**11:30 p.m.–3:00 a.m. • \$35 at the gate**

*This is the only big gay cruise this year...so all aboard!* Team A-Man is about to launch yet another Big Gay Cruise. This cruise is a benefit/fundraiser for the Pride Center and AIDS Walk 2012. 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 Jaun, DJ Swayy, and a "fagulous" Drag Show. 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 cruise. The cruise 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 (cash only). You can charge your tickets by calling the JP Cruise Lines at 270-1901. Cash only at the gate and aboard the boat. [www.AmanKaraoke.com](http://www.AmanKaraoke.com) has all the up-to-date details and directions. Call The A-Man for group rates of 10 people or more, 221-3723. Opening day specials available at events on 5/31/2012. *No refunds. No checks.*

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## Saturday, June 9, 2012

### Walgreen's Run For Pride 5K & Rainbow Fun Run

**Washington Park Lake House, Albany • 7:00–11:00 a.m.**

**\$15 in advance, \$20 day of race**

Show your Pride by participating in the 4th 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, please see the form on p. 42.

### Carmie and Freida Present "Cabaret for Kids"

**Pride Center, 332 Hudson Avenue, Albany**

**1:00–3:00 p.m. • Free**

Join the Queens of Pride Carmie Hope and Frieda Munchon for a fun-for-the-whole-family children's concert. There will be songs, games, prizes, and sing-alongs for kids of all ages. Bring the entire family for a one of a kind afternoon of fun and music.

### Maybe Baby? CNY Fertility Center Open House

**CNY Fertility Center, 38A Old Sparrowbush Road, Latham 3:00–5:00 p.m. • Free**

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We invite all those who are interested in building their families to an Open House. There will be tours of the center and Healing Arts spa, a meet and greet with the doctors and nursing staff, chair massages, a raffle for a delectable spa gift certificate, and refreshments.

### Sing Out Louise VI

**Waterworks, 76 Central Avenue, Albany**

**9:00–11:00 p.m. • \$10**

The Pride tradition Continues with "Sing OUT Louise, VI." The ladies who helped define drag in Albany are

back—Mama-Brent, Freida Munchon, Carmie Hope, and Penny Larceny in one Magnificent and Outrageous pride extravaganza. They will dazzle you, amaze you, and change it up a bit in an electrifying opening show before Kimberley Locke takes the stage.

### Kimberley Locke Live@Waterworks

**Waterworks, 76 Central Avenue, Albany**

**11:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m. • \$10**

Kimberley Locke from *American Idol* and VH1's *Celebrity Fit Club* brings her legendary voice and unbelievable talent to Waterworks Pub for an up-close-and-personal performance of her hit songs, such as the *Billboard* sensations "Band of Gold," "8th World Wonder," and "Change." Kimberley's newest single, "Finally Free" from her upcoming album *Four For The Floor* is sure to top off a show that can't be missed!!! Capital Pride's Diva Night 2012 at Waterworks Pub!

## Sunday, June 10, 2012

### Capital Pride Parade

**Washington Park and State Street, to Lark Street to**

**Madison Avenue, Albany • Noon • Free**

Come celebrate the Capital Region's great LGBT Community! The parade steps off at noon in Washington Park, with music, exciting floats, and always a few surprises! Led once again this year with the 2nd Annual LGBTQ Youth March, the Pride Parade will feature elected officials supporting the LGBT community, businesses and organizations, families, and friends of the LGBT community. Bring friends and set up on the Parade Route and cheer on this amazing event!

### Capital Pride Festival

**Washington Park, Albany • 1:00–5:00 p.m. • Free**

After the parade, stay with us in Washington Park for the Capital Pride Festival. The festivities on the stage kick-off immediately following the parade. Join us for performances from *American Idol* alum Kimberly Locke and her hit songs "8th World Wonder" and "Band of Gold." Special guest this year is Neon Hitch, who was recently featured on the Gym Class Heroes song "Back Home" and her newest hit "Luv U Betta" is climbing the charts. With over 70 vendors, all types of food and drink, the Capital Pride Festival is a family-friendly celebration of the LGBT community! There's always lots to do and see in the park!

### 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.*