ONE CITY ONE PRIDE
MAY 22—JUNE 30, 2019
40 DAYS OF LGBTQ ARTS

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About the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots

2019 marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, generally considered to symbolize the beginning of the modern LGBTQ civil rights movement. In the 1960s, gay bars across the U.S. were routinely subjected to police raids. Unnecessary ID checks, arrests, and police brutality were commonplace. However, the Stonewall riots proved to be a turning point at which the LGBTQ community began to fight back against this unjust behavior. The riots began at around 2am on June 28, 1969, at the Mafia-owned Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village popular among the poorest and most marginalized people in the LGBTQ community: drag queens, transgender men and women, young gay male prostitutes, and homeless youth. Police had targeted the Stonewall Inn many times in the past. However, this particular raid would end differently. As the police arrested patrons, people became increasingly agitated and started to resist. Feeling threatened, the police reacted with violence, beating protestors and spraying them with tear gas. The riots continued from Saturday until Wednesday, with hundreds of people joining in the fight. LGBTQ rights activists saw an opportunity to galvanize the community around the commemoration of this event, and the first Gay Pride marches took place in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, and LA on June 28, 1970; with LA’s being the first to obtain a parade permit. Today, Pride parades and events are held annually in June throughout the world. In 2016, the Stonewall Inn became a National Monument administered by the National Park Service.
City of West Hollywood’s

ONE CITY ONE PRIDE
LGBTQ ARTS FESTIVAL

Each year the City of West Hollywood celebrates pride with its One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival, which runs from between Harvey Milk Day (May 22) through the end of June Pride month (June 30). The theme for 2019 is “Love is Love,” celebrating the universal bond that unites us especially during this 50th anniversary year of the Stonewall riots.

Some Highlights:

May 22: Kick-off reception and a staged reading of Dear Harvey with Celebration Theatre | Featuring 2 queer poetry pop-ups: “Let Love Flourish,” performances of poems by queer poets past and present, and “Everyone Deserves (A) Love (Poem),” an interactive installation where poets will write you a love poem

May 25 + 26: New Stages presents “I Do,” a musical based on the life stories of, and performed by LGBTQ seniors

June 1 + 2: Metropolitan Master Chorale presents Considering Matthew Shepard

June 2: Vox Femina and Trans Chorus LA present Hearts of Courage

June 26: “LA: A Queer History,” a documentary about LA’s contributions to the LGBTQ rights movement

June 30: Full day of programming including:
- Launch of “Crush: First Love, New Talent” an LGBTQ comic anthology about first (queer) love
- Readings from Michael Kearns’ troupe QueerWise
- “Where Love is Illegal” features portraits of people who live in countries where it is illegal to be LGBTQ. Join us for a panel discussion
- “¡GAYTINO! Made in America” film debut – a story about being gay and Chicano, and a father’s love
- Also, the return of the 2 queer poetry pop-ups
RENT Poet Brian Sonia-Wallace transforms love stories into poetry.
Photo by Jason Hughes
Throughout the Month:

**Everyone Deserves (A) Love (Poem)** On this 50th anniversary of Stonewall, West Hollywood will transform into a literary salon of love, with a diverse group of queer poets on typewriters helping residents convert their unique love stories into poetry. Anyone may commission and take home a love poem from this interactive art project organized by Brian Sonia-Wallace aka RENT Poet – a testament to the idea that love is love, and every love story is worth a poem.

*Pop-ups will take place on:*
May 22, 6:30pm: at the One City One Pride kickoff
June 7, 6pm: at the Dyke March
June 8+9: at “Pride on the Boulevard”
Follow @wehoarts and @rentpoet on Instagram for other dates

**Let Love Flourish: Queer Poetry Pop-up** is a spoken word celebration of historic LGTBQ poets. Performance artist Jason Jenn brings their passionate words to spirited life for the public to enjoy in the streets of West Hollywood in special appearances throughout the 40-day One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival. The presentations employ elaborately styled costumes and various theatrical techniques, while illuminating audiences about the authors’ lives and their historical conditions. Queer love has emerged in writing in various ways, from veiled allusions during oppressive eras to all-out profusions of sensuous splendor in contemporary times. Created and performed by Jason Jenn. Art direction by Vojislav Radovanovic.

*Pop-ups will take place on:*
May 22, 6:30pm: at the One City One Pride kickoff
Follow @wehoarts and @jasonjennartist on FB for other dates

**Where Love is Illegal exhibit** Being LGBTQ is still illegal in 70 countries, and our communities face discrimination, persecution and violence around the world. Award-winning photographer Robin Hammond’s Where Love is Illegal project has documented the stories and images of many individuals from these countries. Robin Hammond has dedicated his career to documenting human rights and development issues through long-term photographic projects. He has won numerous awards for his work, including four Amnesty
D & O | RUSSIA “After the attack, I felt even more strongly how dear D is to me, and how scary the thought that I could lose her. The worst thing that I felt was an absolute inability to protect the one I loved, or even myself... I realized that there are defective people who can pounce on us just because we are lesbians. But every time, now when I’m in the street, when I take her by the hand, I do it consciously, it is my choice. D, hold my hand, this is my reward for your courage.” D & O are a lesbian couple in Russia. They were attacked in the street because they were holding hands.

Photo by Robin Hammond/Witness Change from the “Where Love is Illegal” exhibit (pg. 3). Panel discussion on June 30 (pg. 25).
International Awards and several other prestigious prizes. 

On view at the West Hollywood Library during library hours: May 24-October 11, 2019, M-Th (11am-7pm), Fri-Sat (10am-6pm), Sun (12pm-4pm). Closed holidays and June 9-11, 2019.

Free Admission.

www.weho.org/pride

Location: West Hollywood Library, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

Wednesday, May 22, 2019, 6:30pm reception, 7:30pm performance

One City One Pride Kickoff & Harvey Milk Day Celebration: “Dear Harvey” Reading

Theatre/History

Join the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division for a free staged reading of Patricia Loughrey’s “Dear Harvey” produced and directed by Michael Shepperd of Celebration Theatre, LA’s oldest LGBTQ theatre founded in 1982. Extensively researched, this documentary-style ensemble play recounts the life and lasting impact of groundbreaking activist and politician Harvey Milk, as told by the people who knew him best, featuring a cast of professional actors, elected/appointed officials and community members including:

- West Hollywood Mayor John D’Amico
- Emmy, GLAAD Media, and APLA Hero Award winner Bruce Vilanch
- RuPaul’s Drag Race star and trans activist Gia Gunn
- Parnell Damone Marcano
- Brittney Wheeler
- West Hollywood City Poet Laureate Charles Flowers
- Arts & Cultural Affairs Commissioner J. Dallas Dishman
- Disability Advisory Board member Rick Watts
- Human Services Commissioner Nate Clark
- Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board member Jason Frazier
- Lesbian & Gay Advisory Board member Sepi Shyne
- Senior Advisory Board member John Allendorfer
- Transgender Advisory Board member Alexis Sanchez
- Women’s Advisory Board member Karen Eyres
Scott tells the story of one of the loves of his life, his guide dog, Thunder.
From 6:30-7:30pm: reception and two queer poetry pop-ups: *Let Love Flourish*, featuring performances of poetry by queer poets, and *Everyone Deserves (A) Love (Poem)*, an interactive art installation where anyone may request a love poem. The performance of “Dear Harvey” will begin at 7:30pm.

*Free Admission:* RSVP requested
www.onecityonepridedearharvey2019.eventbrite.com
*Location:* City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

**Saturday, May 25, 7pm + Sunday, May 26, 2pm**

“I Do,” New Stages LGBTQ Seniors Theatre Project

*Music/Theatre*
An evening of stories and music with LGBTQ seniors celebrating gay marriage and relationships. This musical is developed through a workshop process and incorporates the real-life stories of the participants under the guidance of teaching artists Mark Salyer, Kay Cole, Bruce Bierman, Debbie Lawrence and Christopher Taylor. Produced by New Stages, supported by the LA LGBT Center’s Senior Services, and supported through a grant from the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division.

*Free Admission:* RSVP www.weho.org/pride or https://www.facebook.com/events/2123180824398210
*Location:* Renberg Theatre at LA LGBT Center’s Village at Ed Gould Plaza, 1125 N McCadden Pl

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7pm**

Lambda Literary Book Club

*Literary*

*Free Admission:* No RSVP needed.
*Location:* West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N San Vicente Blvd
Poster competition finalist: Daniel Sulzberg | Santa Barbara, CA
IG:@Danvillage_illustration | danvillage.com
Wednesday, May 29, 2019, 7pm

WeHo Reads:
Lambda Literary Award Finalists Reading

Literary
Join Lambda Literary and the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division for readings from the Southern California finalists for the 31st Annual Lammy Awards. Readers include: Kazim Ali, Genevieve Hudson, Steve MacIsaac, Tommy Pico, and Mark Russell.

Free Admission: RSVP suggested
https://ocoplammymfinalists2019.eventbrite.com
Location: City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

Saturday, June 1, 2019,
opening reception 6-9pm
June 2-14, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
noon-6pm
Between the Seam and the Skin exhibition

Visual Art
Trans artist Pilar Gallego has created a series of new artworks that interrogate the codification of bodies through clothing using vintage men’s button-down shirts from the 1950s and 60s—garments they long to wear but, according to the artist, never quite fit. “...what I am seeing in these dissections, is the same thing I did to my body when I underwent gender confirmation surgery, when I opened up my own body in order to create something new. It’s through my transformation that I am seeing I can remake these garments in a similarly anomalous form, so that they may visually speak to a body that has had no real point of origin itself.”

Location: Plummer Park’s Long Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd
Free Admission. www.weho.org/pride
Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 7pm &
Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2pm
Metropolitan Master Chorale presents Considering
Matthew Shepard, an oratorio

Music/History
Matthew Shepard’s story is one that resonates today and the
music will leave an indelible mark on your heart. While the story
could be viewed through the lens of hatred, misunderstanding
and divisiveness, this oratorio shimmers with the spirit of
inclusiveness as it explores the light and darkness, loss and grace
we all hold in common.

Tickets: $5-$25, www.metrosings.com
Location: Plummer Park’s Fiesta Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 3pm
Vox Femina and Trans Chorus LA:
Hearts of Courage Music

Music
LA's premiere women’s choir, VOX Femina, in collaboration
with Trans Chorus LA, presents a free preview of their
upcoming concert, “Hearts of Courage,” a celebration of
Pride and the LGBTQ community, and tribute to the 50th
Anniversary of Stonewall.

Free Admission: www.weho.org/pride or
www.eventbrite.com/e/hearts-of-courage-weho-
tickets-52384382097
Location: Congregation Kol Ami, 1200 N La Brea Ave

Thursday - Sunday, June 6-9, 2019
Photo19: A Photo Exhibition to Benefit Stories:
The AIDS Monument
Join the Foundation for The AIDS Monument for a benefit photo
exhibition including leading photographers Antonio Lopez,
Melanie Pullen, Herb Ritts, and Firooz Zahedi. Proceeds of the
auction will benefit STORIES: The AIDS Monument (which will be
Dyke March
Photos by Jon Viscott
AIDS Monument

Installed in West Hollywood Park in the coming years.

Opening night event tickets ($150-$200).
Free to attend June 7-9. Free closing party on June 9
www.aidsmonument.org
Location: Leica Gallery, 8783 Beverly Blvd

Friday, June 7, 2019, 6pm-9pm
Dyke March

An annual City of West Hollywood event featuring speakers, entertainment and a march/rally which marks the start of LA Pride weekend. Pop-ups include a protest sign-making workshop by JP (all supplies included) and the One City One Pride interactive poetry pop-up Everyone Deserves (A) Love (Poem).
Free Admission. www.weho.org/pride
Location: Sal Guarriello Veterans’ Memorial
8447 Santa Monica Blvd

Friday, June 7, 2019, 6pm-12am
Saturday & Sunday, June 8 + 9, 2019, 12pm-1am
LA Pride in West Hollywood Festival

The annual LA Pride in West Hollywood Festival is produced by Christopher Street West and hosted by the City of West Hollywood. GRAMMY® Award-winning global superstar Meghan Trainor and British electronic pop trio Years & Years will headline joined by GRAMMY® Award winner Ashanti, plus Amara La Negra, Dej Loaf, Greyson Chance, MNEK, Pabllo Vittar, and Ah-Mer-Ah-Su with more to be announced. Regardless of genre, this year’s performers will come together on the Festival’s two main stages to embrace this year’s theme, #JUSTUNITE.

A new Friday night program has been added to the festival on June 7 at West Hollywood Park. This free-to-the-public evening will feature an official Opening Ceremony, a WeHo Vogue Ball & Drag Show, dancing, music from local DJs, and special guests including EMMY and GRAMMY® award winner Paula Abdul.

For the first time, the LA Pride Festival is expanding onto Santa

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The Sun Always Shines on Pride Sunday

Monday after Pride at the Gold Coast, the bar sits mostly empty, save for the older crowd who keeps the place open most nights. Baseball flashes across the screens, yet no one pays attention, but the husky bearded bartender who makes you feel, if not wanted, then a little special.

Twenty years ago I would have dreamed him home & mine & forever. Tonight I settle for a smile & a wink & him remembering my name.

When Age of Aquarius comes on the jukebox, yesterday’s march comes to mind [let the sun shine], its remnants of glitter still gleaming the street outside.

At times, I am of the age exhausted by pride, decades of marching, chanting, the insistent forced joy. [let the sun shine] What is the past tense of pride?

Still, I crave the pageantry, how it felt to be young & gay & in the open air, unafraid & surrounded by so many who love the way I do. [let the sun shine]

The heart’s echo redeems the body, lifts me beyond the dark moments, until we are always marching into the sunshine, our arms in the air, ascendant.

*poem by Charles Flowers*  
*West Hollywood City Poet Laureate*  
*http://bit.ly/wehopoetlaureate*
WALID & ABDESSATTAR | TUNISIA “We were insulted, blackmailed, rejected, but we are strong, we have each other. What’s wrong with being in love? I love him and he loves me. I want to hold his hand in public or kiss him but that’s forbidden here, it’s a crime. We are happy together we want to spend our life together and we will do it despite of everything.” Homosexuality is illegal in Tunisia so Walid & Abdessattar often have to keep their relationship hidden.

Photo by Photo by Robin Hammond/Witness Change from the “Where Love is Illegal” exhibit (pg. 3). Panel discussion on June 30 (pg. 25).
Poster competition finalist: Rusell Diaz | Makati City, Philippines
IG: @radiobarbs
Monica Boulevard with “Pride on the Boulevard,” a free block party allowing guests to gather and watch local performers on both Saturday and Sunday from 12-7pm. The block party will be located on Santa Monica Boulevard between San Vicente and Robertson Boulevards and will be free to attend — a great way to unite and celebrate together. Please drop by the City’s One City One Pride booth to experience our 2 Queer Poetry Pop-Ups. 

*Free admission* on Friday night and to “Pride on the Boulevard”

*Tickets:* for main festival $15-$50, www.lapride.org
*Location:* West Hollywood Park, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

**Sunday, June 9, 11am-2pm**

**LA Pride in West Hollywood Parade**

The LA Pride in West Hollywood Parade is the oldest pride parade in the world and has been taking place in West Hollywood since before Cityhood.

*Free:* www.lapride.org
*Location:* Santa Monica Blvd (between Fairfax and Doheny)

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019,**

**6pm reception, 7pm program**

**Rainbow Key Awards**

The 2019 Rainbow Key Awards mark the 26th year the City of West Hollywood has honored those people and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the gay and lesbian communities. This year’s honorees are:

- Jake Mason (WeHo Dodgeball)
- Rabbi Lisa Edwards
- Project Angel Food
- Mecca LA Hosted by Kelly Gilliam
- Asian Pacific Gays & Friends
- Jeffery Bowman (Legendary Bingo)

*Free Admission:* No RSVP needed. www.weho.org/pace
*Location:* City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd
Poster competition finalist: Wendy Huang | Taipei, Taiwan
behance.net/bullseyespd829
**Friday, June 14 + Saturday, June 15, 2019**

**TransPride**

Join the LA LGBT Center for TransPride, an annual event with entertainment and resource booths. Hours and details to be announced.

*Free admission:* www.lalgbtcenter.org  
*Location:* LA LGBT Center, 1125 N McCadden Pl

**Saturday, June 15, 2019, 3pm**

**Lesbian Speakers Series: Tea Time with Stephanie Miller and Beth Lapides**

The City of West Hollywood's Lesbian Speakers Series presents tea time with Stephanie Miller (political commentator, comedian, and host of an eponymous talk radio show) and Beth Lapides (entertainer, writer, comedian, and founder of Un-Cabaret).  
3pm – Spill the Tea  
4pm – High Tea with drinks & treats

*Free Admission:* RSVP: https://stephanieandbeth.eventbrite.com  
*Location:* City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

**Sunday, June 16, 2019, 3pm**

**ALAP Pride Playreading Festival**

*Theatre*  
For the 11th year in a row, the Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights has commissioned new LGBTQ plays to present during Pride month with funding from the City of West Hollywood. This program features rehearsed readings of new LGBTQ short plays.

*Free Admission:* No RSVP needed. www.LAPlaywrights.org  
*Location:* Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 1+2, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd

**Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7:30pm**

**Celebration Theatre/Chuck Rowland Award**

*Theatre*  
Celebration Theatre, LA's oldest LGBTQ theatre, presents this
year’s Chuck Rowland Award to a special playwright TBA.

Free Admission: No RSVP needed. www.weho.org/pride
Location: City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

Saturday, June 22, 2019, 11am
Drag Queen Story Hour

Literary
Join the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division and the LA County Library for Drag Queen Story Hour! For children of all ages.

Free Admission: www.weho.org/pride
Location: West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

Saturday, June 22, 2019,
opening reception: 6-9pm
LAAA’s 12th Annual “Out There” Exhibit

Visual Art
A one-week juried art exhibition Out There celebrating West Hollywood’s commitment to the LGBTQ communities at Los Angeles Art Association’s Gallery 825. Gallery hours 10am-5pm every day except Monday through June 28.

Free Admission: No RSVP needed. www.laaa.org
Location: Gallery 825, 825 N La Cienega Blvd

Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 7pm
Lambda Literary Book Club

Literary

Location: West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, 625 N San Vicente Blvd
Devan M. performs at Drag Queen Story Hour during One City One Pride 2017
Photo by Tony Coelho
Do You: Hathorian Hymns, artist Yozmit
Photo by Justine Bae
Wednesday, June 26, 2019, 7pm
“LA: A Queer History” screening

Film/History
Join us for a screening of the nearly complete documentary film showcasing the LGBTQ history of Los Angeles by Gregorio Davila. Funded through a grant from the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division.

Free Admission: RSVP: www.weho.org/pride
Location: City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd

Saturday, June 29, 2019, 6pm
ALAP Pride Playreading Festival

Theatre
For the 11th year in a row, the Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights has commissioned new LGBTQ plays to present during Pride month with funding from the City of West Hollywood. This program features a rehearsed reading of a new LGBTQ full-length play.

Free Admission. No RSVP needed. www.LAPlaywrights.org
Location: Plummer Park Community Center,
Rooms 1+2, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd

Saturday, June 29, 2019, 7:30 to 9pm
Sunday, June 30, 2019, 7:30 to 9pm
DoYou: Hathorian Hymns

Multidisciplinary
A multi-media, site-specific performance art project incorporating Electronic/Acoustic World Music, Live Singing and Video Art, with the taste of immersive Performance-Theater and Cabaret from transgender Korean artist Yozmit. Funded through a Transgender Arts Initiative Grant from the City of West Hollywood.

Free Admission. No RSVP needed. www.weho.org/pride
Location: Plummer Park’s Long Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Blvd
Dan Guerrero performs “¡Gaytino!”
Photo by Luther Orrick-Guzman
Saturday, June 30, 2019, 1:30-9pm
One City One Pride Day of Art

Join the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division for our annual full day of One City One Pride programming:

1:30pm: Let Love Flourish and Everyone Deserves (A) Love (Poem) Queer Poetry Pop-Ups (see page 3 for descriptions).

2:30pm: Launch of “Crush: First Love, New Talent” an LGBTQAIU comic anthology about first (queer) love from Prism Comics presented as part of WeHo Reads. There will be readings from the book and a book-signing.

3:30pm: QueerWise is a writing collective and spoken word performance group led by Michael Kearns, Hollywood’s first openly HIV-positive actor.

5pm: “Where Love Is Illegal” panel discussion – Being LGBTIQ is still illegal in 70 countries. Come see powerful images from award-winning photographer Robin Hammond’s project documenting images and stories from people in those countries; and hear trans leader Rikki Nathanson’s stories of courage and activism in Zimbabwe in a conversation about human rights and our movement for LGBTIQ freedom, safety, equality and dignity everywhere.

7pm: “¡Gaytino! Made in America” – Mariachi to Merman. Sondheim to Cesar Chavez. Decades of Mexican-American/Chicano and LGBTQ history intersect from a personal perspective in story and song. Touching, provocative and hilarious, Dan Guerrero presents this first public screening of a new film of his acclaimed solo play after critically acclaimed performances nationwide.

Free Admission: RSVP requested: www.weho.org/pride
Location: City Council Chambers, 625 N San Vicente Blvd
Poster competition finalist: Scott Llewallen | West Hollywood, CA
IG: @inkedbyskut | inkedbyskut.com
Poster competition finalist: Rachel Mayes | Reading, England
IG/TW/FB: @designbymayes | designbymayes.com
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www.wehosunsettrip.com
www.weho.org/cityline

Parking
West Hollywood City Council Chambers and Library:
In the 5-story public parking structure free parking is validated for event attendees. Other times are 1 hour free.
Free parking is available in both parking lots at Plummer Park:
South lot access from Santa Monica Blvd, 3 hour time limit
North lot access from Fountain Ave, no time restrictions

One City One Pride is organized by the City of West Hollywood’s Arts Division which is part of the Economic Development Department. www.weho.org/arts or @wehoarts

For questions about One City One Pride contact Mike Che, Arts Coordinator, at mche@weho.org.
TASHA | KENYA “My name is Tasha, that’s not my real name, but I’m using it for security reasons. I’m from Uganda. 21 years of age, but currently living in Nairobi, Kenya as a refugee, because my family got to know I’m gay... During my teenage [years] I was expelled from school, because I was... exchanging letters with my boyfriend. That’s when my parents disowned me and put police to hunt me down. When I got to know about it I had to flee Uganda, because my life was in danger.”

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