



## **July 7-10 PRIDE**

### **Four days of PRIDE festivities at Fountain Square and in Covington**

The Cincinnati Equinox PRIDE Festival returns July 7-10 and includes four days of events. The weekend includes the annual PRIDE Parade and festivals on both sides of the River. Plus social activities and an all inclusive multi-faith service.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday July 7th with the 2011 Greater Cincinnati PRIDE Interfaith Service. Cincinnatians from across the rainbow of spiritual and religious perspectives will gather to celebrate how their diverse faiths respect and embrace people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The 2011 PRIDE Interfaith Service will be held at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church located at 320 Resor Avenue in Clifton.

All are invited to join this very special worship event which will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday night, the Pride party begins with the second annual Pride Pub Crawl. For just \$10, you'll receive unlimited shuttle bus access featuring 15 stops at popular hot spots on both sides of the river.

New this year, busses will cover four "loops" covering Downtown, Northern Kentucky, Northside and a new Eastside express shuttle to Adonis. Riders can purchase their \$10 pass at any one of the stops and have unlimited access from 9 p.m.-3 a.m.

The Downtown loop includes a stop at the official PRIDE 2011 Hotel partner, The Millennium on Fifth Street. For the second year, the

Millennium is offering festival attendees a special discount rate of only \$72 per night. Those joining the pub crawl are reminded to party responsibly; an affordable stay at this premier downtown hotel is a great way to make sure your Pride fun starts off right.

Saturday morning at 9 a.m, Cincinnati Frontrunners are sponsoring a "PRIDE Fun Run" at historic Spring Grove Cemetery. Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to attend. For more information, call 513-591-1132 or visit [www.frontrunners.org](http://www.frontrunners.org).

For the first time, this year's PRIDE weekend includes celebrations on both sides of the river. The Second Annual Northern Kentucky PRIDE Festival,

a community celebration for the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender residents of the Northern Kentucky region and surrounding areas will be held in Covington's Goebel Park located at Sixth and Philadelphia Streets. The festival will kick off at 10 a.m. and feature performances from nationally and locally known female impersonators, local bands, artists, organizations and businesses throughout the region. Children of all ages will enjoy the extensive "Kids Zone" featuring face painting, clowns, stilt walkers and carnival games.

Sunday begins with the 2011 Cincinnati PRIDE Festival which starts at 1p.m and travels six

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blocks of Fifth Street. Following the parade, the PRIDE Festival returns for the second time to historic Fountain Square. This year, the festival is even bigger with more booths to shop, activities and entertainers. Show your PRIDE and come early to start celebrating on Fountain Square where there is plenty to drink, eat and experience. Also new this year is the expanded P&G Family Fun Zone featuring games and entertainment for the entire family. The festival concludes at 9 p.m.

Cincinnati Equinox PRIDE is organized by The Greater Cincinnati Gay Chamber of Commerce and Fountain Square. Northern Kentucky PRIDE is organized by NKY PRIDE, a grassroots group representing businesses and individuals from throughout Northern Kentucky..

**Fountain Square Entertainment line up**

The Fountain Square Entertainment stage is jam packed and starts immediately following the conclusion of the parade.

This year's emcee is popular local drag performer Brooklyn Steele Tate (<http://www.facebook.com/people/Brooklyn-Steele-Tate/674959739>)

Here is the line up in order of appearance:

- The Imperial Sovereign Queen City Court of the Buckeye Empire of All Ohio, Inc.
- The Cabaret w/Mystique Summers from RuPaul's Drag Race
- Steve Reeder, Classic rock guitarist
- The Cincinnati Men's Chorus
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- DJ Chris Mercier and DJ Patrick B, Dance Party hosted by two of the region's hottest and most requested DJs

- Crystyle Starr and Guests

Giovanni presents Italian by Design w/special guests Cherry Poppins and Miss Gay Tri-State Queen B

- Vito Emmanuel Band
- HEADLINER: Aiden Leslie

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***Gay Marriage will come to Kentucky***

Louisville Fairness Campaign Director Chris Hartman says Gay Marriage will come to Kentucky.

He says public opinion on Gay Rights is shifting and even more conserva-


tive states will come around.

“What we continue to see is as time progresses the amount of American and Kentuckian acceptance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and their equal civil rights has continued to steadily climb,” he says.

Opponents say Kentucky voters overwhelming supported a constitutional amendment banning same-sex unions by a 3-to-1 margin less than seven years ago.

Kentucky's General Assembly still hasn't gotten close to debating a statewide fairness law in committee. The law would bar discrimination in housing, public accommodations and the workplace based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Still, Hartman believes Gay Marriage is inevitable in the commonwealth and only the time frame is in question.

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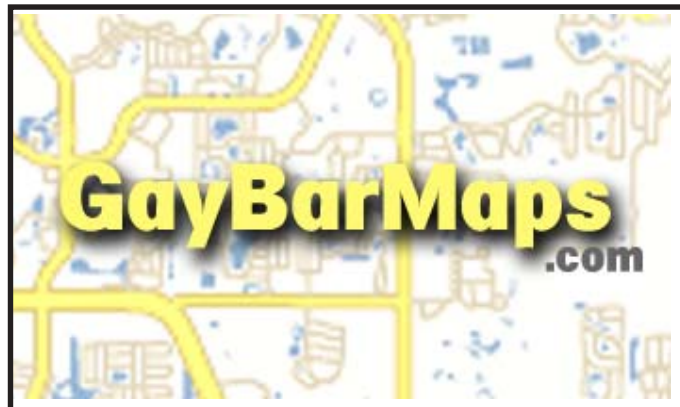
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### NKY PRIDE LINE-UP

- 10:00-10:30 a.m.: The Court Emperor and Empress w/ Mr. and Mrs. NKY Pride
- 10:40-11:10 a.m.: Rainbow Band Jazz Ensemble
- 11:20-11:50 a.m.: A King Thing
- 12:00-12:45 p.m.: Truckstop Biff
- 12:55-1:40 p.m.: Linda and Taryn
- 1:50-2:20 p.m.: Vicki D'Salle (*Ricky Nye*)
- 2:30-3:00 p.m.: NKY Speaker / Awards
- 3:10-3:40 p.m.: The Black Mondays
- 3:50-4:20 p.m.: Tru
- 4:30-5:00 p.m.: The Lixgood Family
- 5:10-5:50 p.m.: Robbie Howard/Hannah Downs
- 6:00-6:10 p.m.: Aiden Leslie Teaser
- 6:20-6:50 p.m.: The G-Spot S-Style featuring Mr. Yadda 2011, Myke Hunt w/ special guest Ebony Evans
- 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Dancing in the Streets with DJ Julie J



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