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Welcome Letter from the President of Sonoma County Pride

JD Donovan

Together, We Rise

On behalf of the Sonoma County Pride Team, welcome everyone to Sonoma County Pride Weekend, a LGBTQI diversity celebration. This year we are presenting an amazing schedule of events as we return to Santa Rosa.

We want to express our gratitude to the Russian River community for being such an important part of Pride for the past 9 years and we look forward to watching the new Russian River Pride become a successful addition to the LGBTQI Community calendar of events.

The decision to move was a difficult one to make, but one that we as a team determined would allow Pride to grow and thrive. Santa Rosa is centrally located within the county and offers more transportation options, such as the Santa Rosa Transit mall bus station, the SMART Train, more vehicle parking options and the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition will provide free bike valet service.

The festival will this year feature many exciting new additions including the ongoing project of the North Bay LGBTQI Historical Timeline; the Kid Zone where all families with children are welcome; and American Sign Language interpretation generously provided by Communicue Interpreting. Our fabulous festival entertainment this year is sponsored by Graton Resort & Casino – Thank You!

The dedication of the 10 board members is beyond impressive. Every one of us has worked diligently to bring you the best possible Sonoma County Pride Celebration.

Special thanks to the City of Santa Rosa for being so open to working with us and helping facilitate the transition of this year's event to the Old Courthouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa.

Our weekend celebration theme this year is Together We Rise. Our theme represents all that Sonoma County has endured this past year and all that the LGBTQI Community has endured over the years. We want to celebrate that together we have the resiliency to overcome anything.

Sonoma County Pride is proud to present our local heroes as our community Grand Marshall's, it is an honor to be able to show our appreciation for these First Responders who fought for our lives, homes, pets and property during the wildfire storms that shook Sonoma County in October 2017. THANK YOU for all you do!

Sonoma County Pride Board of Directors: JD Donovan (President / Entertainment), Brian Rogers (Vice-President / Sponsors / Vendors), Robbi Ernst (Secretary), Vickie Nicholson (Treasurer), Gary Carnivele (Marketing), Richard Jones (Parade), Shawn Brockmeyer (Entertainment), Chris Kren-Mora (Technology / Social Media), Bonnie Bryen (Volunteers)



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Despite the county suffering devastating losses to lives, homes and property, it would have been far worse if it were not for our First responders. Some risked their lives to save others, some worked tireless hours to help those in need, we all pulled together as a community to rise above and show our resiliency to become Sonoma Strong.

Sonoma County Pride would like to say Thank You to the dispatchers, officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, bus drivers, pet rescue volunteers, medical personnel and all of those who help deal with emergency events as they happen by ensuring our public safety every day.

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For Bear Tags and more information visit:
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Celebrity Grand Marshal

Alec Mapa

America's Gaysian Sweetheart!

Alec Mapa played the role of Adam Benet on the popular prime time show Half & Half, as well as, Suzuki St. Pierre on Ugly Betty and Vern on Desperate Housewives. He recurred as Renzo on Switched at Birth. In 2013, Alex debuted in his own one-man show, Alec Mapa: Baby Daddy which was made into a concert film and premiered on Showtime.



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WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials, professionals, business owners, decision-makers and employees in government, including the City of Santa Rosa, as well as private enterprises, Parents, Students, Homeowners, Charitable contributors, volunteers and more; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQI community has much to celebrate in terms of business and professional achievements, artistic expression, political involvement, community activities and life-affirming family relationships, and is a vital part of Sonoma County culture; and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Rosa and the LGBTQI Community of Sonoma County continue to support and encourage diversity in the workplace and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the City is proud of its skilled, talented, and dedicated employees, including the LGBTQI community who work in a wide variety of jobs providing service to the people of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County celebrates its 31st annual LGBTQI Pride Celebration weekend in Santa Rosa, June 1-3, 2018, with a parade, festival and other events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, am pleased to proclaim the first weekend of June as

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Mayor Chris Coursey
June 2, 2018

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The North Bay LGBTQI Historical Timeline

Knowing Our LGBTQI History Illuminates the Path to Our Future

Take a trip down memory lane... and learn more about how the LGBTQI community has evolved in this county. Sonoma County has long been a friendly and welcoming home to LGBTQI people. In the 1970s, lesbian and gay culture flourished here. The Gay Liberation and Lesbian Feminist movements created grassroots organizations and leaders, businesses and social groups dedicated to coming out and establishing ourselves in public spaces. LGBTQI people moved to Sonoma County from other less welcoming areas to enjoy the freedom created here.

Did you know?

- In the 1960's there was a gay and lesbian bar in Guerneville.
- In the mid 1970s there was a lesbian trucking team (that would be 18 wheeler!) that operated as part of Red Clover Workers Brigade out of Santa Rosa.
- By the late 1970's Gay men from everywhere came to the Russian River to play and to live. The devastating AIDS epidemic changed the way we think about and experience community, forever. We learned to care for each other in ways that have made us stronger and more connected.
- The International Intersex Movement started right here in Sonoma County.

This first year, The Sonoma County LGBTQI Timeline highlights the transformative years of 1970 to 1990. This collection of images and descriptive narratives will amplify your experience of PRIDE!

Look for the Timeline at the Sonoma County PRIDE Festival, Saturday, June 2nd at Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa.



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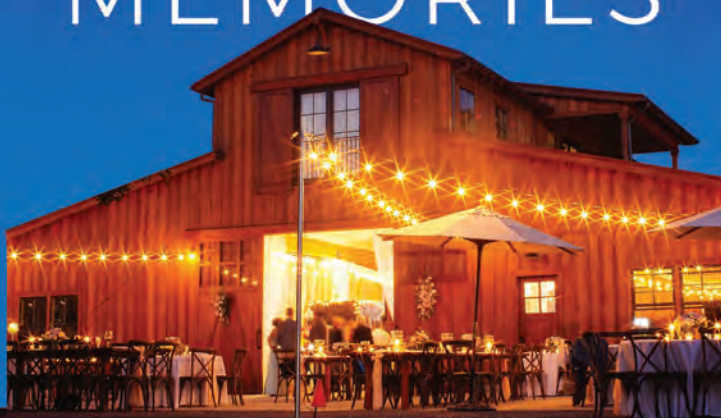
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Justin Lucas

This popular comic has performed in many Bay Area venues, including The Laugh Cellar in Santa Rosa. Justin has won too many comedy competitions to count, including BAR's award for Best Male Comedian in 2015. His acting credits include HBO's 'Looking.'

Judging Categories:

Best Use of Pride Theme:
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7:30 p.m. Grand Marshal Alec Mapa Headlines Pride's Stand Up Comedy Show at the Laugh Cellar

Doors Open at 6 p.m. Purchase Tickets Online \$40 Raffle & Silent Auction Will Support Pride.

Saturday, June 2

Noon Sonoma County LGBTQI Pride Parade Returns to Santa Rosa.

The Parade Begins at Fremont Park and Travels on 4th Street to Old Courthouse Sq.

The Best Floats, Marchers, Etc. Will Be Awarded Trophies. Comic Justin Lucas Will Serve as MC.

Noon - 8 p.m. Sonoma County Pride Festival at Old Courthouse Square.

Live music by Headliners Wrabel, Jason Maek & Zaena; & Many More. See Pages 19 - 23.

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New This Year: Kid Zone; The North Bay LGBTQI Historical Timeline.

9 p.m. The Official Pride After Party at Stout Brothers With a Performance by Patti Cake.

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Sunday, June 3

2 p.m. OUTwatch - Wine Country's LGBTQI Film Festival Pride Short Film Program

"Don't Blink" at Third Street Cinema. \$10 For More Info See Page 29.



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Wrabel released his 1st single "11 Blocks" in 2016. Pigeons & Planes said "[Wrabel's] somber pop ballad gracefully continues the long-standing tradition of piano-laden heart-beating, doing the Billy Joels and John Legends of yester-year justice". Wrabel has also made a name for himself in the dance world. Marshmello released Wrabel's song "Ritual" in 2016, which went to Top 10 on the Dance Charts and has over 49 million streams. Wrabel is featured on Kygo's most recent album Kids in Love and Galantis released two



of Wrabel's songs on their latest album The Aviary. Wrabel initially broke on to the scene in 2014 with "Ten Feet Tall," a collaboration with Afrojack.

Wrabel also has songs released by chart topping artists such as Ellie Goulding, Kesha, Adam Lambert and others. Through Warble's work and advocacy in the LGBTQ space, Wrabel was nominated for a 2018 GLAAD award for Outstanding Music Artist and was one of OUT Magazines 2017 OUT100.



Jason Maek & Zaena are one of the fastest rising American electronic music duos. Their signature sound mixes indie, dance, and pop into a chart-topping sound that spawned hits like "Birthday" and "Get Up". Bending the boundaries of electronic, their productions delicately blend a very unique skillset of harmonic vocals and hard-hitting rap lyrics. Jason Maek & Zaena first made a name for themselves by creating the first visual album in electronic music titled 'Maek Pandamonium'.

Their live shows are becoming the most sought after in electronic music. Their tours include over 60 shows opening for notables such as Kesha, Chet Faker, Gallant, and festivals like Mamby On The Beach and San Diego Pride Music Festival.

They have been featured in countless publications and perform at fashion weeks in Tuscon, New York, and Paris.

The duo is preparing for the release of their sophomore album titled 'Freshman' which already has support from BBC Radio.

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Sister Phylliss Withe-Litaday (Fill us with the light of day, kids) is an 9 year member of the San Francisco house of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Life currently has her as a makeup artist and educator, she's been an Opera student, a cabaret performer, and an advocate for queer rights. She's had a lot of rave reviews, but the one that sums up her performance style best is "she could have made a lot of choices... and that... that was the one she chose."

Stela Furtado / D. Love is a native artist, producer performer, and Drag Daddy. They served as Ms. San Francisco 2016. Stela is a producer for Russian River Women's Weekend and a notorious gender-warrior who will entertains you while opening your minds and hearts to all aspects of gender.



Khmera Rouge: Khmera is a San Francisco based drag entertainer and community activist who has represented her community fundraising for numerous organizations, such as the Grand Ducal Council of San Francisco, The Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, organization, and with the Imperial Council of San Francisco. To date has helped raised over \$150,000 for local community groups, charities and non-profit organizations. : www.khmerarouge.com!

Patty McGroin is a volunteer and community activist in San Francisco. She started her drag career as a creative outlet for her love of fashion and entertainment. winning the title Miss Gay San Francisco 2012 with the Imperial Court Council of San Francisco, the Absolute Empress of San Francisco, plays on the only Drag Queen Softball team, was named as an heir to the Queen Mother of the Americas and travels all over the country in support of the ICC.



Bay Area Native, **Chico Suavé**, aka the "King of Bling," was born for the stage. He as ben reigning King of Hearts of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties., Chico hostins his own show, Shenanigans, at the Fireside Lounge in Alameda and performing at Debauchery, Dandy, Red Hots Burlesque, and with the Rebel Kings of Oakland. Chico Suavé on Facebook ([chico.suave.5667](https://www.facebook.com/chico.suave.5667)).

Danny Packin

Don't let this guys small town feel deceive you; he's got a large heart and hard conviction to blow your minds and confuse your genitals. Danny is a regular at Rebels Kings and Shenanigans, this guy likes getting around to please all of you aesthetic receptors.



On the Pride Main Stage

HauteButch Fashion Show

HauteButch is a locally owned and created by designer Karen Roberts. They provide top quality masculine attire to fit the shape of the female form for both women and transmen, changing the fashion landscaping by providing this stylish fashion line in sizes XS-6X.



Llano River Blue Live

This multi-talented Sonoma County native is a gender-queer filmmaker, musician, and drag artist gracing stages across the North Bay, SF, and her current home of Oakland, playing with glam folk band The Sweet Trade, and creating content for her own YouTube channel.



Redwood Rainbows Square Dancing

The group started off as the Saucy Squares in 2007 as an LGBTQ club in Sebastopol. After the name change, the Redwood Rainbows members and friends became even more diverse and is now made up of dancers of all identities. They welcome everyone who wants to come together and enjoy dancing.



Music by Emily Lois

This enchanting singer/songwriter will perform songs from her new disc *Down the Other Side* as well as many of her other wonderful tunes. The Sonoma County native will delight us with her smooth, serene vocals, in harmonic conjunction with beautiful ballads of reflection and all-encompassing love on many levels.



Pride Spinners



DJ Rotten Robbie has been spinning for the past 22+ years in the Napa Valley/San Francisco Bay Area. Robbie has shared the bill with many world class acts. He spins a broad, fun mix of House, Indie Dance, Nu Disco Electro, Funk, Hip Hop, Dance, Pop, Rock, RnB, Disco, 80s & 90s to the delight of his diverse audiences. Robbie's music collection has over 100,000 songs and growing. Robbie has provided music for the Napa Valley Academy Awards Benefit for over 20 years as well as Sonoma County Pride, Napa Valley Pride, AIDS Walk Napa Valley, Lazy Bear Weekend & Napa Valley. Robbie has helped raise over \$2 million for local & national charities through his volunteer work as a DJ.

DJ Olga T San Francisco Bay Area master DJ Olga T never disappoints when she takes control of the decks.

A consistent generator of crowd frenzies, DJ Olga T infatuates audiences every time she plays. Her ability to play nearly any genre of music, from Hip Hop, Dancehall/Reggae, Old School, R&B, to Top 40, Electro, Trap, Dance, etc. keeps her playing skills in constant demand. However Soulful, Tribal, Deep, Latin, Classic, & Gospel House music is why she fell in love with the art of DJing. Her Soulful House sets will always take you on a powerful journey of love through music. If you haven't experienced DJ Olga T in action, you've been missing out on an incredible party experience!



Jimmyhits: In 1999 a young scratch nerd with a passion for the ones and twos, a love of Party Rock, early electro, and 90's hip hop set forth with one dream in mind, becoming one of the best DJ's to have ever come out of California. For two years Jimmy Hits spent time day and night locked in his room perfecting his craft before he went about taking the west coast by storm.

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Calendario de eventos para la celebración LGBTQI Pride del Condado de Sonoma

viernes, 1 de junio

Descubre Santa Rosa. Come, bebe, compra y apoye a aquellos negocios que le sirven a nuestra comunidad. Consulte la página 24 para saber dónde aprovechar los mejores descuentos y ofertas.

7:30 p.m.

El comediante Alec Mapa será el invitado honorable de la noche el celebración de Pride en el club de comedia, "The Laugh Cellar". Puertas abren a las 6 p.m. Boletos disponibles en línea por \$40. Habrá rifa y subasta silenciosa a beneficio de Pride.

sábado, 2 de junio

12:00 pm

El regreso de la parada LGBTQI al Condado de Sonoma con desfile comenzando en Fremont Park y terminando en 4th Street hasta Old Courthouse Square. Las mejores carrozas, manifestantes, etc. recibirán trofeos. El comediante Justin Lucas será el maestro de ceremonia.

12 p.m - 8 p.m.

Festival de Pride del Condado de Sonoma en Old Courthouse Square. Música en vivo por Headliners Wrabel, Jason Maek y Zaena; y Mucho mas. Ver páginas 19 - 23. Vendedores, expositores, comida y organizaciones sin fines de lucro que le le sirven a nuestra comunidad. Kid Zone ofrecerá golosinas gratis, comida, narración de cuentos y actividades para todos los niños. Se revelará la línea de tiempo histórica LGBTQI del norte de la bahía. Interpretes de ASL será proveidos por Communique Interpreting.

9 p.m.

La fiesta oficial de Pride en Stout Brothers con presetación de Patti Cake. Un beneficio para Pride. Donación sugerida \$ 10.

domingo, 3 de junio

2 p.m.

OUTwatch - Festival de cine LGBTQI de Wine Country titulado "Don't Blink" presentando contrometrajés en Third Street Cinema. Incluye 2 cortometrajés en español por un costo de \$10. Para más información Consulte la página 29.



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