# Pride Toronto’s Pride Guide 2024

United in our fight to Be.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND,

JUNE 28-30, 2024

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## Land Acknowledgement

Pride Toronto acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

We also acknowledge all Treaty peoples – including those who came here as settlers – as migrants either in this generation or in generations past and those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly forcibly displanted Africans brought here due to the Trans- Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery. We pay tribute to those ancestors of African origin and descent.

## This Year’s Theme

Our right to Be.

United, we fight to exist without adversity.

Our place to Be.

Holding space for one another, we create safety in the communities we build.

Our time to Be.

We celebrate the triumphs of generations before us. We continue their legacy for a future that allows us to be ourselves.

Be is to proclaim our existence. To say, 'we are here and always will be.' Our call to simply Be.

Our theme this year is not just a word; it's a profound declaration echoing through the ages. It is a call to action, symbolizing our collective stand for existence without adversity, the creation of safer spaces, and the celebration of triumphs that pave the way for future generations to be their true selves. "Be" is our proclamation – a resounding statement that says, "we are here and always will be." It's a call to simply be!

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## Making Pride Accessible

Pride Toronto is committed to making the festival as accessible as possible to everyone! To truly celebrate, everyone should be able to participate and enjoy this celebration of Love, Joy and Being.

This year, Pride Toronto has the following Accessibility services:

Accessibility Hub (ASH) located on Wellesley St E

(West of Church St in front of Paul Kane Parkette) Operating

Hours:

* Friday: 7pm - 11pm
* Saturday: 1pm - 11pm
* Sunday: 1pm - 11pm

At the ASH, you will find everything pertaining to accessibility, including but not limited to:

* ASL Schedule and ASL workers
* Personal Support Workers Schedule
* Rentable Mobile Devices
* A UbiDuo Communication system for use
* Accessible versions of the Pride guide including large print versions

ASL will be available at the following stages:

* Blockorama (main show from approx 6pm Sun)
* brOWN//out
* Trans Rally
* Dyke Rally
* Community Stage
* Nathan Phillips Square

Accessibility Platform will be available at the following stages:

* BudLight Wellesley Stage
* TD Main Stage

Seating by request will be available at the following stages:

* Community Stage
* Rogers South Stage

Accessibility risers will be available at designated spots along the Parade route and Marches on Yonge Street.

Friday to Sunday

* Yonge St and Isabella St (South/East)
* Yonge St and Wood St

Sunday Only

* Yonge St and St Mary St (South/West)
* Yonge St and Breadalbane St
* Yonge St and Elm St (North/West)

TTC buses will be available, from Church and Hayden to Yonge and Gould, during the Trans and Dyke March for those who require accessibility accommodations.

As we are an outdoor festival, please prepare for barriers such as weather, crowds, construction, sidewalks, and buildings.

Please visit our website for a full overview of accommodation available at the Pride Toronto 2024 festival. https://www.pridetoronto.com/accessibility/

For more questions, please contact accessibility@pridetoronto.com

## Protect our Community from COVID-19

We’re excited to celebrate with you safely! Here are some tips to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

* Get vaccinated and don’t forget boosters!
* Stay home if you’re sick. Symptoms like fever, cough, and shortness of breath may require testing
* Wear a high-quality mask that covers your nose and mouth
* Wash or sanitize your hands often
* Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue
* Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces

Pride Toronto will follow all health requirements from Public Health. Visit <https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/> for local guidelines on COVID-19.

Let’s have a safe and fun festival!

## Stay Safe!

Here are some tips and tricks to help keep you safe this pride!

Use the Buddy System

* Stay with your friends and look after each other!
* Make sure someone knows where you are at all times; consider turning on the location tracking on your phone

Take Care of Yourself

* Stay hydrated: drink water!
* Wear sunscreen and reapply often!
* Know your body: take breaks and rest when you need to!

Know Your Sources

* Only accept alcohol from licensed liquor establishments
* Only accept cannabis from registered sellers
* Only accept other recreational drugs from people you know and trust

Practice Safe Sex

Consent is key! Ensure you have open and ongoing conversations with your partners about boundaries, safe words and consent. Remember: consent can be retracted at any time.

Trust Your Instincts

Trust your gut-if something doesn’t feel right, seek help from event staff or security.

We want you to have a fun and safe time at the festival, so please keep these tips in mind. Let's make Pride Toronto 2024 Festival the greatest and safest festival yet!

## Messages about Pride

### A Message from Our Board Co-Chairs

As we gather to celebrate the 2024 Pride Month and Pride Festival, we must do so by acknowledging the ongoing challenges faced by 2SLGBTQI+ communities across Canada.

Reported hate crimes based on sexual orientation, sex and gender, and race are increasing year-over-year. 2SLGBTQI+ people have a lower income despite higher educational attainment compared to non-2SLGBTQI+ people. Almost 30% of 2SLGBTQI+ people report their mental health as fair or poor – and almost 55% among trans and non-binary folks – compared to only 9% for non-2SLGBTQI+ people.

Alarmingly, governments across Canada are scapegoating trans communities to cynically score political points, fostering greater harm and risk of violence against some of the most marginalized people in our society. Trans folks are experiencing the reemergence of the hateful rhetoric that our community confronted during the 20th century liberation movement.

The anti-trans legislation, policies, and rhetoric promoted by the Premiers of Alberta, New Brunswick, and Saskatchewan, and the federal Conservative Party leader, are turning back the hard-fought progress that 2SLGBTQI+ people have achieved.

Despite these bleak times, remember that we are collectively stronger together and must use our power to defend one another. Pride is, after all, both a celebration and a political movement to defend our human rights, and it will continue to be.

Be Brave, Be Bold, Be Fierce, Be YOU! – and by doing so, nothing will stand in our way.

Happy Pride,

Grant Gonzales

Co-Chair, Board of Directors

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Co-Chair, Board of Directors

### A Message from our Director Executive

I'm excited to present Be\_\_\_\_\_, our Pride Toronto 2024 festival theme.

Our 2SLGBTQI+ communities are known for resilience, creativity, and strength. Pride is a moment of celebration and a reminder of the work ahead, showing our combined efforts have the potential to produce measurable and lasting benefits for generations to come.

In 2024, we persist in demanding change for 2SLGBTQI+ communities and all marginalized groups who still cannot Be\_\_\_\_. Recent years have witnessed a surge in legislation targeting our rights, both domestically and globally, particularly affecting our trans siblings, people of colour, and their families. These attacks necessitate our unity and resistance, reinforcing my belief that Pride Toronto embodies both celebration and protest.

This year, we embrace our community's beauty and talent, united in love, joy, and advocacy for change. I encourage you to take the time to show support to each and every one of us, knowing we stand together in resilience to simply Be.

Kojo Modeste

Executive Director

### A Message from the Prime Minister

Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone to the 2024 Pride Toronto.

Today, we celebrate the incredible progress made in the equality and rights of Canada’s 2SLGBTQI+ people. This progress is due to the courageous advocates who fought against discrimination, doing so while they faced immense backlash. Those here today know that while progress has been made, we still have work to do in creating a more fair and just society for 2SLGBTQI+ individuals. Our government strongly stands with the 2SLGBTQI+ community, and we will protect your hard-fought rights.

This year’s theme, “Be” is very fitting to Canada. Diversity is our country’s

greatest strength, and Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast are encouraged

to be who they are. 2SLGBTQI+ individuals have faced many challenges in

being able to fully embrace who they are. This year at Pride Toronto, I hope

you celebrate what makes you unique, and beyond Pride, you feel empowered

to live authentically.

I wish you all a fantastic Pride celebration filled with entertainment, inspiration, and joy.

Please accept my very best wishes.

Justin Trudeau

Ottawa

2024

### A Message from the Premier

A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

As Ontario’s Premier, it is my privilege to welcome everyone attending Pride Toronto.

Pride Toronto is one of the most dynamic and exciting Pride events in the world. It puts Ontario’s incredible diversity on full display.

This year’s theme of “Be” is a celebration of our progress so far in making Ontario more accepting and welcoming. It is also a reminder of the need to continue helping more people be their true selves, no matter where they’re from or who they love.

I wish everyone attending Pride Toronto a safe and enjoyable time and encourage you to take advantage of the many great attractions, sights and experiences Toronto has to offer throughout Pride month.

Happy Pride and welcome to Ontario!

Doug Ford

Premier

### A Message from the Mayor

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is my pleasure to extend warm wishes to everyone attending the Pride Toronto 2024

Festival!

The Pride Toronto 2024 Festival is a vibrant celebration of Toronto's Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Intersex, Queer, and Questioning (2SLGBTQ+) communities. We are proud hosts of this festival, which includes one of the largest parades in North America. Pride is a time for unity, resilience, and celebration of everything that 2SLGBTQ+ communities contribute to our city’s socio-economic, cultural, and political life.

Born as a protest, Pride is also a yearly reminder that we must continue to work together to build a safer and more caring city, where everyone is welcomed. As a long time advocate for 2SLGBTQ+ rights and now Mayor of Toronto, I will not waver in my commitment to ensure our city is a place where the 2SLGBTQ+ community can peacefully and joyously “Be”long.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I offer my best wishes for a very enjoyable and memorable

Pride.

Yours truly,

Olivia Chow

Mayor of Toronto

### A Message from Our Local MP, MPP, and City Councillor

Happy Pride

We extend a warm welcome to all of you as we celebrate Pride 2024. This year's theme, Be Proud, serves as an empowering affirmation for everyone within and supportive of our diverse 2SLGBTQ communities.

We take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude to the dedicated festival organizers, tireless volunteers, generous donors, and supportive sponsors. Without you, our collective celebration of Pride wouldn't be possible.

The Pride Festival is more than a celebration. It is a profound declaration of our community's resilience, courage, and unwavering spirit. It is especially crucial for queer youth and trans individuals who continue to face legislative disparities and increasing intolerance worldwide. Your participation in this festival validates their experiences and reinforces the love we have for them.

Toronto, Ontario, and all of Canada strive to be the most welcoming and safe places for all. As representatives of Toronto Centre, home of the Church Wellesley Village, we pledge to work relentlessly to uphold and further enhance this commitment. Our shared mission to advance equity and inclusion across all spheres of society - remains at the forefront of our work within our respective orders of government.

No matter who you are, where you're from, or how you self-identify, Toronto Centre is your home, your sanctuary. We work tirelessly to ensure our community persists as a haven of acceptance, safety, and solidarity, a place where everyone has the freedom to be their authentic selves without fear or prejudice.

As we celebrate Pride, let's remember the importance of love and acceptance in our world. Toronto Pride is a beacon of queer joy and solidarity in the face of rising threats to 2SLGBTQ+ people at home and abroad. Your safety and ability to access affirming health care must never be rolled back. Stand tall, embrace who you are, and take pride in your identity. Together, we fuel the progress of inclusivity and acceptance and ensure a brighter future for all.

Be Yourself, Be Proud.

Chris Moise (he/him) City Councillor Toronto Centre

Kristyn Wong-Tam (thew/them) Member of Provincial Parliament Toronto Centre

Hon. Marci len /she/her) Member of Parliament Toronto Centre

## Charity of Choice

### African Centre for Refugees

The African Centre for Refugees in Ontario- Canada is a registered not for profit charity organization that was established in 2019 to support vulnerable African Lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, Transgenders, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) refugees and other persons with humanitarian assistance to unite as a community to create a friendly and supportive environment.

### LetsStopAIDS

LetsStopAIDS is Canada’s Youth-HIV charity dedicated to fostering youth leadership and enhancing awareness on HIV and sexual health. Targeting young people between 15-29 years old, LetsStopAIDS engages in research, educational initiatives, and community engagement across Canada and internationally. Having impacted more than 200,000 youth globally, LetsStopAIDS plays a key role in promoting prevention, treatment and care, and in reducing HIV-related stigma.

## International Grand Marshal

### Louisa Wall

Louisa (she/her) is a former New Zealand politician and athlete with a career both in netball and rugby. She was inducted into the Maori Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. She played a key role in legalizing same-sex marriage in 2013, making New Zealand the 13th country to do so, and led the cross-party group on LGBTI+ rights for seven years. In May 2022, she became New Zealand's first Ambassador for Gender Equality (Pacific) Tuia Tangata, recognizing her legislative efforts to promote women's rights and gender equality, including ending child brides and criminalizing image-based sexual abuse. Louisa now focuses on enhancing women and LGBTQI+ participation and leadership in the Pacific.

We are proud to support and celebrate our 2SLGBTQI+ employees and passengers.

Connecting communities and creating safe spaces with pride, every day, all year long.

Learn more at gotransit.com/pride

## Pride Toronto's Ambassadors

### Yael Gottesman

Accessible Ambassador

Yael Gottesman (she/her) is someone who has been living with a disability since birth and has used creative writing as a form of self expression. They came out as a lesbian publically a few years ago and found there is so much that the city of Toronto can improve for a more equitable treatment for disabled 2SLGBTQA+ members of society, in order to make it easier accessible. Yael has extensive volunteer experience with disabled and LGBTQ+ communities, contributing significantly to Pride events and aims to enhance Toronto's inclusivity and accessibility for disabled LGBTQ+ individuals.

### Jannat Ali

Trans Ambassador

Jannat Ali is a Transgender Artist and Activist (Artivist) from Pakistan. She is MBA Gold Medalist and First Lecturer in University in Pakistan. She has performed (Dance and Acting) and represented LGBTIQ+ community in more than 40 countries. She is founder of First Trans Pride 2018 in Pakistan, also one of key member who presented Protection of Trans Rights Act in the Senate of Pakistan. She has appeared on TV, Stage and Film and won several human rights and Best Artist Awards.

### Joie Lamar

Dyke Ambassador

Joie Lamar's life is a beacon of inspiration, showcasing the power of authenticity and passion. A retired Electrical Engineer turned best-selling author, artist, and Ph.D. student in Veterinary Engineering, Joie defies conventional labels. Her works, including the memoirs "Mambo Lips & Salsa Hips," spotlight her advocacy for 2SLGBTQ voices. With Puerto Rican and Caribbean roots, Joie, alongside her wife of 24 years and their family, embodies a spirit of limitless potential. Founding Brainspired Publishing, she champions underrepresented writers. Joie's mantra? Embrace uniqueness and pursue greatness without bounds.

### Gordon Nore

Bi+ Ambassador

Gordon Nore (he/him) is a retired elementary teacher who advised queer straight alliances over the last ten years of his career. As a teacher-librarian curating diverse collections, he found no books for young readers specifically about Bi+ identities, so he wrote one. Biphobia: Deal With It (2023), is part of Lorimer’s Deal With It series, which helps readers ages 9-14 understand and recognize with discrimination and conflict. Some of his other writing on issues affecting 2SLGBTQ+ youth and families have appeared in Xtra, Today’s Parent, and ETFO Voice. Gordon has also helped organize Pride events in his schools, the TDSB, Elementary Teachers of Toronto, and the Bi+ Pride Toronto community advisory committee.

### PinkAngel

Rainbow Senior Ambassador

PinkAngel, a senior TWOC from Kenya, became a displaced person at 15, moved to Switzerland, and later to Canada in 1974 for engineering studies. Advocating across sectors, she collaborates with key figures in housing and human rights, contributes to 2SLGBTQIA+ advisory boards in Toronto, and supports Trans newcomers in various capacities. Her work spans housing, healthcare, employment, and education advocacy. In 2022, she received the Community Hero Award from Dr. Jill Andrew, MPP, for her contributions.

### Beadra Bidness

Sober Ambassador

Beardra is Toronto’s Non-binary Tiny Bearded Diva. Her unique blend of style, dance and captivating spirit have set audiences on fire as a Church Street staple. As a seasoned queen Beardra has been pushing the boundaries and celebrating her sobriety, gender expression, sexuality and queerness on her own terms. Known for her wild dancing, passion and love for connecting with her community she has performed all over Ontario and the United States.

She is an explosion of joy, love and acceptance. She/Her (all pronouns are accepted with respect).

### Jordan Angeconeb

Two-Spirit Ambassador

In the world of performance art and advocacy, Jordan Angeconeb (they/them), affectionately known as Bébé Lala, stands as a vibrant force for change, empowerment, and inclusivity for Indigenous 2SLGBTQ+ throughout Ontario. With a passion for performance, and an unwavering commitment to advocacy, Jordan has carved out a unique path. Born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Jordan's journey is deeply intertwined with their Indigenous identity as a member of Lac Seul First Nation. Currently, they work as a public servant for their home community, Lac Seul First Nation, where they promote cultural, land-based activities for youth and families with a heavy focus on seeking funding opportunities to grow community programs. From a young age, they found solace and inspiration in artistic expression by wearing their grandmother’s jewelry, writing, and doing arts and crafts. This early connection would later serve as the foundation for their artistic endeavours and advocacy work.

### Miles Nicholas

Youth Ambassador

Hello! I'm Miles, and I'm thrilled to be serving as the Youth Ambassador for Pride 2024. Coming from Kenya, I bring a vibrant mix of experiences and passions to my advocacy work within the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Since arriving in Canada in October 2023, I've been on a learning journey of empowerment and activism. From collaborating with organisations like SOY at Sherbourne Health Centre to being a mentee at the Nia Center for the Arts, I've used my skills as a photographer and writer to amplify the voices of black and queer youth. Sometimes, I may joke that I'm mostly a photographer, but I immensely enjoy storytelling through visual imagery.

### Georgelie Berry

Francophone Ambassador

Georgelie Berry is an inspiration for everyone who believes in a society where diversity is celebrated, and where everyone is respected and treated with dignity. Since arriving in Canada in 2019, she has volunteered as a champion with the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, served on the board of directors for FrancoQueer in 2021/2022, and currently sits as a board member for Action Positive VIH/Sida. Her dedication and passion for inclusion and diversity make her a true inspiration for everyone she encounters, especially in her role as a settlement worker at FrancoQueer, where she supports newly arrived 2SLGBTQIA+ francophone individuals in their integration process in Canada.

## 2024 Sponsors

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TTC

Sheraton

The Drake

Courtyard

Fairmont

Canopy

Bisha

### Media Partners

Out tv

In Magazine

## Festival Locations

### General

#### Info Booth

* In front of Paul Kane House Parkette (58 Wellesley St E)
* Church St. North of Carlton St.
* Inside of Wellesley Station

#### TTC Subway

* Young and Bloor Station: 44 Bloor St E
* Wellesley Station: 16 Wellesley St E
* College Station: 3 Carlton St.
* Dundas Station: 3 Dundas St E

#### Harm Reduction

* South of Church St. and Charles St. E
* South of Church St. and Isabella St.
* Wellesley St. (Wast of Church St.)
* Wellesley Stage
* North of Church St. and Maitland St.
* South of Church St. and Alexander St. (West side of street)
* Church St. between Granby St and McGill St
* South of Church Stand Gould St.

#### Washrooms

* Charles St. (west of Church St)
* Gloucester St. (east of Church St.)
* 58 Wellesley St E
* Alexander St. (east of Church St.)
* Wood St. (west of Church St.)
* Gould St. E (west of Church St.)

#### Water stations

* Charles St. (west of Church St.)
* Maitland St. (west of Church St.)
* Carlton St. (east of Church St.)
* Nathan Phillips Square (east side near food trucks)

### Stages & Activation Spaces

* Sensory Space: 25 Wellesley st W,(Dr. Lillian McGregor Park)
* Sober Oasis: 58 Wellesley St E (Paul Kane Parkettet)
* Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 15 Wellesley St E
* Family Pride: 83 Alexander St (Church St Public School)
* OLG Central Stage: 512 Church St
* Community Stage: Gould St between Church St and Dalhousie St
* Rogers South Stage: 243 Church St
* Yonge Dundas Square: 1 Dundas St E
* TD Main Stage: 100 Queen St W

#### DJ Risers

* North: Church and Isabella St
* South: Church St. and Wood St.

### Festival Areas

* Street Fair: Church St. - between Bloor St. & Dundas St.
* Food Zone: Church St. - between Gerrard St. E & Gould St.
* Adidas Sports Zone: Church St. - between Carlton St. & Granby St.
* Art Zone: Church St - between Carlton St & Granby St

### Accessibility

#### Wheel-Trans Pick-up

1. Charles St. east of Church St. Approx. 80 Charles St.
2. Gloucester St. east of Church St. Approx 85 Gloucester St.
3. Maitland St. east of Church St., just east of Alexander Place
4. Carlton St. east of Church St., Approx. 72 Carlton St.
5. Gerrard St. east of Church St. Approx. 72 Gerrard St

#### Accessibility Hub

In front of Paul Kane House Parkette (58 Wellesley St E)

#### Accessibility Risers

##### Friday - Sunday

* Yonge St and Isabella St (South East Corner)
* Yonge St and Wood St

##### Sunday Only

* Yonge St and St Mary St (North West Corner)
* Yonge St and Breadalbane St
* Yonge St and Elm St (North West Corner)
* Yonge St and Edward St

### Parade Routes

#### Trans and Dyke March Route

Starting at Church and Hayden St > Church and Bloor > Younge and Bloor > Younge and Gould > Church and Gould

#### Pride Parade Route

Starting at Church and Hayden St > Church and Bloor > Younge and Bloor > Younge and Dundas > Bay and Dundas

## Festival Schedule

| Day of Week | Time | TD Main Stage | Rogers South Stage | OLG Central Stage | Community Stage | Church St Public School | Paul Kane Parkette |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Friday | 6:00 PM | Opening Ceremony 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM |  |  |  |  | Sober Oasis  6:00 PM - 11:00 PM |
| 7:00 PM | Opening Night: Be Loud  7:00 PM - 11:00PM | The Yalla Barra EXTRAVGANZA  7:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Pride Live  7:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Trans Pride Afterparty  7:00 PM - 11:00 PM |  |
| 8:00 PM |  |  |  |
| 9:00 PM |  |  |  |
| 10:00 PM | Asian Pride: Be a New Ho  10:00 PM - 2:00 AM |  |  |  |
| 11:00 PM |  |  |  |  |
| 12:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Saturday | 10:00 AM |  |  |  |  | Family Pride: Be Yourself!  10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |  |
| 11:00 AM |  |  |  |  | Sober Oasis  11:00 AM - 11:00 PM |
| 12:00 PM |  |  |  |  |
| 1:00 PM |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 PM | Drag Ball  2:00 PM - 11-00 PM | The Party Monster Ball  2:00 PM - 6:00 PM | Folk Me Now  2:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Dyke Pride Afterparty  2:00 PM - 6:30 PM |
| 3:00 PM |
| 4:00 PM | brOWN//out  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM |
| 5:00 PM |  |
| 6:00 PM | BQC: Standing  On Biz-ness  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM |  | Youth Pride  6:00 PM - 10-00 PM |
| 7:00 PM | The Prideful Sinners  7:00 PM - 8:00 PM | Bi+ Pride: Bi+phoria  7:00 PM - 11:00 PM |
| 8:00 PM | Lewdline: LATINEO  8:00 PM - 11:00 PM | CATALYST  8:00 PM - 11:00PM |
| 9:00 PM |
| 10:00 PM |  |  |
| 11:00 PM |  | Blocko  After Dark  11:00 PM - 2:00 AM |  |  |  |
| 12:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 AM |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Sunday | 10:00 AM |  |  |  |  | Family Pride: Be Yourself!  10:00 AM - 5:00 PM |  |
| 11:00 AM |  |  |  |  | Sober Oasis  11:00 AM - 11:00 PM |
| 12:00 PM |  |  |  |  |
| 1:00 PM |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 PM | Closing Night: Be Free 2:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Blockorama Act 26:  Liberation Now  2:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Last Dance  2:00 PM - 5:00 PM |  |
| 3:00 PM |  |
| 4:00 PM | Two-Spirit & Indigenous  Pride  4:00 PM - 7:30 PM |
| 5:00 PM | Steers & Queers  Tailgate Party  5:00 PM - 7:00 PM |  |
| 6:00 PM |  |
| 7:00 PM |  |  |  |
| 8:00 PM | Alternaqueer:  PLANET KÜNST  8:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Scène Francophone  8:00 PM - 11:00 PM |  |
| 9:00 PM |  |
| 10:00 PM |  |
| 11:00 PM |  |  |  |  |  |

## Festival Weekend

Get ready to experience the biggest 2SLGBTQI+ festival in North America, and one of the largest in the world. With over 3 million expected attendees, we're committed to amplifying our community and spreading love and acceptance everywhere! We have an incredible lineup of events and programming. Join us and celebrate Pride in all its glory right here!

For more on Pride Toronto's programming, including accessibility information, please check out

www.pridetoronto.com

Look forward to seeing you there!

Event details:

* Accessible
* Paid Event
* Free Event
* 19+ Event
* Bar

### Thursday, June 27

#### TEASE

You asked for it and we are about to give it to you! If three days wasn't enough, we are giving you even more, with a special pre-pride party in the middle of the village at the OLG Central Stage. Thursday is the new Friday, so come down to party with the hottest 2SLGBTQl+ DJs and start your Pride Weekend off extra early on June 27th. Pull up promptly, because the street will be hopping and with a DJ lineup as legendary as this one, the queue will be bumper to bumper, and this is not a party you want to miss!

OLG Central Stage: 7PM -12AM

Bar

Free Event

### Friday, June 28

#### StreetFair

The street's the place to go!

Back for another incredible year, our StreetFair is set to take over Church Street showcasing some of the best that Toronto has to offer. From local artisans, delicious eats, community connections and more, there is something for everyone!

From Bloor to Dundas, Church Street will come alive. Bring your friends and family and enjoy exploring the stalls as you make your way through the space.

There is always something going on at the StreetFair! Don't miss out on the top DJs and curated entertainment at our stages. Our Food Zone will have your mouth watering with all the delicious eats. As always we'll have a bunch of new and exciting zones this year so we welcome you to explore!

The StreetFair is the best place to soak up the incredible energy of Pride. Prepare to make some new friends! Join in on the epic celebration of love, acceptance, and community as we take over the streets!

For more information about the programming and accessibility, check out www.pridetoronto.com

Church Street

Friday June 28th: 7PM-11PM

Saturday June 29th

1PM-11PM

Sunday June 30th: 1PM-11PM

#### Trans Pride

Join us in celebrating the resilience, strength, and beauty of the Trans community at the largest Trans March in the world! This event is a powerful and important space for Trans, 2 Spirit, and nonbinary individuals to gather and celebrate their identities while also raising awareness and fighting for Trans human rights. The rally, featuring powerful speakers and performers, is a space for folks to gather and prepare for the march with sign-making and community-building activities. During the march, we honour and center the experiences and struggles of Trans, nonbinary, and 2 Spirit folks, reaffirming that their existence is valid, necessary, and deserving of respect and dignity. This year's Pride theme is “Be\_\_\_”. We want attendees to experience and embody "The Joy in Authenticity and the Joy in Just BEING".

##### Rally & March

Church St. and Haden St.: 7PM-9PM

##### Afterparty

Community Stage: 7PM-11PM

##### Community Fair

Church St. and Hayden St.: 7PM-11PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### ART ZONE: "Be\_\_\_”

Get ready for an electrifying collaboration!

Pride Toronto 2024 is proud to once again partner with Art Battle to bring you a vibrant showcase of diverse and talented 2SLGBTQl+ visual artists. Nine talented artists will unleash their creativity in a live painting performance like no other. Be captivated from start to finish as these artists bring their visions to life before your eyes. Cast your vote for your favourite masterpiece and seize the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind artwork. All proceeds from the bid will support the charity.

Join us for this unforgettable celebration of art and Pride. Don't miss your chance to be part of the excitement!

Leave your mark! Join our family-friendly art-making activity. Stop by the interactive area of the ArtZone to write your "Be" tag and contribute to the colorful mosaic adorning the entire perimeter of the ArtZone.

**Special Curated Show by Art Battle & StreetARToronto**

Outdoors on Church St between Carlton St & Granby St

##### Friday June 28th

* Art Battle: 7PM-9PM
* StreetARToronto: 9PM-11PM

##### Saturday June 29th

* Art Battle: 1PM-3PM
* StreetARToronto: 3PM-11PM

##### Sunday June 30th

* StreetARToronto: 1 PM-11PM

#### The Valla Barra Extravaganza

Yalla Barra returns for its 8th year, promising an EXTRAVAGANZA like never before! Prepare to be mesmerized by an array of talents showcased in a spectacular production that honours both Middle Eastern culture and the diverse tapestry of Queer identities it intersects with. Pride is a time for joyous gathering - a moment to revel in the resilience and diversity of our community. Now more than ever, creating a safe, inclusive space is essential as we embrace our authentic selves and celebrate our rich heritages.

**Curated by Anoush Ellah and Madee Lovegood**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 7PM-10PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Pride Live

Prepare for an unforgettable journey of sound and spectacle at Pride Live, where musical acts ignite the stage with passion and prowess! Whether an intimate solo act or a dynamic ensemble, our eclectic lineup of talented artists promises soul-stirring melodies and infectious rhythms sure to sweep you away. Don't miss out on the chance to immerse yourself in the vibrant sounds of live music, experience something a little different, and simply be\_\_\_, at Pride Live.

Rogers South Stage: 7PM-11PM

#### SLEAZE

Are you ready to get sleazy? Real ones start the weekend early and DO NOT STOP. So leave all inhibitions at the door and step into the most boisterous party of the weekend. Featuring the sexiest DJs who will arouse you with sweet sonic delights. Too tacky? Too trashy? Too repulsive? Not possible. SLEAZE is too much, SLEAZE is over the top, put everything on and then throw on even more. Get here early to get sticky, get raucous, get rude and go feral.

OLC Central Stage: 7PM - 10PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Asian Pride: Bea New Ho

You're a New Hol You're a New Ho! Yes, even you are a New Ho! Celebrate Asian love this year with New Ho Queen at Pride Toronto's Wellesley Stage on Friday, June 28th, 20214 from IO:OOPM 2:00AM. New Ho Queen is a collective of Queer Asian artists with expertise in varying fields of design, performance, film, fashion and art. Since 2018, they have come together to create safer events and party spaces for Queer and Trans Asians to connect with one another, and celebrate Asian identities. New Ho Queen is a trusted community led initiative, and has become legendary in the nightlife scene.

**Curated by New Ho Queen**

But Light Wellesley Stage: 10PM-2AM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### North DJ Riser

One of the highlights of the festival weekend. The DJ Riser pulls in a variety of A-list 2SLGBTQl+ DJs from all around the GTA. This party, right in the middle of our StreetFair is a hit every year. You have no choice but to stop and sweat it out on that concrete dancefloor to the hype sounds of the DJ. The DJ Risers run daily through the festival weekend during StreetFair hours.

Church St & Isabella St

Friday June 28th: 7PM-11PM

Saturday June 29th & Sunday June 30th: 1PM - 11PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Opening Night: Be Loud

We are back at Nathan Phillips Square with an exceptionally cool lineup of tastemakers and critically acclaimed artists that will inspire you to take up space and get loud! These artists are bold and forward-thinking, representing the future of queer music and will not disappoint in delivering a groundbreaking show!

This exhilarating bill includes 2023 Polaris Music Prize winner, Debby Friday, the Nigerian-born artist brings a kaleidoscope of genres and influences to present a singular experimental musical vision, so let Mama give you what you need! Plus six-time Juno nominee LU KALA is in her Pretty Girl Era and ready to flaunt it on the Pride Toronto Stage. This Congolese-Canadian pop songstress is ready to show you that what doesn’t kill you makes you HOTTER!

You wanna know who's Tommy? Find out as underground internet god Tommy Genesis brings her rebellious no-rules rap to Opening Night. Her singular style has led to collaborations with Charli XCX, Lana Del Rey, JPEGMAFIA and M.I.A., and she is only just getting started. Headlining this spectacular night is afro-latina trap rapper Tokischa. This Dominican force has taken the Latin world by storm with collaborations with J Balvin, Rosalía, Madonna, Marshmello and Sexxy Red. We’re Hung Up on Tokischa and after this show, you will be too!

Preceded by an Indigenous Opening Ceremony with 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations at 6:30PM

TD Main Stage: June 28th 7PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### The Pride Sober Oasis

The Pride Sober Oasis is a space to rest, relax, connect, and be replenished. Wherever you are on your journey, let us guide you.

Throughout the day, many different Sobriety Modalities will host meetings, including 12 Step and SMART Recovery. No matter your affiliation, there’s a safe space for you here.

On the lawn at Paul Kane Parkette, meet your fellow travelers: meditate, stretch it out, and play some games in the sun. Later on, you can soak up irresistible performances that’ll make you want to shake your booty under the stars.

No, this is not a mirage, this is the real thing! This is your sober space!

Paul Kane Parkette (58 Wellesley St E)

Friday June 28th: 6PM-11PM

Saturday June 29th: 11AM-11PM

Sunday June 30th: 11AM-11PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Accessibility Pride Sensory Space

Located at James Canning Garden. The Accessibility Pride Sensory space offers community members the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate for those who are looking to take a break away from the noise, hustle and bustle of the festival footprint. In this space you can enjoy quiet conversations, alone time and support if needed from volunteers.

James Canning Gardens (15 Gloucester St)

Friday June 28th: 7PM-11PM

Saturday June 29th: 1PM-11PM

Sunday June 30th: 1PM-11PM

#### METAMORPHOMANIA

Get ready to rumble!!! Toronto’s largest, for trans, by trans, electronic music hub invites you to METAMORPHOMANIA: Pride Friday Slam featuring an all-star, all-trans lineup of trailblazing DJs from Toronto and beyond. Metamorphosis is a legendary rave series which has become a nightlife haven and a platform for artists within the trans community since its inception in March of 2023. They’ll set the Church Street strip on fire as they take over our Central Stage. Expect hard-hitting, strong, sexy dance selections from superstars of the queer underground. You’re invited to leave your inhibitions at home and rave like crazy until late. Dance, sweat, fall in love, lose your mind, and find yourself at the end of it!

**Curated by Zellers**

OLG Central Stage: 10PM-2AM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Wood Street Block Party

This legendary block party, happening right in the heart of the Village at Wood and Church St, hosts thousands of spectators throughout Festival Weekend. A go-to spot for people to dance on the street and enjoy some of Toronto's most legendary 2SLGBTQI+ DJs.

Church St & Wood St

Friday June 28th: 7PM-11PM

Saturday June 29th & Sunday June 30th: 1PM-11PM

Accessible

Free Event

### Saturday, June 29

#### Dyke Pride

Calling all Dykes and Lesbians! Come out for Pride Toronto’s annual Dyke March! From 1:00 to 3:00 pm - location Church Street & Hayden Street.

Come and enjoy speakers, performances and sign-making that really get you in the mood for a rally. At 2:00 pm we march, loud and proud, through the streets of Toronto. While this event is specifically for Dykes and Lesbian, allies are more welcome to join, however, when marching and rallying we do ask that allies leave space for folks who identify as Dyke or Lesbian to celebrate at the front!

At the end of the Dyke March, continue celebrating the Dyke and Lesbian communities with our Afterparty and Community Fair - located at Church Street & Gould Street. Featuring Dyke and Lesbian performers and DJs, as well as space for Dykes and Lesbians to sell their art and community groups to promote their work. This is an excellent way to recognize all things Dyke and Lesbian!

##### Rally

Church and Hayden: 1PM-2PM

##### March

Church and Hayden

Begins at 2PM

##### Community Fair

Church and Gould

##### Afterparty

Community Stage: 2PM-6PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Family Pride

Be Yourself! Just steps away from the festival footprint, you can have an authentic Family Pride experience at its best. Celebrating the strength and uniqueness of 2SLGBTQI+ families and children for 25 years! Family Pride is a fun-filled experience on the grounds of Church Street School. Here families can indulge in face painting, a magic show, storytelling, and so much more! Come play with your family, while building and strengthening our diverse community of 2SLGBTQI+ parents, caregivers, and children. Please note that adults are only allowed in this space if accompanying a child/children 0-12 yrs.

We await your presence on Saturday June 29th and Sunday June 30th from 10am to 5pm. Come and Be Yourself!

Church St. Public School

Saturday, June 29th & Sunday, June 30th: 10AM-5PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### The Party Monster Ball

Pride Toronto X Haus of Telfar Canadian Chapter presents The Party Monster Ball. Embracing the vibrant spirit of New York City’s Club Kid scene from the 1980s. This ball promises to pay homage to the trailblazing rebels who paved the way for boldness and individuality in queer and trans communities. As Maria Raposo explains in their article, The Original Club Kids, “The Club Kid reinvented the do-it-yourself spirit of punk rock and incorporated sci-fi and the circus to create a new and exciting scene”. The Canadian Chapter of the Haus of Telfar invites you to Be Bold, Be Unique and Be Revolutionary as we invite everyone to bring out your inner creature of the night.

**Curated by Haus of Telfar Canadian Chapter**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 2PM-6PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Kiss My Lips

Pucker up! It’s time to unleash your inner flirt at the Kiss My Lips stage powered by STRAPPED! With sultry beats, sexy performances, and playful surprises, it’s a flirty paradise. Will you kiss and tell? This high-energy stage, curated by Marisa Rosa Grant, promises an unforgettable experience where you can dance, connect, and embrace your queerness with Pride! Paradise awaits, just dive in!

**Curated by Marisa Rosa Grant**

OLG Central Stage: 2PM-8PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### HOTLINE

HOTLINE is a stage that celebrates and prioritizes womxn, femme, and non-binary DJs, especially POC. It aims to showcase the diverse and versatile styles within this community. We all help each other thrive by supporting our talents and sharing opportunities. Come and enjoy an evening full of high energy, dynamic DJs and go-go dancers to bring their sets to life!

**Curated by Shorty DJ Hotline**

OLG Central Stage: 8PM-2AM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Folk Me Now

Welcome to Folk Me Now, where the warmth of the daytime sun meets the soulful melodies of folk music! Immerse yourself in a vibrant celebration where talented artists unite to serenade us with their heartfelt tunes. From stirring ballads to toe-tapping anthems, our lineup promises an eclectic mix of acoustic brilliance. Join us for a day filled with captivating performances, intimate storytelling, and the shared joy of music under the open sky. Let the harmonious sounds of folk music envelop you as we come together to celebrate our right to be.

Rogers South Stage: 2PM-4PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### brOWN//out

brOWN//out is the “south asian” community stage at Pride Toronto since 2011. It is a mixtape of adventures. Rushing from waters, mountains and plains of homeland(s) through the diaspora and back. Over and over again. brOWN//out is a community space for “south asian” queer and trans artists: singers, poets, dancers, drag and burlesque artists, musicians and more. The brOWN//out collective is supported by a multitude of artists, organizers, agitators, dreamers and do-ers.

**Curated by the brOWN//out Collective**

\*the term “south asian” is used strategically: there is no way to adequately represent all the complexities of having identities connected to “South Asia,” which can include diasporic, Nepali, NRI, Tamil, Indo-Caribbean, Oriya-speaking, brown, Fijian, Maldivian, mixed-race, Pakistani, and more. The inadequateness of the term means that many “south asian” community spaces have perpetuated the harm of exclusion, in particular of Black “south asian” folks, Dalit folks and more. brOWN//out can be, and needs to be: a place for disrupting these exclusions, collectively dreaming and (re)building.

Rogers South Stage: 4PM-7PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### BQC: Standing On Biz-ness

Join BQC for another exciting stage as we present: Standing On Biz-Ness; a stage for Toronto’s black queer and trans youth to put their own Black into Pride Toronto. This year, the BQC stage will have a variety of performances from DJ sets, rappers, drag kings, and r&b vocalists. Come out and show some love to Toronto’s only stage for Black up-and-coming queer and trans performers. We’re Black, we’re queer, and we’re doing what we do best! Showing up, showing out, and Standing on Biz-Ness and that's on PERIOD.

**Curated by BQC Toronto**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 6PM-8PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Youth Pride

The SOY Youth Advisory Committee are proud to bring back another year of youth excellence to Pride through singing, dancing, drag performances and so much more at the 2024 Youth Pride Stage. Special guests, games, prizes and out of this world performances from new and emerging youth talent will take over the youth stage. Queer and trans youth performers are the gift that keeps on giving and now more than ever, they need our support and energy to hype them up!

Church St. Public School: 6PM-10PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Bi+phoria

Bi+phoria! The Bi+ Community Advisory Committee invites Toronto’s Pride community to partake of a panoply of performers gracing our stage, Bi+phoria! From drag to music, burlesque to spoken word, the bi+ community has never been so visible!

Rogers South Stage: 7PM-11PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### The Prideful Sinners

Toronto's best burlesque performers take to the Pride Toronto South Stage on Saturday June 29th from 7-8pm. "The Prideful Sinners" show is curated by award winning Burlesque Artist, Red Tongued Raven. Dazzling costumes, one-of-a-kind stunts, and incredible dancers will take your breath away during this special presentation for Pride Toronto. Recommended audience is 18+ or attending with parental supervision.

**Curated by Red Tongued Raven**

Rogers South Stage: 7PM-8PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Lewdline: LATINEO

Lewdline: LATINEO will showcase, and celebrate an all Latin-Canadian lineup! Our mission is to facilitate a platform for queer talent, music enjoyment, and expression of movement. Lewdline events are for and by QTBIPOC+. For our 2024 Pride edition, expect a sexy weaving of Latine diaspora disciplines and surprises on June 29 at the Wellesley stage from 8-11pm!

**Curated by ESCOBUTT**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: Saturday 8PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### CATALYST

Catalyst proudly honours the creativity and cultural richness of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer artists through a vibrant showcase featuring an array of talent. This celebration encompasses captivating performances by drag and burlesque artists, along with musical acts, which feature the mesmerizing sounds of Nimkish and the soul-stirring melodies of Fawn Big Canoe. Join us as we amplify voices, celebrate diversity, and embrace the powerful expression of Indigenous 2SLGBTQI+ identities through artistry and performance.

**Curated by by 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations**

Rogers South Stage: 8PM-11PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Blocko After Dark

Blackness Yes! presents Blocko After Dark, your chance to experience more Blockorama!

Blockorama is Pride’s longest running stage. In 2022, Blackness Yes! Split the Blockorama experience into two days, Blocko Sunday, and a new event called “Blocko After Dark”.

Blocko After Dark puts a sexier spotlight on the Greater Toronto Area’s African, Black, and Caribbean 2SLGBTQI+’s best DJs, artists, Drag and ballroom artists, dancers, health workers, and activists.

Join us on Saturday, June 29 as we go up for love of community.

Don’t forget that Blockorama returns Pride Sunday!

**Curated by Blackness Yes!**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 11PM-2AM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Drag Ball

Our Signature Festival Weekend Event, Drag Ball is back and somehow it is even bigger! Get ready for 9 whole hours of the best drag from around the world for what just may be the biggest drag show in North America. Featuring over 60 drag artists and over 30,000 attendees, we are upping the ante yet again for 2024!

Be prepared to take a trip around the world from China to France, Nigeria to Mexico, Belgium to Cote D’Ivoire, Jamaica to Thailand, and everything in between! This year we have broken Drag Ball into 6 sections that each come with their own flavour, and will leave you astounded by the immense talent on display.

Sections:

##### Future Stars

The drag superstars of tomorrow come out to play and show you what they are made of in this special section which will start Drag Ball out with a bang! Get fired up as these incredible artists show you how it's done and will leave your jaws on the floor!

##### Kings and Things

Titans x Triple Threat present a full hour of the best Drag Kings & Things in the world! We are giving the Kings & Things the spotlight they deserve in this must see event!

##### Local Icons

Ya’ll know Toronto has some of the best drag in the world, and we are putting that on display! If you don’t believe us, come and see for yourself. Get ready for pure talent that stacks up with, or even surpasses the best in the business!

##### French Kiss

Featuring Francophone superstars from France, Belgium and Quebec including Nicky Doll, La Grande Dame, Keiona, La Veuve and Clay Thorris. Hosted by Rita Baga

##### Tongue Thai’d

Featuring 5 Thai Queens in partnership with Tourism Authority of Thailand Including Angele Anang, Année Maywong, Miss Gimhuay and Zepee. Hosted by Pangina Heals

##### Grand Finale

See the biggest stars of Rupaul’s Drag Race Season 16 and Canada’s Drag Race in the ultimate finale to this epic drag event! Hosted by Canadian treasure Tynomi Banks and international sensation Sapphira Cristál. Plus featuring top tier talent including Plane Jane, Dawn, Venus, Aurora Matrix, Denim, Melinda Verga, Synthia Kiss, Juice Boxx, Kendall Gender and many more! Get there early, because this is the event you don’t want to miss!

TD Main Stage: 2PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

### Sunday, June 30

#### Pride Parade

The awaited event! Where we celebrate the diversity, beauty and progress of the 2SLGBTQl+ community at the 2024 Pride Parade - the largest Parade in Canada! Every year we have a chance to come together and show support for one another! We hope you'll join us in supporting and cheering on over 266+ groups promoting equality and inclusion. Be at awe as we color the streets with vibrant floats and friendly happy faces. Watch live performances, spectacles, music, and much more. We proudly exist and stand up for human rights in all its forms. We not only stand together but we march together! It's a year to Be who you want to be. Express it together with us!

Join us at the corner of Church and Bloor St at 2:00 pm, as we kick off the Pride Parade! Find your viewing spots along Yonge St. We turn RIGHT once again this year on Dundas St W as we make our way to Nathan Phillips Square (off of Bay St) where music, performances and celebration awaits as we continue to party till night. We have free water stations at various intersections, including Carlton St and Yonge St, to keep you hydrated and comfortable in the summer sun. Pack your essentials like snacks and sunscreen as we celebrate! The march end destination, Nathan Phillips Square is back again featuring a big Main Stage and Beer Garden. Expect amazing closing acts to end this memorable festival. Are you ready to Be? So Be it! Everyone is welcome. Let's keep going and celebrate together the progress we've made. Don't miss out on the Pride Parade!

For Parade Accessibility information and event details, please visit [www.pridetoronto.com](http://www.pridetoronto.com)

Bloor & Church St, south on Yonge St

to Nathan Phillips Sq

Begins at 2PM

#### My First Pride

Is this your first time celebrating Pride? Want to make it memorable? Looking to meet new friends? Celebrate with My First Pride and be a part of one of the world's largest Pride parades.

Pride Toronto’s My First Pride contingent is intended for anyone celebrating Pride for their first time, and who want to participate in Pride Toronto’s Pride Parade. Whether you’re a newcomer to Canada, or a new member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community, find fun, excitement and friends within this welcoming group. This year, join Pride Toronto’s My First Pride (along with thousands of others), as we march through the streets of downtown Toronto on Sunday, June 30th, 2024.

Please visit www.pridetoronto.com/myfirstpride for more information!

Church & Bloor St: Begins at 2PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Blockorama Act 26: Liberation Now

Blackness Yes! The volunteer committee behind Blockorama celebrates another year as Pride month's hottest party! Blockorama is Pride Toronto’s longestrunning stage. Blocko spotlights, affirms and celebrates the African, Black, and Caribbean 2SLGBTQI+ community in the Greater Toronto Area and showcases the communities’ best, DJs, performers, drag and ballroom artists, dancers, health workers, and activists.

Join us at Blockorama Act 26: Liberation as we joyfully rebel against colonialism, imperialism, and join the fight for freedom for everyone. Blockorama has a 26 year history of being the must-attend event of Pride Toronto. A symphony of Blackness and a chorus of Black love, music, community and dancing. On June 30th, we’ll make beautiful music together.

Don’t forget Blocko After Dark in its third year, giving an extra 3 hours of Blocko on Pride Saturday Night, June 29, starting at 11pm.

**Curated by Blackness Yes!**

Bud Light Wellesley Stage: 2PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Dirty Disco

Experience the electric energy at the 20th anniversary of Pride Toronto's Dirty Disco stage, featuring the ultimate in Toronto’s Techno and House music. Join us for the day into night of non-stop rave and vibrant performances, uniting the 2SLGBTQI+ community and allies in an unforgettable celebration. Get ready to dance and feel the pulse of Pride as we mark this significant milestone with unparalleled style and solidarity. Don't miss out on this legendary event that continues to set the standard for an electrifying atmosphere at Pride Toronto with JELO, Jerome Robins, Alley Kay, Deko-Ze, Ticky Ty, Chiclet, Audi Etoffe and Theta State.

**Curated By JELO**

OLG Central Stage: 2PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Last Dance

Long Saturday night? Hope you didn’t party too hard, because you need to save your energy for Last Dance. Cure your hangover, let out some endorphins and dance the afternoon away to the hottest house grooves, techno tracks, and Pride bangers. Whether you're looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of the parade or just want to dance the day away, this is the place to be. DJs will be spinning the tunes to keep you moving and grooving all afternoon long. So come on down and join us for a non-stop dance party that will keep your spirits high and your feet moving. With great music, an incredible atmosphere, and plenty of Pride vibes, Last Dance is the perfect way to keep the party going!

Rogers South Stage: 2PM-5PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Two-Spirit & Indigenous Pride

Come together with 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations and Pride Toronto for an enriching community gathering following the Pride Parade, hosted at our Community Stage. Embrace the spirit of togetherness with activities like the beading circle and the sacred fire, offering a space for connection and reflection among community members. Explore the vibrant Two-Spirit artists market and indulge in delightful performances that will carry us from late afternoon into the enchanting evening hours. Join us in celebrating Indigenous culture, resilience, and unity in this inclusive and welcoming space.

**Curated by 2-Spirited People of the 1st Nations**

Community Stage: 4PM-7:30PM

Accessible

Free Event

#### Closing Party: Be Free

Pride doesn’t end when the parade does, and when you arrive at the end of that rainbow you’ll find gold, solid gold! Records that is, because we are giving you the Pride hits you know and love all day long from 2PM to 11PM. Right at the Parade terminus local DJ legends will be spinning the best in House, Dance, and Disco music so you can dance the day away like you're back at Boots, Stages or JOY. Category is NOSTALGIA!

If that wasn’t enough we are bringing your favourite Pride anthems to you live! Taking a trip through the ages, spreading boundless joy with a montage of hits from the past right up to the future of 2SLGBTQI+ music. 60s Motown and 70s Disco Legend, Thelma Houston (“Don’t Leave Me This Way”), segues into 80s New Wave with Carole Pope of Rough Trade (“High School Confidential”). Then the party keeps on going with a bevvy of 90s House Divas including CeCe Peniston (“Finally”), Simone Denny of Love Inc. (“Superstar” and “All Things (Just Keep Getting Better)”), and Ultra Naté (“Free” and “If You Could Read My Mind”). Lastly, we come up to the present and approach the future with BIMINI (Rupaul’s Drag Race UK) and Keisza (“Hideaway”) who is keeping the spirit of Pride alive. So come to our Closing Night, have the time of your life and Be FREE!

TD Main Stage: 2PM - 11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### ALTERNAQUEER: PLANET KÜNST

Are those a hundred tentacles in your spacesuit or are you just happy to see us? Dare to be amazed by out of this world chills and sensual thrills as the Künst Kids take you past the edge of reality, to their homeworld…

PLANET KÜNST!

Prepare to feast your eyes, ears, and various alien sensory appendages on the galaxy of talent we’re beaming onto the Alternaqueer stage this year! So strap on your jet packs and rocket boots, set your phasers to stun(ning), and get ready to get weird!

Rogers South Stage: 8PM-11PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Steers & Queers Tailgate Party

It’s Super Steer Sunday - let’s celebrate and tailgate. Throw some tofu on the BBQ and LaCroix in the cooler, Toronto’s cult Gay Ole Opry turns the South Stage into a queer tailgate party. Featuring drag, burlesque and line dancing with Spurs Toronto. DJ’s playing both kinds of music- country AND western. Come see where the yeehaw and the queer agenda meet. Dress code Country Couture, Boot Scootin’ Bougie.

Rogers South Stage: 5PM - 7PM

Accessible

Bar

Free Event

#### Scène Francophone

Dive into the Francophone universe of Pride Toronto 2024! Visit the Francophone Village to strengthen your ties within the 2SLGBTQI+ community and discover the richness that unites us. It's an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our Francophone and queer identities, promote inclusion and build authentic connections in a space dedicated to celebration and awareness.

Get ready for a vibrant immersion into what the Francophone community has to offer. Explore our resources, accessible services, and make connections. To be Francophone in Toronto means to be open to the world, engaged, and creative—join us in this exciting adventure!

Community Stage: 8PM - 11PM

Accessible

Free Event

## Pride 365: Affiliate Events

Pride Toronto’s 365 Affiliate Program establishes year-round partnerships with Toronto event organizers, extending beyond Pride month. It provides cross-promotional support for external events and enhances Pride Toronto's festival programming, contributing to the vibrancy of Pride in Toronto. The program aims to showcase citywide events and offers comprehensive benefits to affiliates, prioritizing authentic partnerships, community safety, and rewarding experiences.

Pride Toronto's Affiliate Events Program consists of two streams:

1) Pride Month Events

Events taking place between May and June (and July if the event wants to be included in the Digital Pride Guide) contribute to amplifying Pride Month and creating a safer space for 2SLGBTQI+ communities. Event producers and collectives collaborating with Pride Toronto cross-promote the festival and their respective events to make Pride Month truly unforgettable. The registration normally opens from November to May.

2) 365 Events

Events taking place year-round (July - April, excluded from Digital Pride Guide Benefits) outside of Pride Month, where Pride Toronto collaborates with event producers and/or collectives to showcase the amazing queerness that happens in Toronto 365 days of the year! If you are interested in signing up, please make sure to visit the site: https://www.pridetoronto.com/affiliate-event/

## Pride Month Events

Celebrate Pride All Month Long!

Explore the vibrant events happening throughout this Pride season! These groups, collectives, and community members are proud affiliates of Pride Toronto, joining us in celebrating Pride and embodying our theme, "Be\_\_\_ ".

Simply scan the QR code provided to access the Pride Toronto Calendar directly and discover the array of events waiting for you!

Let's make this Pride season unforgettable!

For a comprehensive list of events, please visit [www.pridetoronto.com/events](http://www.pridetoronto.com/events)

## Need Help?

If you or someone near you is in distress please consider the following options:

* 911 (for medical emergencies)
* 988 (Suicide Crisis Helpline)
* 211 (community-based, non-clinical health and social services)
* 705-805-1570 (Pride Toronto Festival Dispatch)
* There are Harm Reduction Booths and workers located throughout the festival footprint, all of whom can be reached through Festival Dispatch

There are two Pride Toronto Info Booths - see festival Map

Pride Toronto is a judgment free zone that aims to meet people where they are at. Please prioritize the unprejudiced safety of yourself and your fellow festival goers.

## The VIP Experience

### BE VIP

Want to see your favourite acts up close? Don’t wait in line, a limited number of Festival Weekend VIP Passes are available which give access to the VIP areas at TD Main Stage in Nathan Phillips Square and Bud Light Wellesley Stage. Passes are available in Single Day or Full Weekend options and give early access to Festival Weekend performer Meet and Greets!

### Perks of VIP Passes include:

* The best view of the stage
* Line Bypass Privileges
* First access to exclusive Meet & Greets (additional purchase required)
* One (1) Drink Ticket for single day passes
* Two (2) Drink Tickets for weekend passes
* Snacks available in VIP area
* Separate VIP entrance
* Private Washrooms
* Private VIP Bar with reduced wait times
* Lounge Access with Cash Bar

### Sale Details:

* Festival Weekend VIP Pass - $300
* Single Day VIP Pass - $125
* Meet and Greets are available at select events including Drag Ball.
* All VIP areas are ages 19+, and access is based on capacity.
* All tickets are final sale.

## Navigating Stages

### General Info

* Please arrive early for popular events to ensure a good spot. Many of our events get full quickly, we recommend arriving early to avoid missing out.
* Wellesley Stage and OLG Central Stage have strict capacities. Unfortunately, once we reach capacity, we won't be able to accommodate additional attendees until other attendees leave the space. Most of our stages reach capacity, please arrive early to avoid long queues.
* Unfortunately, no reentries are allowed at any of our Festival Stages. If you must leave for any reason, you must rejoin the line at the end of the entrance queue.
* Please have your valid government-issued ID ready to assist with the entrance process and reduce wait times.
* Pride Toronto strictly prohibits any weapons or liquids on your person. We will be administering bag checks at all our stages.
* We strongly encourage attendees to avoid bringing large bags into the stage spaces.
* Coat check or item storage is unavailable, and Pride Toronto is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal items.
* All stages have hard cut-offs at 11pm, except Wellesley Stage which end at 2am on Friday and Saturday nights and OLG Central Stage, which ends at 12am on Thursday, 2am on Friday and Saturday nights.
* Washrooms are available at all stage areas.

### VIP

* VIP areas are only available at TD Main Stage and Wellesley Stage
* VIP passes must be visible at all times and worn within the VIP areas
* You will not be allowed into the VIP or Backstage area if you do not have a valid VIP badge.
* Pride Toronto is not responsible for any loss of a VIP Pass. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a replacement if you lose your Pass.

### Food and Drinks

* Alcoholic beverages are available for sale at our TD Main Stage, Wellesley Stage, OLG Central Stage and Rogers South Stage.
* Wellesley Stage and TD Main Stage will have food trucks in the GA area. The Food Zone is also a short walk from Rogers South Stage, along Church St. between Gerrard St. and Gould St.

## Pride Celebrations Across Canada

### Alberta

MAY 31-JUNE 2

Edmonton Drag Festival

Edmonton, AB

[www.edmontondragfestival.ca/](http://www.edmontondragfestival.ca/)

May 31-June 8

Grande Prairie Pride

Grande Prairie, AB

[www.grandeprairiepridesociety.com](http://www.grandeprairiepridesociety.com)

JUNE 22

2024 Pride YMM Festival

Fort McMurray, AB

[www.prideymm.ca/](http://www.prideymm.ca/)

JUNE 22

St. Albert Pride St.

Albert, AB

[www.outloudstalbert.ca/](http://www.outloudstalbert.ca/)

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1

Calgary Pride Parade & Festival

Calgary, AB

[www.calgarypride.ca/](http://www.calgarypride.ca/)

OCTOBER 4 - 14

Banff Pride

Banff, AB

[www.banffpride.ca](http://www.banffpride.ca)

### British Columbia

JUNE 1-8

Kelowna Pride Week, including Pride March & Festival in the Park

Kelowna, BC

[www.kelownapride.com/](http://www.kelownapride.com/)

JUNE 22

25th Anniversary Pride Festival

Surrey, BC

[www.surreypride.ca](http://www.surreypride.ca)

JUNE 22

North Island Pride Festival

Campbell River, BC

[www.northislandpride.ca/](http://www.northislandpride.ca/)

JUNE 23

Cowichan Pride Walk & Festival

Duncan, BC

<http://www.facebook.com/cowichanpridesociety>

JULY 20

Coquitlam Pride

Coquitlam, BC

[www.tricitiespride.ca/](http://www.tricitiespride.ca/)

JULY 21

2024 Chilliwack Pride Festival

Chilliwack, BC

[www.chilliwackpride.com/](http://www.chilliwackpride.com/)

JULY 25-28

Salt Spring Pride Festival with Camping

Salt Spring Island, BC

[www.saltspringpridefestival.ca/](http://www.saltspringpridefestival.ca/)

JULY 26 - AUGUST 4

Canada Pride 2024

Vancouver, BC

[www.vancouverpride.ca/](http://www.vancouverpride.ca/)

AUGUST 19-25

Kamloops Pride Week 2024

Kamloops, BC

[www.kamloopspride.com/](http://www.kamloopspride.com/)

SEPTEMBER 18-22

Elk Valley Pride Festival

Fernie, BC

[www.ferniepride.ca](http://www.ferniepride.ca)

### Manitoba

JUNE 19-15

Pride Week 2024: Wedding Bells, Celebrating 20 Years of Marriage in

Manitoba Brandon, MB

[www.facebook.com/BdnPride/](http://www.facebook.com/BdnPride/)

SEPTEMBER 24-28

The Winnipeg ReelPride International Film Festival

Winnipeg, MB

[www.reelpride.ca/](http://www.reelpride.ca/)

### New Brunswick

JULY 11-14

Le Rendez-vous de la fierté Acadie Love

Caraquet, NB

[www.acadielove.ca/](http://www.acadielove.ca/)

AUGUST 9-18

Saint John Pride

Saint John, NB

[www.sjpride.ca](http://www.sjpride.ca)

### Nova Scotia

JULY 7-13

South Shore Pride Week

Lunenburg County, NS

<http://www.facebook.com/LunenburgPride>

### Ontario

JUNE 1

Barrie Pride Celebration

Barrie, ON

[www.barriepride.org](http://www.barriepride.org)

JUNE 2

Stratford-Perth Pride Festival

Stratford and surrounding Perth County, ON

[www.stratfordperthpride.com](http://www.stratfordperthpride.com)

JUNE 6-16

Guelph Pride

Guelph, ON

[www.guelphpride.com](http://www.guelphpride.com)

JUNE 8

Huron County Pride Festival

Goderich, Huron County, ON

[www.huroncountypride.ca](http://www.huroncountypride.ca)

JUNE 8

Pride Parade and Vendor Fair

Brockville, ON

[www.brockvillepride.com/](http://www.brockvillepride.com/)

JUNE 8

Scugog Pride Celebration

Port Perry, Scugog, ON

[www.northdurhampride.ca/](http://www.northdurhampride.ca/)

JUNE 8-15

Kingston Pride Festival

Kingston, ON

[www.kingstonpride.ca/](http://www.kingstonpride.ca/)

JUNE 14-15

York Pride

Regional Municipality of York, ON

[www.yorkpride.ca/](http://www.yorkpride.ca/)

JUNE 15

Pride in the Park

Brantford, ON

[www.brantfordpride.com/](http://www.brantfordpride.com/)

JUNE 15

Pride Fest 2024!

Thunder Bay, ON

[www.rainbowcollectiveofthunderbay.com](http://www.rainbowcollectiveofthunderbay.com)

JUNE 22

Kincardine Pride Parade & Celebrations

Kincardine, ON

[www.kincardinepride.ca/](http://www.kincardinepride.ca/)

JUNE 22

Smiths Falls Pride

Smiths Falls, ON

JULY 6

Strathroy Pride in the Park

Strathroy, ON

[www.strathroypride.org/](http://www.strathroypride.org/)

JULY 13

Brock Pride Celebration

Beaverton, Brock, ON

[www.northdurhampride.ca/](http://www.northdurhampride.ca/)

JULY 19-21

Pride London Festival

London, ON

[www.pridelondon.ca](http://www.pridelondon.ca)

JULY 19-28

Muskoka Pride Week

Muskoka, ON

[www.muskokapride.com/](http://www.muskokapride.com/)

JULY 21-28

Pridefest 2024

Sault Ste Marie, ON

[www.saultpride.ca/](http://www.saultpride.ca/)

JULY 29- AUGUST 11

Fierté Simcoe Pride Season

Simcoe, ON

[www.simcoepride.com/](http://www.simcoepride.com/)

AUGUST 10

Pride at the Pier

Hamilton, ON

[www.pridehamilton.com/](http://www.pridehamilton.com/)

AUGUST 10

Uxbridge Pride Celebration

Uxbridge, ON

[www.northdurhampride.ca/](http://www.northdurhampride.ca/)

AUGUST 10-17

CK Pride Week

Chatham, ON

[www.ckpride.com/pride](http://www.ckpride.com/pride)

AUGUST 17-25

Fierté Capital Pride

Ottawa, ON

[www.capitalpride.ca/](http://www.capitalpride.ca/)

AUGUST 19-25

Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands

Minden, Haliburton County, ON

[www.mindenpride.ca/](http://www.mindenpride.ca/)

SEPTEMBER 11-15

North Bay Pride 2024

North Bay, ON

[www.northbaypride.ca/](http://www.northbaypride.ca/)

SEPTEMBER 20- 29, 2024

PeterboroughNogojiwanong Pride Week

Peterborough, ON

[www.peterboroughpride.ca/](http://www.peterboroughpride.ca/)

### Prince Edward Island

JULY 12-21

Pride PEI Festival

Charlottetown, PE

[www.pridepei.ca/](http://www.pridepei.ca/)

### Quebec

JUNE 6-9

Festival Fierté Val-d’Or

Abitibi-Témiscamingue, QC

[www.facebook.com/fiertevaldor](http://www.facebook.com/fiertevaldor)

AUGUST 1-11

Fierté Montréal

Montréal, QC

[www.fiertemontreal.com/](http://www.fiertemontreal.com/)

OCTOBER 10-17

Massimadi: Festival des films et des arts LGBTQ

Montreal, QC

[www.massimadi.ca/](http://www.massimadi.ca/)

### Saskatchewan

JULY 7-13

Swift Current Pride Week

Swift Current, SK

<http://www.southwestsaskpride.com/>

### Yukon

August (TBD)

Pride

Yukon- Whitehorse, Dawson City, Watson Lake, YT

[www.queeryukon.com/](http://www.queeryukon.com/)

## Pride Toronto Advisory Groups

Thank you to all of the community advisory members who continue to support and guide Pride Toronto. Our community advisory groups play an important role by providing feedback, recommendations, planning and execution of the Community Prides. The community advisory groups ensure that the voices of community members are heard, that community members are represented and seen! These advisory groups run from October to July each year.

### Here is a list of our 2024 Advisory Groups:

* Two-Spirit and Indigenous Community Advisory Committee
* Accessibility Community Advisory Committee
* Bi+ Community Advisory Committee
* Dyke Community Advisory Committee
* Family Community Advisory Committee
* Francophone Community Advisory Committee
* Newcomer Community Advisory Committee
* Rainbow Senior Community Advisory Committee
* Sober Oasis Community Advisory Committee
* Trans Community Advisory Committee
* Youth Community Advisory Committee

Interested in joining an advisory group? Contact us anytime at office@pridetoronto.com

## Pride Toronto Team + Board of Directors

### Pride Toronto Team

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## Thank you volunteers - you make Pride Toronto happen!