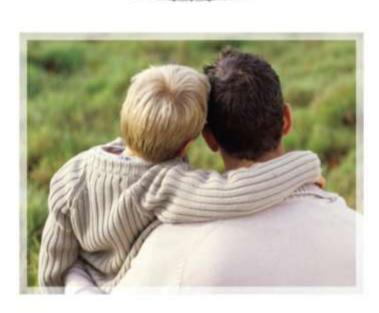
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## Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> BATON ROUGE PRIDE FEST

**As the years pass,** it becomes more and more enjoyable to see the response to the Baton Rouge Pride Fest. In many regards, it's hard to believe this is already our seventh year to offer this celebration of our community and all it has to offer. In others, it seems so long ago when we started in the park with only a few hundred people back in 2007.

**No matter what, however,** we hope you'll feel the year of planning that's gone into this year's Baton Rouge Pride Fest was worth the effort. We hope you leave here motivated and excited about ways you can play a part in building a sense of commUNITY and making our area an even better place to live. And, of course, we also hope you enjoy the friends, the fun and the entertainment, too.

*This seventh year of Pride Fest* truly gives us a lot to be proud of:

- We've got a whole new "look," and we hope you like our new Baton Rouge Pride logo. We hope it can become a symbol of unity and a symbol that you're proud of your community
- Once again, we've been blessed with some great sponsors for the event. Please see the lists in this program and on the banners and be sure to tell them thanks for their support of our community. This event couldn't happen without them!
- We've had a dedicated planning team, and many of them have worked year after year to offer a bigger and better event to you each time. They're listed on this page. Please be sure to join me in telling them thanks for their part in this year's Pride Fest!
- We've been fortunate that many others also have pitched in to help with fundraising and donations, to coordinate things today and much more. There are too many of those to name, but we can't thank them enough.
- Mayor Kip Holden proclaimed June 15, 2013, as LGBT Pride Day in the city-parish. It's his fourth consecutive time to recognize this event and our community with such an honor. But there are plenty of other events going on over the next week. Be sure to support them, too!
- We've also been graced with a number of entertainers willing to show you a good time. Thanks to all of them for being here today.



• And last, but certainly not least, we're getting to recognize two great people as our honorary grand marshals. Learn more about them on the next page.

**Those are just a few** of the things we have to be thankful for. It's been a great year, and all of us on the Pride Fest team are proud about bringing this event to you and excited about its future.

**Enjoy** the entertainment. Visit with the 40-50 organizations and businesses in our resource fair. Have a snack or a drink. Meet some new friends... Whatever it takes, have a great time!

*If today's events* foster a spirit of pride that stays with you all year long, we've done our job. Even better, we hope you leave with a sense of commUNITY that grows through your interactions with others in the months and years to come!

-Tom Merrill, Baton Rouge Pride Fest Chair

P.S. Tell us what you thought by taking our online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRPride.

### Baton Rouge Pride Fest 2013 Planning Team and Partners

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Special thanks to Joshua Seals for program cover and poster design

### **Honorary Grand Marshals** From PFLAG This Year

Baton Rouge Pride Inc. and the Baton Rouge Pride Fest team are proud to have two individuals serving as 2013 honorary grand marshals - both representatives of PFLAG, locally and nationally.

Jody Huckaby is the executive director of PFLAG National, and Carol Frazier is the president of the Baton Rouge chapter of PFLAG.

Huckaby, a native of Eunice, has held his current position with PFLAG since 2005 and is one of the

longest-tenured leaders of a national LGBT organization. With more than 20 years of experience as a nonprofit leader, Huckaby travels extensively, both domestically and internationally, to train and speak about the importance of the family



and ally voice in advancing acceptance and equality. He has become a visible spokesperson on issues affecting the GLBT community and loved ones, and he brings a unique perspective to his work - based upon growing up in a small Southern town in a large conservative family with a strong faith background.

Frazier is credited by many with a crucial role in the major revival of the Baton Rouge PFLAG chapter.



Serving as its president, she is a committed straight ally to the local LGBT community, and PFLAG here has grown tremendously under her leadership. A long-term care insurance specialist and business owner, Frazier also has been

involved in the leadership of a variety of other community organizations. Among her expressed passions is making a difference to improve the lack of understanding and years of negative programming from conservatives and fundamentalists in Louisiana.

Baton Rouge Pride Inc. and the Baton Rouge Pride Fest team are proud to recognize these two local (and national) leaders as our honorary grand marshals for 2013.

### **Previous Grand Marshals:**

Daphne MuShatt – 2012 Trixxie LaRue (James Chinn) - 2011 Larry Fremin - 2010 Richard Dykes - 2009



## Schedule at a Glance

### Entertainment, Noon-6 p.m.

By Daphne MuShatt, Michigan Avenue, Krewe of Divas, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, Pocket Aces, Josh Duffy, Sigma Phi Kappa Fraternity, special guests Austin Babtist Women.... and more

### **Resource Fair**, Noon-6 p.m.

Involving community groups and businesses

#### **Blessing Relationships**, 3 p.m. Like no other

### Plus Much More

Including food, fun, cash bar, HIV testing, kid's play area, the Equality March...

### On the Atrium 'Rainbow Stage'

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Noon	Welcome / Announcements
12:05 p.m.	Aubrey Synclaire and Alexis Lawrence
12:15 p.m.	Sigma Phi Kappa Fraternity
12:30 p.m.	Krewe of Divas
12:55 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
1:00 p.m.	Daphne MuShatt
1:45 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
1:50 p.m.	Gay Men's Chorus
2:05 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
2:10 p.m.	Josh Duffy
2:25 p.m.	Krewe of Divas (Part 2)
2:50 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
3:00 p.m.	Blessing of Relationships
	Recognition of Grand Marshals
	Guest Speaker / Special Guests
3:30 p.m.	Michigan Avenue
4:15 p.m.	Announcements / Door Prizes
4:20 p.m.	Austin Babtist Women
5:05 p.m.	Announcements / Door Prizes
5:15 p.m.	Pocket Aces
6:00 p.m.	Thanks / Final Announcements
	(Equality March Begins)

### Around the Atrium

All Afternoon	Resource Fair
All Afternoon	Children's Gathering and Play Area

# Mayor Holden proclaims 'Pride Day'

Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden once again this year signed a proclamation for Pride Day in the city-parish – declaring June 15, 2013, as Baton Rouge Pride Fest/GLBT Pride Day.

Our thanks to the mayor for recognizing the importance of our community to the area, and special thanks to Jake Stout and Tom Merrill of MCCBR and the Pride Team for their work in helping to make this happen.

The mayor's proclamation, which can be seen at right, reads, in part: "Whereas Baton Rouge is a city composed of a great variety of diverse people, cultures, religions, sexual orientations, languages and customs, and whereas the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities have contributed to the City-Parish of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge through active involvement in cultural and economic progress, now, therefore, I, Melvin "Kip" Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim June 15, 2013, as BR Pride Fest/GLBT Pride Day."



The proclamation signed by Mayor Kip Holden declares June 15, 2013, as Baton Rouge Pride Fest / GLBT Pride Day.

## 2013 Baton Rouge Pride Fest Resource Fair Participants

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First Thursday Social Group Gilead HAART Human Rights Campaign Krewe of Apollo Baton Rouge Louisiana Trans Advocates LSU Office of Multicultural Affairs (Safe Space) LUSH Cosmetics at the Mall of Louisiana Mark Akchin. Realtor Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge My Little Angels Foundation New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Nutrilite (Anthony and Brittany Norris) **OUTLaw LSU** PFLAG of Greater Baton Rouge **Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast** The Red Shoes Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response **Tiger Truck Stop** Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge ... And Others



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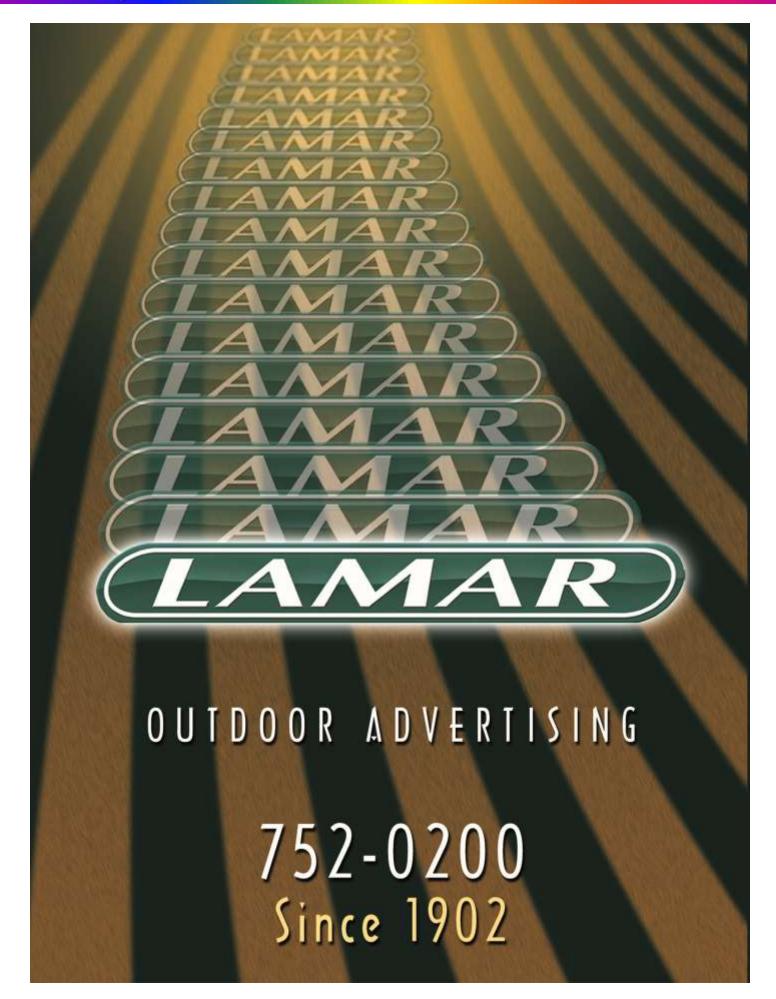
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(Yes, it really has been that long!)



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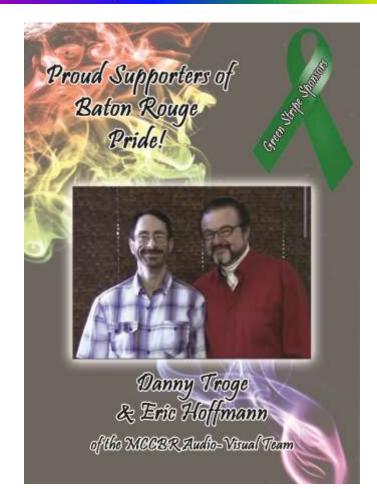
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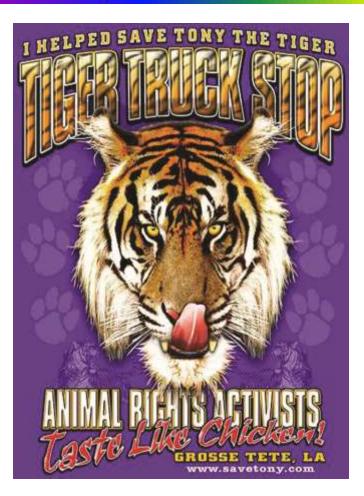
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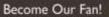
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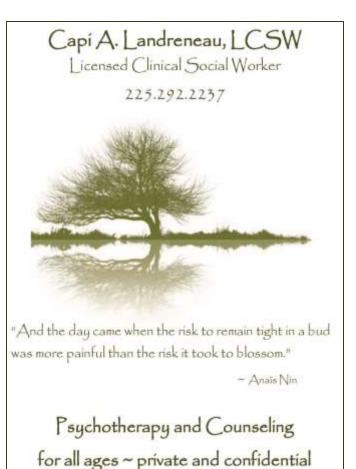
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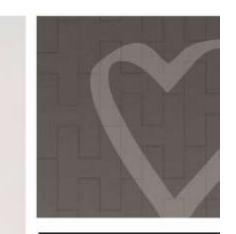
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Live it All Year Long, and Enjoy These Other Upcoming Events Brought to You by Various Local Organizations

Equality March Saturday, June 15, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Downtown Baton Rouge/State Capitol <u>http://ccabatonrouge.org/equalitymarch.htm</u>

> Pride Worship Service Sunday, June 16, 11 a.m., MCC of Baton Rouge (7747 Tom Drive) www.mccbr.org or www.facebook.com/mccbr

Pride 1 Gay Games Sunday, June 16, 11 a.m., Highland Road Community Park Plus a full week of additional activities coordinated by Pride 1 www.pride1.org

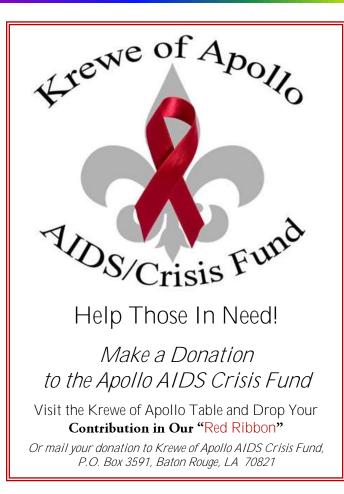
Ladies in Red for Pride (benefitting Krewe of Apollo AIDS Crisis Fund) Thursday, June 20, 10 p.m.(ish), Splash Nightclub (Highland Road)

New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus Summer Concert Saturday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge (Goodwood Boulevard) www.nogmc.com

Pride 1 Awards Saturday, June 22, 8 p.m., Splash Nightclub (Highland Road) <u>www.pride1.org</u>

Plus: The Krewe of Divas Pride Ball (*last night, but watch for next year*) Friday, June 14, 8 p.m., Splash (Highland Road)

...And Much, Much More



### Tell Us What You Thought About This Year's BR Pride Fest



We hope you had a great time at this year's Baton Rouge Pride Fest! Help us make next year even better by taking the brief survey at:

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