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Record Crowds Expected to Attend Circle City IN Pride 2010 Events

(Indianapolis) – Over 45,000 people are expected to attend this year's Circle City IN Pride 2010 Parade & Festival on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Circle City IN Pride 2010 will be a celebration of gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender pride. "This year we have expanded our events and joined with other organizations to provide for an entire week of celebration," stated Scott Vankirk, Indy Pride President.

Nic Hensley, Circle City IN Pride Co-Chair & Indy Pride Board member stated, "This year, Indy Pride in conjunction with other GLBT organizations is pleased to offer something for everyone during our week of celebration."

Sunday, June 6

Circle City IN Pride Picnic – FREE EVENT

Join Indy Pride, Rock Star Promotions, Step Up, Inc., the Pride Bag Ladies, Indy GLBT Volleyball and the Indy Sluggers for a family oriented picnic at the Pagoda at Garfield Park. The picnic will begin at 12:00 noon and last until 4:00 p.m. Entertainment for the event will be provided by Rock Star Promotions. Bingo games sponsored by Gregs will be held. A *Bat & Rouge Softball Game* will be played by the Pride Bag Ladies and the Circle City Pride Softball. Volleyball will also be available. This is a FREE event but donations will be accepted.

We Got Spirit – Indianapolis Women's Chorus Concert

Everyone is invited to "get the spirit" with the Indianapolis Women's Chorus on Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, 615 West 43rd Street. Regular tickets are \$18.00 Senior and Student Discounted tickets are \$8.00. Children's tickets (ages 2-12) are \$5.00. Tickets are available online at www.indychoruses.org/tickets.htm.

Pride Skate '10 – Rainbow Roll!

Everyone is welcome to attend this year's Pride Skate '10 – *Rainbow Roll*. The event will be held at Skateland Roller Skating (www.skatelandindy.com) which is located at 3902 N. Glen Arm Road from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$10.00 per person which includes skate rental, pizza buffet and soft drinks. According to Charlie Maurer, Pride Skate Committee Chair, "This will be a fun-filled, family friendly roller skating night with rockin' tunes from Talbott Street's DJ Deanne, the famous "Drag Skate" race and more!" Participants are asked to "come dressed in all the rainbow colors that you have!"

Monday, June 7

Pride Gives Back – A Day of Community Service

“The Indy Pride Board believes that the GLBT community needs to give back to the community. To that end, Indy Pride has designated the Monday of Circle City IN Pride week as a Day of Community Service,” stated Scott Vankirk, Indy Pride President. “This year we are partnering with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful to overhaul a pocket park in the Cottage Home area. We will be renovating and improving a neighborhood vacant green space that sits on five lots in the center of the Cottage Home neighborhood located just west of Mass Avenue.”

Tuesday, June 8

Pride of Indy Band Anniversary Concert

During Pride week, the Pride of Indy Band will hold a FREE Fifth Anniversary Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8 near the Firehouse Museum on the corner of Mass Avenue & College. Admission is free. The concert will feature music from previous concerts over the past five years. This event is sponsored by The Pride of Indy Band. The Pride of Indy Band and Color Guard is Indiana's only LGBTs instrumental and pageantry ensemble. Since its beginnings, the band has grown to include a performing membership of 50 musicians, which includes a marching/pep band unit, a concert band, a brass ensemble a woodwind ensemble and a Jazz Band. The Pride of Indy Band & Color Guard serves as a musical and educational resource to the Central Indiana community. It is comprised of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender & LGBT-friendly musicians. This is a FREE event.

Wednesday, June 9

Educational Film & Discussion – How To Be Politically Active in 2010!

“Indy Pride is pleased to be able to partner with the LGBT Film Festival to offer a FREE showing of the documentary *The Times of Harvey Milk*,” stated Gary Brackett, Circle City IN Pride Co-Chair and Board Member. The Academy Award documentary was made in 1983 and tells the story of Harvey Milk, the first open gay man to be elected to public office in California. Milk served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Milk and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone were assassinated on November 10, 1978. The documentary tells the story of Milk's political career, his assassination by Supervisor Dan White and the White Night Riots that were held after White was acquitted of first degree murder and found guilty of voluntary manslaughter. Immediately following the screening, representatives from various GLBT political groups will participate in a panel discussion about how members of the GLBT community can become more involved politically. This event is co-sponsored by Step Up, Inc. and the Indianapolis LGBT Film Festival. This is a FREE event.

Thursday, June 10

Multiple Genders: Mind & Body In Conflict

The Diversity Council and the IUPUI LGBT Faculty/Staff Council will be hosting a film and discussion forum focused on GLBT awareness and education. The film *Multiple Genders: Mind & Body In Conflict* will be shown following by a discussion led by local activist Vivian Bengé, INTRAA. Showtime is 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the IUPUI University Library Lilly Auditorium, 755 West Michigan Street. This is a FREE event.

Bag Ladies 3D – Three Decades of Divas!

Join the Pride Bag Ladies as they kick off their 30th anniversary Bus Tour Year on Wednesday, June 10 from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m. at Greys which is located at 231 East 16th Street (www.greysindiana.com). The Pride Bag Ladies were one of the nation's first HIV and AIDS fundraising organizations. Thirty years later, the Pride Bag Ladies are stronger than ever and the money they raise supports several local organizations. The Damien Center, the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Fund, Indiana Youth Group (IYG), Step Up, and the Indiana AIDS Fund all benefit from money raised by the Pride Bag Ladies. A suggested \$5.00 cover charge and all performers' tips will be donated to Indy Pride.

Girl Pride Party '10 – Talbott Street – 7:00 p.m.

Join Indy Pride and Talbott Street in celebrating *Girl Pride '10* on Thursday, June 10 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Featured bands and performers include Cari Ray, Neon Love Life, Upshot, Holly Petree and guest DJs! Tickets are \$5.00 for general admission; \$10.00 for VIP which features VIP Lounge cocktail hour with *hor d'ourves*: or \$50.00 reserved table with 4 VIP passes.

Friday, June 11

IYG: A Night To Share – Indiana War Memorial

Everyone is invited to join Indiana Youth Group for the 2010 IYG Night to Share. The event will be held at the Indiana War Memorial from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. and features live entertainment, a silent auction, food by Hoaglin Fine Catering and a cash bar. General admission is \$40. VIP Admission is \$60 which includes free signature drinks. This is an annual fund raising event for Indiana Youth Group (IYG). IYG serves young people from ages 12 to 21 who self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning and their allied friends. IYG's activity center offers a supportive environment that allows the youth to build self-confidence, explore individualism, and develop friendships within a community that values fairness, acceptance, respect for diversity and equality. Since 1987, IYG has been a positive force impacting thousands of LGBT youth.

Saturday, June 12

Circle City IN Pride Parade – 10:00 a.m.

This year's Pride Day events will once again begin with the annual Circle City IN Pride Parade. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. on the corner of Massachusetts and College Avenues. The parade will proceed down Massachusetts Avenue to Michigan Street where it will turn onto Michigan Street and continue to Meridian Street. The parade will turn north onto Meridian Street and end at St. Clair Street (in front of the Library). The parade will feature floats, walking groups, antique vehicles, bands, etc. The Parade is a FREE event.

Circle City IN Pride Festival – American Legion Mall – 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This year the Circle City IN Pride Festival will be held at the American Legion Mall (on North Street between Meridian and Pennsylvania Streets) from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. This year's Festival will feature over 150 vendors, non-profit informational booths, a food court, an alcohol/beverage tent and an entertainment stage. Performers will include: Pride of Indy Jazz Ensemble featuring Brenda Williams, the Jesus MCC Choir, Beta Male, Carrie Pietz & the Sunny Disposition, Country 2-Step Dancing, Drag Divas of Pride, Jazz performer Nhojj, *American Idol* runner-up Blake Lewis and international recording artist, Taylor Dayne. Admission to the Festival is FREE.

Like Our Family – LGBT Family Picnic!

Ordinary Folks/Extraordinary Families will feature a LGBT Family Picnic on Saturday, June 12 at Eagle Creek from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Park entry is \$5.00 per vehicle. The event will

feature “kid friendly” activities, food vendors, fingerprint kits, a playground and professional family photographs. The cost for photographs is \$10.00. For more information, visit www.likeourfamily.com.

Divas. Rock. Queen – Indianapolis Men’s Chorus 20th Year Anniversary Concert
Join the Indianapolis Men’s Chorus for their 20th Year Anniversary Concert – *Divas.Rock. Queen*. The concert will be held at Unity Church, 907 North Delaware at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. Tickets are \$18.00 for regular tickets; \$8.00 for Seniors/Students and \$5.00 for Children (ages 2-12).

“Thanks to our wonderful sponsors and the other GLBT organizations, we are so pleased to be offer this exciting week of Pride events,” stated Scott Vankirk, Indy Pride President. “We hope that everyone will find something to enjoy during Pride week. “

Indy Pride Inc. seeks to educate and honor the history of the GLBT communities and celebrate the diversity of and between, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight communities. For more information about Indy Pride, please visit the website at www.indyprideinc.org.

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