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Annual Tricycle Race Scheduled for May 21

(Indianapolis) – The annual Indy Pride Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction will be held in the Firehouse Museum Parking Lot (across from Metro) on Sunday, May 21.

Registration forms can be obtained from the Indy Pride website: www.indyprideinc.com. Registrations may be turned in up until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21. Registration opens at noon. Race teams consist of two people. Teams are encouraged to dress in costumes or uniforms (matching t-shirts, etc.).

Awards will be presented to the teams who finish in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. During the races, participants and spectators will have the opportunity to bid on many Silent Auction items. If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Gary Brackett at gkbracke@iupui.edu. Immediately following the races, participants and spectators are invited to the Metro patio for hamburgers and hotdogs.

“The event is always fun,” stated Kevin Morgan, event coordinator. “Come out and join us!”

IN Pride 2006 Events Planned

(Indianapolis) – The theme for IN Pride 2006 is *Celebrate With Pride!* This year's Pride celebration features almost a week of events. See the listing below.

IN Pride 2006 – Pride of Indy Marching Band Anniversary Concert – Tuesday, June 6

The week of events begins with the Pride Indy Marching Band Anniversary Concert at the MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts at Garfield Park, 2450 South Shelby Street at 7:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and dine to the songs of Broadway and beyond! Come out and celebrate the band's first birthday!

IYG Open House – Wednesday, June 7

The Board of Directors, youth and staff of Indiana Youth Group (IYG) invite everyone to come to an Open House during the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at their facility located at 2943 E. 46th Street (46th Street & Binford Blvd). Parking is available across the street in the Osco parking lot. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Come out and meet the youth and learn more about the programs offered at IYG.

IN Pride 2006 Seminar – Friday, June 9

This year's educational seminar will focus on Breast Cancer & the GLBT Community. Did you know that lesbians, as a group, have a higher incidence of certain risk factors known to be linked to breast cancer? Those risk factors are: having never birthed a child, smoking and alcohol use. Come to the Phoenix Theatre (749 N. Park Street) at 7:00 p.m. and learn more about this serious health problem and how it affects our community. The IN Pride 2006 Seminar is being co-sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. A reception, sponsored by the Indianapolis Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Aesop's Tables immediately following the seminar.

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IN Pride 2006 Parade & Festival – Saturday, June 10

The fourth annual GLBT Pride Parade kicks off the day on Saturday. The Parade will once again begin at the corner of College and Massachusetts Avenue and will continue down Massachusetts Avenue to Vermont Street. The parade will turn west onto Vermont Street and end at the Pride Festival at University Park. Parade assembly starts at 9:00 a.m. The parade step off will be at 10:00 a.m. This year's parade will feature approximately 10 floats created by Expo Design, walking units, politicians & other dignitaries, and two marching bands!

Immediately following the parade, the IN Pride 2006 Festival will be held in University Park (Vermont & Meridian Street). The Festival will feature a food court, alcohol/beverage tent, non-profit community organizations, merchant vendors, and two stages – The Smirnoff Entertainment Stage & The Talbott Street Entertainment Stage.

Festival Features National & Local Musicians

This year's headliner is international recording star - RuPaul. In 1985, RuPaul recorded his first album "Sex Freak." The album "RuPaul is Starbooty" followed in 1986. In November of 1987, RuPaul moved to New York City. Two years later, RuPaul was crowned the "Queen of Manhattan." RuPaul's worldwide hit "Supermodel (You Better Work)" was released in November 1992.

RuPaul made his first motion picture appearance in Spike Lee's "Crooklyn" in 1994. Since then, he has appeared in over 17 motion pictures. His duet "Don't Go Breaking my Heart" with Elton John peaked at #7 on the European charts. RuPaul was signed as the first spokes model for M.A.C. Cosmetics in 1995. He was host of both "The RuPaul Show" on VH1 and the WKTU morning drive radio show.

In 1997, RuPaul released two albums "Foxy Lady" and the holiday extravaganza, "Ho Ho Ho." In November 2000, Madame Tussaud unveiled RuPaul's portrait in their all new Times Square Museum. In 2004, after a four year absence from public life, RuPaul returned with a sizzling new album entitled "RuPaul Red Hot." The first single, "Looking Good, Feeling Gorgeous," peaked at #2 on the Billboard Dance Charts and went on to become the theme to NBC's hit reality show: "The Biggest Loser." At the time of this writing, the finishing touches on three RuPaul Dolls are being done in time for their June retail debut.

Other featured entertainers include: DJ Phillip Amoyal, DJ Andy Austin, the Pride of Indy Marching Band, Holly Petree, Justin Aydt, Cynthia Layne, Jeanne Devoe, Indianapolis Men's Chorus, Indianapolis Women's Chorus, female impersonators, Crackhead Patty, Ann McWilliams, Lindsay Bloom, Jason Crider, the King of Clubs (drag kings), Weeds of Eden, Sean Ensign, and DJ Brett Henrichsen. (See tentative schedule for details.)

Indianapolis Men's Chorus Concert

The Indianapolis Men's Chorus will close its 16th season with a special Pride Concert - *Back Home Again In Indiana*, a tribute to the musicians of Indiana and featuring songs that talk about the State of Indiana. The chorus will explore the songs of some relatively unknown composers as well as pay tribute to two of Indiana's most well known – Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter. The concert will be "a down home celebration you won't want to miss" with special guest Robert Stoll, professor emeritus of Indiana University's Singing Hoosiers. The concerts will be held on Saturday evening, June 10 at 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday afternoon, June 11 at 3:00 p.m. in The Old Centrum located at 12th Street and Central. Ticket information and additional details about the concert can be found on their website: <http://www.indychoruses.org>.

Picnic & T-Dance – Sunday, June 11

The IN Pride 2006 Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 11 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. at the Pagoda at Garfield Park, 2450 South Shelby Street. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served. Volleyball and "drag" games will be held. The picnic is free but donations to help defray costs will be requested. This year's picnic is co-sponsored by Indiana Black Pride.

IN Pride 2006 events will conclude with the 3rd annual Back Alley T-Dance on the patio behind Metro Nightclub & Restaurant (707 Mass Avenue). Wayne Sheppard will spin the music. The T-Dance starts at 3:00 p.m. Cover charge is \$5.00.

Sponsors Support Events

The IN Pride 2006 events are sponsored by Anheuser Bush/Zink Distributing, Smirnoff, Sam's Club, Chase Bank, AT&T, Expo Design, Indianapolis Rainbow Chamber of Commerce, HSBC, *The Word*, ID Lubricants, Printing Partners, Indy Music Channel (IMC), Radio Now 93.1, *NUVO*, The Track 107.9, Coconut Cove Guesthouse (Ft. Lauderdale), Agio, and Out In Indianapolis.

Come out, enjoy the events, and *Celebrate With Pride!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Listed below are upcoming Indy Pride Events. Mark your calendars to come out and join the fun!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIOS

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

HOOSIER 250 TRICYCLE

RACE & SILENT AUCTION

REGISTRATION: 12:00 NOON

RACES START AT 2:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

IN PRIDE 2006 PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM – GREGS

TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6 – SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIOS

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

RuPaul Quotes of the Month

"You're born naked, and the rest is drag."

"What other people think of me is none of my business."

"I moved to New York with a pair of high heels and a dream."

"You can call me He, you can call me She...hell, you can call me Regis and Kathie Lee...I don't care...just as long as you call me".

"Learn to love yourself 'cause if you can't love yourself, how in the hell you gon' love somebody else?"

"You better work, bitch!"



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GLBT History

Part of the mission and purpose of Indy Pride, Inc. is "to educate the GLBT Community about GLBT history, of the issues which affect it, both social and political and of the resources which are available to its members within the community."

Lilly Tomlin was born Mary Jean Tomlin on September 1, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan. Tomlin was the daughter of a factory worker and a housewife. She attended Wayne State University where her interest in theatre and performing arts began. After college, Tomlin began doing stand-up comedy in nightclubs in Detroit and later in New York. Her first television appearance was on *The Merv Griffin Show* in 1965.

In 1969, Tomlin joined the sketch comedy show *Laugh-In*. Her characters from the show (Edith Ann & Ernestine) have been associated with her throughout her career. After *Laugh-In* was cancelled, Tomlin began performing in films. In 1975, she received an Academy Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress for the film *Nashville*. Some of her film roles include *Nine To Five*, *The Incredible Shrinking Woman*, and *All of Me*. Tomlin has had regular recurring roles on *Murphy Brown* and *The West Wing*.

Tomlin starred in the hit 1985 one-woman Broadway show *The Search For Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, written by her long-time life partner, Jane Wagner. The show won Tomlin a Tony Award and was made into a feature film in 1991. While Lily Tomlin is officially out of the closet these days, a look back at her history with Jane Wagner reveals that she's never hidden their relationship either. "Most people refer to Jane as my partner or my life-partner or whatever," Tomlin explained to Ann Northrop on cable-access program *Gay TV* in 2000. "We've been around so long and been through so much and I always kind of took a lot of stuff for granted." In a different interview with *Lesbian News* Tomlin stated, "I was never deceptive in any way. I never went anywhere without Jane." Tomlin (and Wagner) even gave definite nods to the truth regarding their sexuality in 1977. Recently when a *Seattle Gay News* interviewer asked Tomlin, "What turns you on?" her response was quick and to the point. Her answer? "Jane Wagner."

Information obtained from various websites.

Can You Help Us? – We Need Some Assistance!

Calling All Pride Bag Ladies!

Any Pride Bag Ladies who would like to ride on the Pride Bag Ladies Float, please contact Gary Brackett (gkbracke@iupui.edu) or Coby Palmer (cpa521@aol.com). Pride Bag Ladies will need to be in drag and at the parade line-up area between 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 10. The Parade will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Calling All Breast Cancer Survivors!

Indy Pride is recognizing breast cancer survivors at this year's Parade & Festival. Any breast cancer survivors who would like to ride on the float, please contact Scott Van Kirk at svankirk@expodesigns.net so that we can provide details about the parade.

Calling All Volunteers!

If you would like to volunteer to help with Pride events, please complete the on-line volunteer application form on the Indy Pride website: www.indyprideinc.com. Remember, we can't have successful Pride events without volunteers! Thanks so much for volunteering your time and talents!