

Pride of Indy Band Has Busy April Schedule

Indianapolis – For those of you who were unable to attend the *Experience The Music* concert, the Pride of Indy Band will play at three events during the month of April. The first event is **Spotlight 2008** on Monday, April 21. **Spotlight 2008** is “a one night extravaganza of dancers, singers, musicians, theatre and orchestra.” All performers, stagehands, technicians and artistic directors donate their time and energy to make SPOTLIGHT a success each year. Tickets to **Spotlight 2008** are \$32.50 and \$100 (patron’s reception included in the \$100 ticket price). All proceeds will benefit the Indiana AIDS Fund. Tickets can be purchased from all Ticketmaster locations, www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 317.239.1000

On April 26, the Pride of Indy Band will be part of the Indianapolis Museum of Art Parade in Fountain Square. On April 27, the band will be part of the entertainment for the Homeward Bound Walk at University Park. For more information, visit the band website at www.prideofindy.org.

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Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race May 18, 2008 @ 1:00 PM



Indy Pride, Inc. is proud to announce the annual Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction will be held on Sunday, May 18 in the Scholar’s parking lot at the corner of College and Mass Avenue. Metro is pleased to once again host this annual “friendly” competition. Everyone is encouraged to come out and cheer for their favorite tricycle team!

Registration and liability release forms for the Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race are available online at www.indyprideinc.com. Additional registration will be from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. the day of the race. Registration is \$25.00 per team.

The Hoosier 250 Tricycle Race & Silent Auction is an annual Indy Pride event. Proceeds from the event are used to fund scholarships for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender students in the State of Indiana. Information about Indy Pride Scholarships is available on the Indy Pride website (www.indyprideinc.com).

Quote of the Month:

Outing is a nasty word for telling the truth. ~
Armistead Maupin, writer

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."



History of Dykes on Bikes®

In 1976, a small group of 20 - 25 women motorcyclists gathered at the head of the San Francisco Pride Parade and, unbeknownst to them, a tradition began. One of these women coined the phrase "Dykes on Bikes®" and the *San Francisco Chronicle* picked it up and ran with it. For the next several years, riders just showed up and rode—no formal organization or registration. It was this way for several years until the middle to late 1980s.

As San Francisco Pride became more structured and the number of women on motorcycles kept growing, there was a need to organize the Dykes on Bikes®. Thus, the Women's Motorcycle Contingent (WMC) was born. However, in the press and LGBT culture, the WMC will continue to be known as Dykes on Bikes®.

This name was used to make the group appeal to all women motorcyclists. The first meetings were held at a private home and then moved to an upstairs room at Amelia's, a dyke/lesbian bar in San Francisco. When Amelia's closed, the meetings were moved to The Eagle Tavern, at 12th St. and Harrison St., where meetings continue to be held.

In 2003, the organizers voted to recognize the long history by changing the name to the San Francisco Dykes on Bikes® Women's

Motorcycle Contingent (SFDOBWMC). Today the organization registers and organizes over 400 bikes for the San Francisco Pride Parade.

Since 2003, the organization has been trying to trademark the name Dykes on Bikes®, a name by which it has been known since 1976. The need to trademark the name became evident when a woman in Wisconsin tried to trademark "Dykes on Bikes®" for personal gain. With the help of an attorney, the San Francisco Dykes on Bikes® succeeded in getting the woman to drop her trademark petition.

The organizers wanted to keep the name for non-profit use by any group of women riders that wish to use it for non-profit endeavors. Therefore, Dykes on Bikes® submitted a trademark petition of their own.

After rejecting the petition three times on the grounds that **the word "dyke" is derogatory and offensive**, the Trademark Board reversed their decision and approved the application for trademark! As part of the trademark process, the Trademark Board must publish a notice at which time anyone can file an objection to the issuance of a trademark. One letter of opposition was submitted in 2006 and, once again, the organization found themselves in a fight to trademark the name.

In September 2006, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board granted a motion to dismiss the opposition to the Dykes on Bikes® trademark application. However, the story does not end on a 'Happily Ever After' note (yet). The opposition has filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in November 2006. Thus, as of November 2006, the Dykes on Bikes® took the case to federal court to protect their trademark.

On July 12, 2007, after a three year court battle, 'DYKES ON BIKES®' will be protected under trademark and recognized as a celebration of identity," said **Vick Germany**, the group's president. **Soni Wolf**, SFWMC secretary said, "This is a great victory for dyke pride and visibility -- not just for our group, but for lesbians across the country who value 'DYKES ON BIKES®' as an affirmation of lesbian strength and resilience."

Information obtained from various websites.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: TO BE DETERMINED

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PLANNING MEETING

PLACE: HOAGLIN OFFICE – STUTZ BLDG.

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 -8:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

PRIDE BAG LADIES COUNTRY & GOSPEL BRUNCH

PLACE: TALBOTT STREET

DOORS OPEN: 12:00 NOON

BRUNCH: 1:00 P.M.

SHOWTIME: 1:30 P.M.

PRICE: \$20.00 INCLUDES BRUNCH & SHOW

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO START A FUND FOR A NEW INDIANAPOLIS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING

PLACE: TO BE DETERMINED

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

TIME: 6:00 -8:00 P.M.

Circle City IN Pride 2008 Schedule

Sunday, June 8

12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.

Circle City IN Pride 2008 Cookout – Pagoda at Garfield Park – (Event co-sponsored by Indiana Black Pride)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Circle City IN Pride 2008 Skating Party featuring the Naptown Roller Girls

(www.naptownrollergirls.com).



Tuesday, June 10

Pride of Indy Band Anniversary Concert – Location to be determined – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11

Circle City IN Pride Town Hall Meeting – *Envisioning A GLBT Community Resource Center for Indianapolis*– Phoenix Theatre (downstairs) – 7:00 p.m.



Friday, June 13

ITYG's Night to Share: evolution 2008: A night of sharing to celebrate and support Indiana's LGBT youth. Event will feature tapas, live entertainment (Justin Aydt), silent auction & a cash bar at the Indiana War Memorial from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m. For more information, www.iygnighttoshare.com

Saturday, June 14

10:00 a.m. – Circle City IN Pride Parade
Mass Avenue to Vermont to University Park

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Circle City IN Pride Festival
University Park

Sunday, June 15

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Circle City IN Pride T-Dance
Metro – Cover charge: \$5.00 donation to Indy Pride

Important Dates in U.S. GLBT History – Part Two

1973: The American Psychiatric Association votes to remove homosexuality from its list of “illnesses,” ending a century of efforts to “cure” gays by psychologists.

1974: Elaine Noble becomes the first openly lesbian or gay elected to state office when she wins a seat in the Massachusetts State House of Representatives.

1975: Leonard Matlovich sues the Air Force for discharging him because he is gay, and the Army begins to pursue discharge proceedings against openly gay sergeant Perry Watkins. Five years later a federal judge orders the Air Force to reinstate Matlovich. The Air Force offers the former sergeant a \$160,000 settlement instead, and Watkins eventually wins his battle. The rulings pave the way for other successful challenges to the military policy.

1977: In Miami, Florida, Anita Bryant, a former beauty queen, launches a nationwide crusade against gay and lesbian rights in response to Dade County’s new municipal rights ordinance forbidding housing and employment discrimination against lesbian and gay men. Accusing lesbians and gay men of corrupting the nation’s youth, Bryant dubs her crusade the “Save Our Children” campaign.

1977: Harvey Milk is elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the first open gay city official in a major American city. Among his accomplishments was the successful passage of the city’s first ordinance protecting lesbians and gay men against discrimination in jobs and housing. One year later he is assassinated by former supervisor Dan White.

1978: The National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays is founded to support local organizing efforts of lesbian and gay African-Americans across the country.

1979: First “March on Washington for Gay Rights” draws 100,000 marchers.

1980: Embracing support from the “Moral Majority,” Republican Ronald Reagan begins presidency having pledged to “resist the efforts ...to obtain government endorsement of homosexuality.”

Pride Bag Lady Country & Gospel Brunch
Sunday, April 20th
Talbot Street

Doors open: 12:00 noon
Brunch served: 1:00 p.m.
Showtime: 1:30 p.m.
Brunch is catered by Hoaglin Fine Catering
Brunch & Show: \$20.00 Admission
Proceeds (including performer tips) will be used to start a fund for a new Community Resource Center.
For more information, please contact Gary Brackett at gkbracke@iupui.edu.

HOAGLIN FINE CATERING
TALBOT STREET
THE WORD

Brunch menu includes: Assorted Danish & Breakfast Bakeries served with Sweet Cream Butter, Sliced Fresh Fruit and Seasonal Berries, Vegetarian Three Cheese Strata, Sausage & Cheese Strata, Roasted Redjacket Potatoes, Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Cinnamon Baguette French Toast with Hickory Shagbark Syrup, Fresh Ground Roast Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee served with sugar, sweeteners and cream. Drink specials will be available! Tickets are now available for purchase. Get your tickets soon because they are selling quickly! This is one show you don't want to miss! For more information, please contact Gary Brackett at gkbracke@iupui.edu.