

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

The annual John Alexander 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](http://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](http://www.indyprideinc.com)).



KRISTINE W *Letting Go*

## Kristine W Headlines Indy Pride Festival

*Indianapolis* – This year's Pride Committee has put together a full-day of live music and entertainment. Entertainers include: The Flaggots, the Pride of Indy Marching Band, Chicago's Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps (ROTC), the Indianapolis Men's Chorus, the Pride of Indy Jazz Band, Holly Petree, Drama Queen, the Mandonnas and Kristine W.

### Derek Hartley Selected as M.C.

The M.C. for the day will be Derek Hartley, of *Derek and Romaine*, a popular evening drive time talk show on Sirius Satellite Radio. This sex, relationship and pop culture show is hosted by Derek Hartley and Romaine Patterson, and features a wide array of sex experts, celebrities, and real people sharing their personal experiences. Filled with free-form chatter, candid and frank discussions and tons of laughs, the *Derek and Romaine Show* is a unique radio experience featuring an unlikely gay/lesbian duo. Prior to the launch of *Derek and Romaine*, co-host Derek Hartley had been a syndicated columnist for nearly a decade. His widely-read columns have appeared online and in print across the U.S. and around the world. His popular relationship column, *FantasyMan Island*, has appeared weekly on PlanetOut.com since March 1997. Additional

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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."*



## History of Pride Parades

Early in the morning of June 29, 1969, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in the Greenwich Village section of New York City that was heavily patronized by people of color and a high percentage of drag queens. The Stonewall Riots are generally considered to be the beginning of the modern GLBT rights movement, as it was the first time in modern history that a significant body of GLBT people resisted arrest.

On Sunday, June 28, 1970, the one-year anniversary of the riots, the Gay Liberation Front organized a march from Greenwich Village to Central Park in New York City in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots. On the same weekend, gay activist groups on the West Coast of the United States held a march in Los Angeles and a march and "Gay-In" in San Francisco. These first marches were both serious and fun and served to inspire the widening activist movement. These marches were repeated in the following years, and more and more annual marches started up in other cities throughout the world.

In New York and Atlanta, the marches were

called "Gay Liberation Marches" and the day of celebration was called "Gay Liberation Day." In San Francisco and Los Angeles, they become known as "Gay Freedom Marches" and the day was called "Gay Freedom Day." As more towns and cities began holding their own celebrations, these names spread.

In the 1980s, there was a cultural shift in the gay movement. Activists of a less radical nature began taking over the March committees in different cities and they dropped "Gay Liberation" and "Gay Freedom" from the names replacing them with "Gay Pride" under pressure from more conservative segments of the GLBT community. Many parades still have at least some of the original political or activist character, especially in less GLBT-positive settings. However, in more gay-positive cities, the parades have taken on a festive or event Mardi Gras-like character with floats, drag queens and amplified music. Even the most festive parades usually offer some aspect dedicated to remembering victims of AIDS and anti-GLBT violence.

Though the reality was that the Stonewall riots themselves, as well as the immediate and the ongoing political organizing that occurred following them, were events fully participated in by lesbian women, bisexual people, transgender people as well as by gay men of all races and backgrounds, historically these events were first named *Gay*, the word at that time was used in a more generic sense to cover the entire spectrum of what is now called the GLBT community.

*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, MAY 14**

**INDY PRIDE BOARD MEETING**

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE (BEHIND OLLYS)

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY, MAY 15**

**INDY PRIDE MEMBERSHIP MIXER**

PLACE: AGIO RESTAURANT

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 18**

**HOOSIER 250 TRICYCLE RACE & SILENT AUCTION**

PLACE: SCHOLAR'S INN PARKING LOT  
(CORNER OF COLLEGE & MASS. AVENUE)

REGISTRATION: 12:00 NOON

RACES BEGIN: 1:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 21**

**CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PLANNING MEETING**

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 28**

**CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PLANNING MEETING**

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**

**CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE PLANNING MEETING**

PLACE: PRIDE OFFICE

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

**CIRCLE CITY IN PRIDE - JUNE 8-15, 2008**

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information about Derek and the program can be found at [Hwww.derekandromaine.com](http://www.derekandromaine.com)H.

### Headliner – Kristine W

The Festival Headliner is international recording artist, Kristine W. Kristine W is the ultimate chameleon. The beauty queen-turned-club-siren enjoys the professional freedom to go from black evening gown and gloves one minute to pink and blue dreadlocks the next. Kristine W knows where her bread-and-butter is. She's topped the dance charts a record-breaking nine consecutive times. A fourth generation entertainer who hails from Pasco, Washington, Kristine W began honing her musical skills at a young age. After winning Miss Washington and placing first in the talent competition at the Miss America pageant, Kristine went on to pursue her educational and musical dreams in Las Vegas, where she found success headlining her own show at the Las Vegas Hilton. After conquering Las Vegas, Kristine reached the top of the dance charts in 1994 with the now classic anthem "Feel What You Want" landing at #1 on Billboard's Dance Chart and holding at the top five in more than ten countries worldwide. Signing with RCA Records and releasing the 1996 critically acclaimed album, LAND OF THE LIVING, Kristine catapulted to the top of the dance music spotlight with two more singles, the beautifully spun "One More Try", which won Kristine an ASCAP Award for co-writing, and the album's title track "Land Of The Living", in which the artist shares real experiences of survival and overcoming life's obstacles. Overcoming a two-year battle with Leukemia, Kristine W then completed work on her album FLY AGAIN. While in that process, she recorded and released her sixth chart topping single, "Some Lovin'." The track quickly became a hit both in the US and overseas and was a featured single for the hit SHOWTIME series QUEER AS FOLK. Kristine eventually passed superstars Madonna and Janet Jackson (each with seven #1 dance songs in a row) to rack up eight consecutive chart-toppers. When her 2005 single "Wonder of It All" went all the way, it became her ninth #1, breaking her own record. Now entering into her new release of the highly anticipated album "Love To Infinity," the first single "The Boss" just released has made this Kristine's 10th Billboard #1 and looks like this won't be her last one. According to Kristine, she thrives on the instant gratification the dance environment provides. "When I see my fans on the dance floor, with that fire in their eyes, I know we are connected," she says. "I feel like that's what I was sent here to do. I'm the messenger, and I'm doing my job." For more information about Kristine W, visit her website at [Hwww.kristinew.com](http://www.kristinew.com)H.

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### **Quote of the Month:**

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

# Indy Pride Welcome Chris Gonzales Library

The Indy Pride Board of Director is proud to announce that the Chris Gonzales Library and Archive is now part of Indy Pride, Inc. The Library is located in the new Indy Pride office, which is located in the building directly behind Downtown Ollys. The Gonzales Library is a great resource for information about the GLBT community and about the GLBT movement in Indianapolis. The Library and archives currently has 5,000 individual titles as well as over 200 videos and DVDs (movies and documentaries), 40 photo albums and 127 VHS tapes featuring female impersonation, including some local “celebrities,” and 300 LGBT themed t-shirts, hats, and buttons from events.

There are numerous publications, both local and national, at the Library. These publications include *The Advocate*, *OUT*, *IXE*, *The Word*, *The Screamer*, *Heartland*, *POZ*, *Outlines*, and *Up the Stairs Community Newsletter*. The library is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. To find out more about the library and/or how to get involved with it, please contact Tiffany Dow, Vice President of Indy Pride at [Hqleap77@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Hqleap77@sbcglobal.net). Donations to support the Library are being accepted. Checks should be made payable to Indy Pride. Donations to Indy Pride are fully tax-deductible to the amount allowed by law.



**Indy Pride Bag Ladies**  
**Celebrating 28 years!**

Be sure to purchase your Pride Bag Lady Calendar at Circle City IN Pride Festival  
Saturday, June 14th

All Proceeds benefit local GLBT Charities  
Calendars run from October 2008 - December 2009

The poster features a group of drag queens in various costumes and outfits, celebrating on a stage with confetti and balloons. The text is in white and yellow on a dark blue background.

## History of the Pride Bag Ladies

Twenty-seven years ago around Halloween, 70 or so men dressed in drag, boarded three buses, and began a journey to help in the fight against AIDS calling themselves “The Bag Ladies.” The Bag Ladies got their name from an article out of a New York City newspaper. Coby Palmer, one of the original Bag Ladies, read in the article that the New York “bag ladies” were fun and campy and had lots “hutspah”, similar to what the Indianapolis Bag Ladies are like today. The Bag Ladies are men willing to dress in high heels and wear outrageous costumes who, each year around Halloween, travel from bar to bar soliciting money until the early hours of the morning on what is called The Bag Lady Bus Tour. Originally, at the end of the night the Bag Lady who raised the most money was crowned Bag Ladies Queen for a year. While raising money is still a major factor in crowning the Queen, the organization now hosts a Bag Lady Queen Pageant prior to the annual Bus Tour.

The Bag Ladies could quite possibly be the nation’s first HIV and AIDS fundraising organization. Since the initial bus tour in 1981, more and more men have become part of this on-going and growing tradition. In addition to the annual Bus Tour, several of the “Ladies” and the present and some former “Queens” raise money through performances put on throughout the year. The Bag Ladies have been part of several organizations throughout the years: Indiana Cares, AIDS Serve and Indiana Still Cares. In 2005 when Indiana Still Cares disbanded, the Bag Ladies joined with Indy Pride, Inc. where they march on in their high heels and outrageous hair and continue raising money to this day! In the 2007 calendar year, the Pride Bag Ladies raised and donated over \$18,000! **Be sure to get your Pride Bag Lady Calendar during Pride!**



## Circle City IN Pride Events

### **Saturday, June 7** - Indy Pride & HRC Night with the Indiana Fever & After Party

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. After party starts after the game. Location: Consecro Fieldhouse. Tickets for the game & after party: \$32.00. Tickets for the after party (for those who already have Season Tickets): \$20.00. You must have a ticket to the game to come to the after party. Contact: Carly Venick at 317-917-2964 or [cvenick@feverbasketball.com](mailto:cvenick@feverbasketball.com)

### **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) – FREE EVENT! Donations requested.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. –Pride Skate '08 featuring the Naptown Roller Girls ([www.naptownrollergirls.com](http://www.naptownrollergirls.com)) at Skateland Roller Skating, 3902 N. Glen Arm Road ([www.skatelandindy.com](http://www.skatelandindy.com))

### **Monday, June 9**

Indianapolis LGBT Film Festival Screening – *The Wizard Of OZ* Sing-A-Long Version at the IU Campus Center (University & Michigan Streets). For more information visit the LGBT Film Festival website: [www.indylgbtfilmfest.com](http://www.indylgbtfilmfest.com)

### **Tuesday, June 10**

7:00 p.m. - Pride of Indy Band Anniversary Concert – College & Mass Avenue – FREE EVENT

### **Wednesday, June 11**

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. - *Circle City IN Pride Town Hall Meeting* – *Envisioning A GLBT Community Resource Center for Indianapolis*– Phoenix Theatre (downstairs). – Reception will follow sponsored by the Indy Rainbow Chamber of Commerce – FREE EVENT

9:00 – 11:00 p.m. – *Pride Bag Lady Calendar Kick-Off Party* – Gregs ([www.gregsindiana.com](http://www.gregsindiana.com)) - FREE EVENT

### **Thursday, June 12**

8:00 p.m. - *Paint the Town Red Fashion Show*– Sponsored in part by Talbott Street & the 2007 National AIDS Fund Americorps Caring Counts Program in partnership with the Indiana AIDS Fund. Tickets are: \$6.00 or \$5.00 with a non-perishable food donation. Talbott Street, 2145 N. Talbott Street ([www.talbottstreet.com](http://www.talbottstreet.com)) – Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

### **Friday, June 13**

8:00 – 11:00 p.m. - *IYG'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](http://www.iygnighttoshare.com)

### **Saturday, June 14**

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

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – *Circle City IN Pride Festival* - University Park – FREE EVENT - Donations requested

### **Sunday, June 15**

4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – *Circle City IN Pride T-Dance* – Metro ([www.metro-indy.com](http://www.metro-indy.com))  
Cover charge: \$5.00 donation to Indy Pride