



HOP NEWS

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PrideWeek: June 20 – 28, 2009

Dance 23, the 2009 Dance on the Pier

When: 4:00 PM – 10:30 PM, Sunday June 28th, 2009

Where: Pier 54, 13th Street and the West Side Highway in Hudson River Park

Who: 6,500 attendees

What: One of the largest outdoor dances in the world and the finale to New York City's Pride Week

Dance 23, Heritage of Pride's (HOP) annual Dance on the Pier, will once again take place on Pier 54 at 13th Street and the West Side Highway on Sunday, June 28th from 4:00 PM until 10:30 PM. The finale to a week of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride events in New York, The Dance on the Pier was born out of a time when our community could not dance, openly and proudly, with other members of our LGBT community. It is a protest set to music, a celebration set to the western skyline and a reminder of how far we've come these last 2 decades.

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be doing things a little differently on the pier. To open the event we will be having a turntable throw-down between **DJ Phillip Kimball & DJ Jack Reina**. Our closing DJ will be the incomparable **DJ Corey Craig**.

In addition, we shall also have a performance by a **special guest**. As with tradition, we do not announce the name of the special guest with the aim of creating an exciting, anticipation filled surprise for our guests. The event will end with our traditional **fireworks** over the Hudson River. Dance 23 is sure to be the ultimate event of Pride Week in more ways than one.

Tickets for the Dance will go on sale May 1st, 2009. Please visit our website, NYCpride.org, for information on outlets and pricing.

Photo/video opportunities: An aerial platform is provided for photographers and videographers throughout the event by **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT ONLY**. Contact the Media Committee for credentials at media@nycpride.org. In addition, we encourage live coverage of the fireworks at 10:30PM. Satellite trucks may be parked along the Highway as space permits.

Heritage of Pride is the wholly volunteer-managed, non-partisan, tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporation that organizes Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride events in New York City to commemorate and celebrate the Stonewall Riots. These events are organized on behalf of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and groups, and all others who support the struggle for the liberation of these communities. In the Spirit of Stonewall, Heritage of Pride welcomes participation of all, regardless of age, creed, gender, gender identification, HIV status, national origin, physical or mental developmental ability, race, religion or sexual orientation.

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