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n 2019, Capital City Pride brought Des Moines the largest LGBTQ+ celebration in our city's history with over 30,000 people in attendance. In contrast, the past year brought the world's largest pandemic seen in over 100 years. The severity of COVID changed our lives and presented challenges none of us could have imagined.

In light of the challenges and health concerns of our community, our traditional June Pride Festival celebration was cancelled and replaced by a compilation of the virtual version of our most cherished events. Although different in execution, 2020 virtual Pride opened the opportunity to connect our LGBTQ+ community, allies and supporters at the moment we needed each other the most. Even in the worst of times, we see you, we hear you, we love you!

This year, with the lingering effects of the Pandemic we will be hosting a new community celebration - 30 Days of Pride. Respecting the need for continued awareness of community health, 30 Days of Pride provides a mix of socially distanced in-person and virtual online events that will feature one event per day for all 30 days of June. All events will be held at local businesses and venues throughout the city and will again include many of the events the community has grown to love such as the Pet Parade, Pride Fun Run, and Silent Disco! There will also be brand new events like the Rainbow Safari at Blank Park Zoo, Ride in Outdoor Movie Night at the Science Center, and the downtown Rainbow Scavenger Hunt!

On behalf of the Capital City Pride Board, I'd like to extend a big thank you to the city of Des Moines, all of our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, entertainers, and of course, all of you who come out to celebrate and support Capital City Pride, whether in person or virtually. As we celebrate our 43rd year of Pride Fest, it's im-

portant to remember and celebrate those who work every day to make positive impacts on our LGBTQ+ community. Again, thank you for participating in this year's Pride Fest activities and we look forward to seeing you!

jennifer carruthers Capital City Pride President



what **PRIDE** Means to me

Pride in yourself and others = freedom to live your life and be proud. No more shame!! -@nanaof5girls

Celebrating love and acceptance of the LGBTQIA community and my son 🎔 - @kelliepip67

For me PRIDE means self expression and authenticity for the self expresexpression and authenticity for the self expression and authenticity for the self expression and th We asked the community through our social media channels to tell us what pride meant for them.

> Compiled by Hilary Mullen & Paul Salais Jr.

Supporting all of my friends and family in this wonderful, accepting community of amazing people. Seeing how much is accomplished when people come together. It's also something for me, like a big banner of "keep going" when lowa and other states have bills in legislative sessions that are not accepting. I love this amazing community and the people I have met because being an ally isn't just a word for me. Community and the met because being an ally isn't just a word for me.





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what **PRIDE** Means to me

Pride for me means acknowleding our accompliashments in the lgbt+ community, recognizing our leader form part to present, and looking to our future as a group to be able to have a better world for all members of our families. So many people have paved the way and continue to, we have to continue to honor their struggle and history. - Bobert Lee We asked the community through our social media channels to tell us what pride meant for them.

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To believe in something even when people believe it is wrong and they are against you. - @taylor_0318

Not being ashamed of who you are or what you're attracted to - @ tyler_horp2011

Pride means being able to be the truest most authentic version of ourselves freely! - @mr.j_milligan









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43rd Pride Fest - a mix of socially distanced in-person and virtual online events

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50DAYS

OF PRIDE

30 DAYS OF PRIDE

06.01 (Tue) | 6PM | Virtual

Opening Ceremony

Join us on our Facebook page as we kickoff our month-long Pride celebration.

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06.02 (Wed) | 7PM | The Garden

Mr. Ms. Mx. **Capital City Pride Pageant**

Find out who will be crowned this year's Mr., Ms., and Mx. Capital City Pride.

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06.03 (Thur) | 8PM | Teehee's

Pride Comedy Night

Pride-theme comedy. Tickets: \$20

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06.04 (Fri) | 5PM - 8PM | Downtown Scavenger Hunt

The first 100 participants to complete the hunt throughout Downtown and the East Village will get a Pride Swag Bag!

06.05 (Sat) | 9AM - 1PM | The Hall

Drag Brunch

Start your day right with queens and mi-

mosas! Ticket info on our website.

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06.06 (Sun) | 3PM | Virtual

Love is Love

Commemorate and celebrate marriage equality in Iowa with stories about love in all its forms, from LGBTQ+ folks.



partnered with The Whistler Studio

06.07 (Mon) | 7:30PM | DM Art Center

Yoga in the Park

Join us at Des Moines Art Center and on our Facebook page for some mindful meditation and yoga.

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30 DAYS OF PRIDE

06.08 (Tue) | 6:30PM | Virtual

Cooking Class

Join us on our Facebook page for a virtual cooking class with a local chef.

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06.09 (Wed) | 7PM | Virtual/The Saddle

Drag Queen BINGO!

Pre-registration required for virtual players. Info on our website.

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06.10 (Thur) | 8PM | Teehee's

Open Mic Night

Free to attend.

presented by



06.11 (Fri) | 7PM | Principal Park **Pride Night at I Cubs** Join us at the Iowa Cubs game. Tailgate

party starts at 4PM. Tickets \$10. presented by lowa Cubs

06.12 (Sat) | 7PM - 11PM | E. Village

Silent Disco

The party will be by Peace Tree and Climb

Iowa. | Free event.

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06.13 (Sun) | 9AM - 5PM | The Sands

Health & Fitness Day

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Fun Run

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Sand Volleyball

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06.14 (Mon) | 8PM | DM Art Center **Mindful Monday**

In-person at the Des Moines Art Center or virtual yoga and guided meditation. partnered with Des Moines Art Center

06.15 (Tue) | 6:30PM | Virtual

Cooking Class

Join us on our Facebook page for a virtual cooking class with a local chef.

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06.16 (Wed) | 9PM | Blazing Saddle

Drag Night

Free Event presented by



06.17 (Thur) | 6:30PM | Virtual

Speaker Series: Jane Elliott

Join us on our Facebook page for stories

and Q&A

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06.18 (Fri) | 5PM-8PM | Blank Park Zoo

Rainbow Safari

Night out at the zoo.

Tickets: \$5 (age 13 & older)

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06.19 (Sat) | 11AM | Juneteenth

515 Manifestival

QPOC Artist at the Juneteenth event.

in partnership with lowa Juneteenth & lowa

Queer Communities of Color Coalition

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06.20 (Sun) | 11AM | Virtual

Progressive Worship Service

Join us in person or online for a progressive worship service. Concert from Cali Wilson. Free Event

partnered with Downtown Disciples



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Greater Des Moines Partnership Inclusion Award, 2020 Capital City Pride Company of the Year in 2018 and 2019

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06.21 (Mon) | 8PM | DM Art Center

Mindful Monday

In-person at the sculpture park or virtual yoga and guided meditation.

partnered with Des Moines Art Center

06.22 (Tue) | 6:30PM | Virtual

Cooking Class

Join us on our Facebook page for a virtual cooking class.

presented by **FACEBOOK**

partnered with Kitchen Collage & All Spice

06.23 (Wed) | 6:30PM | NOCE

Broadway Sing-Along

Come and sing along to your favorite Broadway tunes. Katy Wellman hosts. *partnered with* NOCE

06.24 (Thur) | 6:30PM | Teehee's

Storytellers: Pride Edition

Local LGBTQ+ individuals share authentic

and intimate stories.

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06.25 (Fri) | 8:30PM | Science Center

Ride-In Movie

Ride, drive, walk to the Science Center's

lawn for a movie under the stars.

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06.26 (Sat) | 9AM | Principal Park

Pet Parade

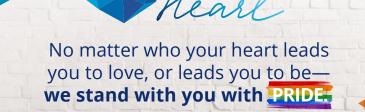
Show off your fur babies at our annual pet parade. *presented by*



06.26 (Sat) 12PM| Virtual

COVID-19 Remembrance

Join us as we look back at this past year. Stories from people affected by and impacted by the pandemic.



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06.27 (Sun) | 3PM | Waterworks Park

Drive-Through Pride Parade

Drive-through Waterworks Park to see stationary "floats'. Food trucks and some

vendors.

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Outdoor Concert

Local and national acts perform at socially distanced concert event.

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06.28 (Mon) | 8PM | Sculpture Park

Mindful Monday

In-person at Papajohn Sculpture Park or virtual yoga and guided meditation.

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06.29 (Tue) | 6:30PM | Virtual

Cooking Class

Join us on our Facebook page for a virtual cooking class with a master chef.

presented by FACEBOOK partnered with Kitchen Collage & All Spice

06.30 (Wed) | 7PM | Wooly's

Drag King DSM & Closing Ceremonies

Join us as we wrap-up 30-days of Pride

with a Drag King show.

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Happy Pride Month!



NEW LOGO

Our newly redesigned logo reflects our commitment to inclusivity and to represent the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community.

We are proud to have the most diverse Board in 43 years. As we continue to grow and evolve as an organization, we are thrilled to unveil the new Capital City Pride logo. We are fortunate to serve our community through inspiring, educating, commemorating, and celebrating our diverse community and culture in the greater Des Moines Metro. To reflect our mission, we've incorporated a spectrum of colors that are bolder and brighter in two Cs with those we serve at the forefront of everything we do-community, culture, Capital City Pride.

Whether you attend one, two, or all of our events, we can't wait for you to see the flood of color we're bringing to the 30 Days of Pride celebration!





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515 Pride's mission is to provide the DSM BIPOC LGBTQ community from diverse cultures and backgrounds a space to come together by facilitating dialogue, social events, and engaging in activities that promote community development through education, shared leadership, and expression.

It is imperative that the BIPOC LGBTQ community is able to have their needs by encouraging them to live authentically in all of their identities without prioritizing one identity over another and invite a sense of fun into the exploration of their BIPOC pride.

This year 515 Pride spearheaded the event '515 Manifestival', a Black and Brown Queer artshow showcasing put on in collaboration with Iowa Juneteenth and the Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition, to be held on Juneteenth (June 19th). It is the hope that 515 Pride is able to anchor the DSM BIPOC LGBTQ, by continuing offering opportunities for networking, social events, and community collaborations.

> 515 Pride is a new subcommittee, co-lead by Allegra Hernandez and Tyler Moore, of Capital City Pride's Community, Diversity, and Education committee.

by Destinee Woodris

Introducing a new subcommittee of Capital City Pride's Community, Diversity, and Education committee.

515 PRIDE

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515 Manifestival a black and brown queer art show.

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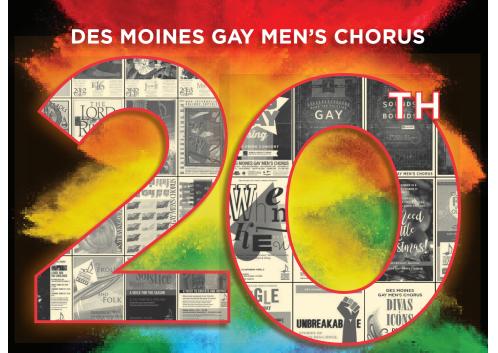
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