

A large, solid pink triangle pointing upwards, centered on a black background. The text 'FEARLESS LOVE' is overlaid on the triangle in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# FEARLESS LOVE

**CNY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023  
INNER HARBOR • SYRACUSE**

*Best Wishes to CNY Pride*

**Celebrate Pride!**



*Bill  
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Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 428-9651

[Magnarw@nyassembly.gov](mailto:Magnarw@nyassembly.gov)

TCGplayer is proud to support CNY Pride in its work to **foster diversity and inclusion in our community.**



# WELCOME TO THE 2023 CNY PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### PARADE

11:00am - 12:00pm

Line up along Solar Street and West Kirkpatrick street to watch the parade and cheer on our LGBTQIA2S+ communities and allies! The parade departs from Solar Street near Destiny USA at 11am and proceeds .7 miles to the festival grounds at the Inner Harbor. Visit [cnypride.org/parade](http://cnypride.org/parade) for more information.

### FESTIVAL

11:00am - 5:00pm

Festival Grounds Open at 11:00am.

Explore Vendor Village

11:00am - 5:00pm

YMCA of Central New York Family Fun Area

12:30pm - 5:00pm

Entertainment

Please join us on our CNY PRIDE MAIN STAGE for an amazing line up of talent from Central New York! FREE. ASL translation provided.

**VISIT [CNYPRIDE.ORG/PRIDE2023](http://CNYPRIDE.ORG/PRIDE2023)  
FOR FULL FESTIVAL AND PARADE DETAILS.**

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PRIDE FREE**



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# MEET YOUR 2023 PARADE MARSHALL

## DRAG



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# A MESSAGE FROM CNY PRIDE BOARD

"I believe in us getting our rights, or else I would not be out there fighting for our rights!" a righteously angry Sylvia P. Rivera proclaims in her famous speech at the 1973 Christopher Street Day Liberation Rally.

Fifty years later, we are still fighting for our rights. In the first five months of 2023 alone, 533 anti-trans bills across 49 states—including New York—have been introduced across the United States of America to block trans people from basic human rights like healthcare, education, legal recognition, and the right to publicly exist. Our state and national legislatures are attempting to tightly regulate reproductive systems of queer and trans youth, women, and gender non-conforming people while countless numbers of people die due to gun violence, disease, poverty, institutional violence and racism, white supremacy, climate change, and more.

As the world we know dies, we yearn to be free! We have felt the warm light of living in our truth, and passionately hold on to the joy of living and loving fearlessly. Even though it may feel like a dream, we know this dream is not only possible—but within reach.

This year, CNY Pride's theme is "Fearless Love." Ask yourself: do you remember the last time you loved free of fear?

We must all unite to build a reality in which we can all live our lives in fearless love with ourselves and each other. While Pride is a party filled with rainbows, glitter, and fun—it's also a suture through time connecting us to the 1969 Stonewall riots and the ongoing ACT UP protests. In fact, our FEARLESS LOVE graphic featured on the front of our Pride Guide and t-shirt boldly references the pink triangle from Act Up's "Silence=Death" image, reclaimed from the pink triangles Nazi Germany forced LGBTQ+ people to wear in death camps.

We proudly celebrate pride as an act of liberation in memory of every trans, queer, and gender non-conforming person who came before us and for all who come after us. May our future be more kind than our present, and may we be agents of this change. Like Sylvia, may we believe in our power!

Octavia Butler writes, "All that you touch you Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. God is Change."

To that, we add: We are the change. We are angry. We are in our power. We are ready to live a life of fearless love.

Are you?

Jess Posner, 2022 CNY Pride Festival Co-Chair

Jimmy Monto, 2023 CNY Pride Chair & 2022 CNY Pride Festival Co-Chair



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## YMCA OF CENTRAL NEW YORK

### FAMILY FUN AREA

All listed activities are FREE and will take place in the YMCA of Central New York Family Fun Area, located on the grassy knoll when you enter the Inner Harbor Park from W Kirkpatrick Street. Youth of all ages are welcome to participate. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while in the Family Fun Area.

#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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NEW YORK

#### TEEN TALK SCHEDULE:

Teens and Tweens are invited to sit around with their peers to discuss different topics. Led by the teens from the Y's Leader's Club.

**12:00pm**

Trivia & Other Games

**1:00pm**

Mental Health Awareness with Lucas

**2:00pm**

LGBTQ+ Current Issues with Elise

**3:00pm**

LGBTQ+ History with Hamza

**4:00pm**

Coming Out Story Open Mic

*Times and talks subject to change. Stop by the Family Fun Area on the Day for the most up-to-date information.*

**VISIT [CNYPRIDE.ORG/PRIDE2023](http://CNYPRIDE.ORG/PRIDE2023)  
FOR FULL FESTIVAL AND PARADE DETAILS.**

**Q Center at ACR Health**

The Q Center is a safe place for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth and their allies to gather, share, hang out, have fun, and build healthy relationships with supportive adults and peers.

627 West Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13204  
Q Center @ ACR Health  
(315) 701-2431  
www.acrhealth.org

**Syracuse Al-Anon Information Center**

Al-Anon's primary purpose is to help family and friends of alcoholics, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not.

112 Lancaster Place Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 471-0191  
syracuseais@gmail.com  
www.syracuseais.org, www.al-anon.org

**Syracuse Intergroup Service Center/ Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of people who have had a drinking problem. Visit aasyracuse.org for hours and a schedule of in person and virtual meetings across CNY.

2513 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13206  
Call 24 hours a day (315) 463-5011  
syracuseservicecenter@gmail.com  
www.aasyracuse.org, www.aahmbny.org/meetings

**American Indian Community House**

The mission of American Indian Community House (AICH) is to improve and promote the well-being of the American Indian Community and to increase the visibility of American Indian cultures in an urban setting in order to cultivate awareness, understanding and respect.

www.aich.org

**Black Cuse Pride**

BlackCuse Pride's vision is one of unified and fully reflected QTPOC communities created through events and activities which stimulate capacity-building, empowerment, fellowship, and respect.

Syracuse Center for Peace & Social Justice Building  
2013 E. Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 863-4539  
blackcusepride@gmail.com  
www.cnypride.org/blackcusepride

**Central New York HIV Care Network**

Mission: We will join hands in solidarity with Consumers & Providers to reduce stigma and discrimination, promote involvement, reduce the number of new infections through education, advocate for access to quality health care services, and promote respect for the human rights of all people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Email cnyhivcarenetwork@gmail.com or visit @CNYHIVCareNetwork on Facebook.

**CNY Pride, Inc.**

The mission of CNY Pride is to serve the Central New York lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community of Central New York and their allies. Check out our community calendar and follow us on social media @cnypride.

PO Box 6608, Syracuse, NY 13217-6608  
info@cnypride.org  
www.cnypride.org

**Cortland LGBTQ Center**

The mission of the Cortland LGBTQ Center is to create a visible and empowered community through education, advocacy, resource enhancement, & linkages to services for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified people. The coordinator's name is Mike Doughty. We provide education, events, and referrals to resources. We and participate in a youth mentoring programs.

Drop-In Hours are 2pm – 5pm every Tuesday through Friday, with any exceptions being noted on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

165 Main Street, Suite A, Cortland, NY 13045  
(607) 756-8970  
mdoughty@familycs.org  
lgbtqcentercortland@gmail.com  
www.cortlandlgbtqcenter.org  
Linktree, Facebook, Instagram: @CortlandLGBTQ

**Farnham Family Services**

Helps people with substance use and behavioral health disorders by providing high quality, recovery-oriented, and strength-based treatment and prevention services that are available to all residents of Oswego and surrounding areas.

283 West Second Street, Suite 200, Oswego, NY 13114  
Oswego (315) 342-4489  
Check website for Hours of Operation, Walk In times, and additional locations in Fulton, Mexico, and Pulaski  
www.farnhaminc.org

**Friends of Dorothy**

Friends of Dorothy House provides care for people with AIDS. Caregivers work with various agencies and individuals in CNY. Monthly Social/Fundraising dinners have been paused due to COVID-19. Please visit Friends of Dorothy House on Facebook for updates.

Nick Orth and Michael DeSalvo  
212 Wayne Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 471-6853  
www.friendsofdorothyhouse.org

**Gender Wellness Center**

Provides medical and mental health services to transgender patients. Their mission is to bring trans-affirming health care from the margins to the mainstream by offering transgender health care within a primary care practice.

FoxCare Center, Suite 103, 5432 NY-7,  
Oneonta, NY 13820  
(607) 431-5757  
www.genderwellnesscenter.com

**Hillside Family of Agencies**

Hillside provides community-based services, education, and residential treatment to positively impact lives, in partnership with youth and families who have experienced trauma.

(585) 256-7500, Call 24 hours/day  
info@hillside.com  
www.hillside.com

**Hospice of Central New York and Finger Lakes**

Provides comprehensive comfort care to patients and their families at the end of life.

990 7th North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088  
(315) 634-1100  
www.hospicecny.org

**Identity**

IDENTITY is a safe & confidential space in Downtown Binghamton for young people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning, and their allies.

206 State Street, Binghamton, NY 13901  
Open Hours: Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm  
(607) 651-9120  
info@idyouth.org  
www.idyouth.org

**Inclusive Health Services at SUNY Upstate**

IHS is happy to now offer a Safe Space for primary care to the LGBTQ community, including transgender care, regardless of HIV status.

Physicians' Office Building, Suite 211  
725 Irving Street, Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 464-5533  
www.upstate.edu/id/healthcare/ihs

**LGBTQ Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance CNY**

Depression and Bipolar Disorder can be isolating illnesses, but DBSA peer-to-peer support groups can help you connect with others who have been there as well. Visit a DBSA support group and get the support that is essential to recovery.

1-800-273-8255  
Crisis lines: 1-800-273-TALK or text DBSA to 741-741  
syracusedbsa@gmail.com  
www.dbsalliance.org

**Names Project Syracuse**

A support group that helps those who are grieving and to remember the lost ones. Currently on hiatus. Visit the Names Project Syracuse on Facebook.

**National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS**

Educates, mobilizes, and empowers Black leaders to meet the challenge of fighting HIV/AIDS and other health disparities in their local communities.  
www.nblch.org

**NY Civil Liberties Union- Central New York Chapter**

The CNY Chapter of the NYCLU works to protect the rights guaranteed by the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights through public education, advocacy, and litigation.

499 S. Warren St., Suite 430  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Phone (315) 471-2821  
cnyintake@nyclu.org  
nyclu.org/chapters/central-new-york

**New York State Division of Human Rights**

Investigates discrimination complaints and bias-related crimes, provides outreach and training on human rights issues.

333 E Washington Street, Room 443, Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 428-4633  
Info.Syracuse@dhr.ny.gov  
www.dhr.ny.gov

**Onondaga County/ Syracuse Commission on Human Rights & Justice Center Oversight Committee**

Information, education, and referral about discrimination and diversity issues. Review and investigation of serious complaints and incidents at county jail. Onondaga County Title VI and ADA Coordinator.

John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 15th Floor East, 421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
8:00am-4:00pm, Mon- Fri  
(315) 435-3565  
www.ongov.net/humanrights

**PEACE, Inc. Westside Family Resource Center**

Westside Family Resource Center (WSFRC) provides a variety of opportunities and services including food pantry, diaper pantry, virtual court access, youth advisory council, neighborhood advisory council, clothing closet, women support group, summer youth programs, telehealth, translation assistance, and free use of computers for job search and apartment availability. Visit [www.peace-caa.org](http://www.peace-caa.org) for Family Resource Centers and other resources in other parts of Onondaga County.

Westside Family Resource Center, 200 Wyoming Street, Syracuse, NY  
8:30am-4:30pm, Mon- Fri  
(315) 470-3352  
westsideFRC@peace-caa.org  
www.peace-caa.org

**PFLAG of Cortland**

The group meets the first Sunday of every month at 4pm at the Interfaith Center at SUNY Cortland.  
www.pflagithacacortland.com

**Planned Parenthood of Central and Western Region (PPCWNY)**

Planned Parenthood protects and supports every person's right to make voluntary, informed decisions about sexuality and reproduction in order to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. Planned Parenthood strives to be the most trusted and reliable source for service and information regarding sexuality and reproductive health. PPCWNY now offers gender-affirming hormone care in the Syracuse area.

1120 E Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210  
1-800-230-PLAN (6886)  
plannedparenthood.org

**Syracuse Community Choir**

(315) 428-8151  
sccinfo@syracusecommunitychoir.org  
www.syracusecommunitychoir.org

**The STD Center, Onondaga County**

Appointments are preferred. Walk-ins welcome, subject to availability. Please call to schedule an appointment. Public health representatives are available to assist you in locating and privately contacting partners who may have recently been exposed to an STD. Our partner agencies, Inclusive Health Service, Planned Parenthood, Syracuse Community Health Center, and many primary care providers also provide these services.

Room 80 (Basement level), John H. Mulroy Civic Center

421 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202  
8:30-11:30am and 1:00-4:00pm, Mon- Friday  
315.435.3236

www.ongov.net/health/STD.html

**PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)**

A pill that protects you from getting HIV. Truvada is the brand name for the medication used as PrEP. For many years, HIV positive people have been using Truvada, along with other medications, to fight off the virus and stay healthy. Now it is being used to help keep people HIV negative. Enquire about PrEP at any of the health agencies listed in these pages, or your primary care provider.

**Pride and Joy Families**

Pride and Joy Families connects local LGBT families with a listserv for online discussions, family gatherings, and resources. It is a program of the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project. Visit us on Facebook @PrideAndJoyFamilies

Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project, Binghamton University, LN-2408  
PO Box 6000, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000  
(607) 777-3717  
prideandjoyfamilies@gmail.com  
www.binghamton.edu/prideandjoyfamilies/index.html

**Volunteer Lawyers Project, LGBT Rights Program**

Legal resources to assist members of the LGBT+ community experiencing discrimination and/or harassment. VLP provides free name and gender marker changes for trans\* individuals. All services are currently being provided remotely, please email or call to make an appointment.

Volunteer Lawyers Project of CNY, Inc.  
221 S. Warren St., Suite 200 Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 849-9234  
lgbt@vlpcny.org  
www.vlpcny.org

**Sage Upstate, Inc.**

Sage Upstate is a not-for-profit organization that promotes health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning people in Central New York as they age. Featuring the Uzuri Program and Transgender Alliance of Central New York.

431 E Fayette Street #050, Syracuse, NY 13202  
(315) 478-1923; (866) 717-2640 (outside of local area)  
kdill@sageupstate.org  
www.sageupstate.org

**Southern Tier AIDS Program, Inc.**

STAP provides supportive services to HIV+ persons and state of the art prevention education. We work to create a world where HIV transmission is rare and those who are HIV+ lead healthy lives.

22 Riverside Drive, Binghamton, NY 13905  
(607) 798-1706  
(800) 333-0892 (Hotline)  
stapinc.org

**SUNY Onondaga Community College Pride Alliance (Spectrum)**

4585 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13215  
(315) 498-2762  
s.l.edie@sunyocc.edu

**Syracuse Cultural Workers**

An educational and cultural organization founded to help sustain a culture that honors diversity and celebrates community.

PO Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217  
(315) 474-1132  
scw@syracuseculturalworkers.com  
syracuseculturalworkers.com

**Syracuse Gay and Lesbian Chorus**

A community choral ensemble of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies, dedicated to providing and performing quality choral music which reflects the diverse nature of our community and serves to unite us with the wider community around us.

232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202  
board@syrglc.org  
www.syrglc.org

**Syracuse University LGBTQ Resource Center**

132 Schine Center, Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 443-0228  
lgbt@syr.edu  
www.experience.syracuse.edu/lgbtq

**Syracuse University LGBTQ Studies Program**

The LGBTQ Studies Program offers an undergraduate minor in the interdisciplinary field of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies.

www.thecollege.syr.edu/degree-programs/lesbian-gay-bisexual-and-transgender-lgbt-studies-minor/

**Transgender Alliance of CNY**

Website offers information on providers and organizations that work with transgender individuals. Requests emailed to the site are filtered.

www.transgendercny.net, facebook.com/tgacny

**Trevor Project**

The Trevor Project is the world's largest suicide prevention and crisis intervention organization for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) young people. If you are thinking about harming yourself—get immediate support. Connect to a crisis counselor 24/7, 365 days a year, from anywhere in the US. 100% free and 100% confidential.

Text START to 678-678 or Call 1-866-488-7386  
thetrevorproject.org

**Vera House, Inc.**

It is the mission of Vera House, Inc. to prevent, respond to, and partner to end domestic and sexual violence and other forms of abuse.

723 James Street  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
24 Hour Support Line: (315) 468-3260  
TTY (for Deaf community, during business hours): (315) 484-7263  
Web Chat, everyday from 8:30am-9:00pm ET  
info@verahouse.org  
www.verahouse.org

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

English: 1-800-273-8255  
En Español: 1-888-628-9545  
Veterans Crisis Line: Call 1-800-273-8255 or Text 838255

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255. Chat online at [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

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Daily Liturgy: Monday - Friday: 11:30am  
The *Sacrament of Reconciliation*: Saturday: 3 - 3:45pm  
*Taizé Prayer*: First Wednesday of each month: 6:30 - 7:00pm

1340 Lancaster Ave. (Syracuse)  
[parish@allsaintssyracuse.org](mailto:parish@allsaintssyracuse.org)  
[www.allsaintssyracuse.org](http://www.allsaintssyracuse.org)



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[www.artragegallery.org](http://www.artragegallery.org)





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2023 CNY PRIDE GUIDE



## 2023 CNY PRIDE

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serving the Central New York LGBTQ+  
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# CNY Pride Festival 2023 Entertainment



## SPARKLE ROYALE- Headliner

To my SPARKS! I am your melanin plus size drag queen MISS SPARKLE ROYALE! THEE HEADLINER FOR YOUR 2023 CNY PRIDE!! 28 years of age, born and raised in Syracuse NY. A teacher, dance instructor, and a drag entertainer Plus more. I started drag over 5 years ago. Through performing I realized that being able to entertain others and bring a smile to their faces, helps me when I am feeling down and out. I don't do this just for me, I do it for all those who can't, or don't have the courage too, and to honor those who have come before me. To my black queer community, they will try to keep us down. They will say that we are diva's, they will say we are intimidating simply just because we are being ourselves. They will cancel us or try to hold us back and throw around words like "Politics" and "Procedure". They will continue to hurt us and kill us but they will never silence us. My message to you all is to keep pushing don't ever stop! Life is supposed to be hard but it's up to us to make things easier. Think of your next move and achieve it! Cheers to all of my Royale family and fans. Your love and support keeps me going.

Love MOTHA SPARKS

Instagram: @misssparkleroyale  
Booking: Lewis.tavares@yahoo.com



## Sugar Hoops

Sugar Hoops has been gracing the stage since 2015, starting as a risque circus performing and swiftly moving into burlesque. In that time he has produced eight of his own shows with his partner Gala, performed for various performance companies, and is currently working for Show Starters Entertainment. His focus for the summer is reworking acts as well as creating new pieces that show him as Trans Butch he has recently discovered himself to be. It is his absolute pleasure to be showcasing two brand new acts created specifically for pride and is honored to be a part of Syracuse Pride.

Instagram: @sugar.hoops

## Deviant Dance Tribe



Deviant Dance Tribe is an adults-only dance studio and immersive art production company outside Syracuse, NY. As a performance group, they are known for their choreographic versatility, their authentically unapologetic attitude, and their ability to execute an evocative & theatrical performance that's flirty, powerful & unforgettable. As individuals, they spend their time working their day jobs, taking care of their families and hustling through life. As Deviants, they are a group of bad-ass bitches who like to whip their hair around.

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IG: Performance: @gretxdrgn;  
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Rik Daniels was born and raised in Bronx, NY. He was a poster child for the March of Dimes and later appeared on "Sunday Morning with Charles Kuralt" and "Ripley's Believe it or Not!" for his achievements as a NYC High School Champion Gymnast. He went on to become a 7-time NCAA All American on pommel horse, parallel bars, and still rings.

For greater impact and self-actualization, beyond his "day jobs" and speaking engagements, Rik began dancing, modeling and performance art in 2012. He was a principal dancer in Michael Franti and Spearhead's "Once a Day" music video and has worked on several projects funded by the New York State DanceForce. He trains and performs at Triphammer Arts and Circus Culture in Ithaca, NY, and has recently become a company member with Omnium Circus, based in Brooklyn, NY. He is incredibly grateful to be working with CirqOvation for this year's CNY Pride! Rik lives with his loving and supportive husband, Marc, and their two pets, Rosey and Lillie. He is eternally grateful to God and his Mom for blessing him with such a remarkable life!

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