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# WELCOMING YOU TO PRIDEFEST



The East Tennessee Equality Council (ETEC) is proud to welcome you to another year of Knoxville PrideFest activities. This year is going to be our biggest and best ever, but it won't be the same with YOU! With over 20 events, just in the month of June, there is surely something for everyone. Check out our calendar later in the book, or online at our website, grab a friend and come **Experience Equality** with Knoxville PrideFest 2011!

Pride is what you make of it. You can sit at home, alone, maybe even in your closet (real or imagined) and feel like the whole world is against you OR you can come OUT (figuratively or literally), join some friends, or make some new ones, and **Experience Equality!**

One thing we hope you'll notice about this year's events is the variety of venues where they are held. If we have 20 events in June and no one in Knoxville, but for the LGBT community, comes out to enjoy them, or knows that we exist, what do we really have to be PROUD about? So, come out, come out, wherever (and whoever) you are and **Experience Equality** ALL over Knoxville with Knoxville PrideFest this June.

Whether you're joining us for an Eat OUT with Pride at one of 13 local restaurants, heading to The Emporium for the Art OUT in the City event, enjoying a Night OUT @ The Smokies on our Private Patio, coming to The Ciderhouse for the always HOT Next to Nothing Fashion Show & Auction or even marching down Gay St. in the Pride Parade, if you're OUT, you can be Proud and that's what **Experience Equality** is all about!

And saving the best for last, we've signed our biggest name EVER for your Knoxville PrideFest Festival and can't wait to **Experience Equality** with the thousands of people that will show up to see the '80's Pop Superstar, Tiffany on Mkt Square. (Check out the VIP info later in the book to join the private meet 'n' greet w/ her immediately following her performance!)

No matter HOW you celebrate, or who you are, whether you make all of the events, or just a few, come OUT and **Experience Equality** with Knoxville PrideFest the whole month of June! It truly won't be the same without YOU!

See you there,

Todd Cramer – President  
East TN Equality Council

[www.knoxvillepridefest.com](http://www.knoxvillepridefest.com)

# EXPERIENCE EQUALITY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS | JUNE 2011

## PAINT THE TOWN RED

Sundown on Mkt Square – Thursday the 16th - 5-8pm

## NEXT TO NOTHING FASHION SHOW & AUCTION

The Ciderhouse @ the Valarium – Thursday the 16th - 9-11pm

## NIGHT OUT AT THE SMOKIES

Smokies PallPark (Exit 407 / I 40) – Friday the 17th - 6:30 -9pm

## THE PRIDE PICNIC

MCCK – Sunday the 19th - 1-3pm

## CELEBRITY BARTENDING

The Speakeasy @ Preservation Pub – Wednesday the 22nd - 5-7pm

## ART OUT IN THE CITY

The Emporium, 100 S. Gay St. – Thursday the 23rd - 6:30-9:30pm

## KNOXVILLE PRIDEFEST PARADE

Downtown Knoxville – Saturday the 25th – 2:00pm

# EAT OUT WITH PRIDE

Join us as we support the restaurants that support us  
and thank them for their sponsorship! (cut along the line and place in your wallet)

**FLEMING'S STEAKHOUSE - TURKEY CREEK**

Wednesday the 1st - 5-7pm

**BARLEY'S - OLD CITY**

Thursday the 2nd - 6-9pm

**BONEFISH - BEARDEN / TURKEY CREEK**

Tuesday the 7th - 6-9pm

**COCOA MOON - MARKET SQUARE**

Wednesday the 8th - 6-10pm

**PELANCHO'S - DOWNTOWN WEST BLVD**

Tuesday the 14th - 5-9pm

**NAMA SUSHI BAR - HOMBERG / DOWNTOWN**

Wednesday June 15th - 6-9pm

**BAILEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL - PARKSIDE DRIVE**

Monday the 20th - 7-9pm

**CRU - TURKEY CREEK**

Tuesday the 21st - 6-9pm

**OODLE'S - MARKET SQUARE**

Wednesday the 22nd - 7-9pm

**TOMATO HEAD - MARKET SQUARE**

Sunday the 26th - 5-9pm

**THE MELTING POT - OLD CITY**

Tuesday the 28th - 6-9pm

**WILD WING CAFE - FARRAGUT**

Wednesday the 29th - 6-9pm

**ABUELO'S - TURKEY CREEK**

Thursday the 30th - 6-9pm

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JUNE THE 1ST - 5-7 PM

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# ETEC BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS



## **Todd Cramer -**

*President*

A native Knoxville, and graduate of Bearden, Todd credits his decision to leave town and attend Clemson for the independence and drive that defines him. Having been a leader in Young Life, President of his Sigma Chi Pledge Class & of his Alumni Chapter and Chapter Advisor to his alma mater, Todd spent much of his free time in SC volunteering with causes dear to him. Back in TN in 2000, he continued that pattern as a founder of the Knoxville Human Rights Group, with service on the boards of TEP, the Knoxville Ski & Outing Club & Positively Living and now as the founding President of ETEC. Having sold out of the brokerage business he joined after college, Todd is now President of his family's business, Johnstone Supply. He is thankful for his relationship w/ God, the love and support of his fiancé Ernie, their dog Hopps and the rest of their family and friends.



## **Kathrine Weeks -**

*Vice President/Treasurer/Programming Committee Chair*

Since 1996, Kathrine has been involved in organizing local Pride and other social events. In her service again as Programming Committee Chair, she is in charge of coordinating entertainment for Knoxville PrideFest 2011 & all of our related events. Kathrine is also the President of Gyrlgroove, the organization sponsoring women's dances and other live music events featuring local female musicians. Kathrine and the staff of Gyrlgroove have promoted social networking opportunities for lesbians in East TN since 2001.



## **Carla Lewis -**

*Secretary/Web Designer*

Originally from Arkansas, this father of two migrated to East TN to take a position as software developer in the mid-90s. She has been self-employed for the last 11 years as a network consultant after her on-the-job transition didn't go quite the way she had hoped. To her knowledge, she is the only US Air Force service member to ever be discharged specifically for Gender Identity Disorder – before Don't Ask Don't Tell. She maintains the website for the TN Transgender Political Coalition and serves on the board of directors of ETEC. A nerd at heart, Carla and her partner of seven years, Jaime, visit Dragon\*Con every year like it is a religious quest. If they have any spare time they play with their four parrots, or drive their British sports cars.



## **Sandy Huneycutt -**

*Board Member*

Sandy is originally from a small town outside of Charlotte, NC. She started her career over 25 years ago working with individuals that have disabilities. Currently, she works for Breakthrough Corp. as the Quality Assurance Coordinator. Living in Knoxville for 12 years; she is the proud parent of two wonderful children Katie and Seth. During her spare time Sandy is on the board of ETEC, Deacon at Church of the Savior in Knoxville and volunteers with Family Promise.



## **Dusty Brock -**

*Board Member*

This well adjusted middle child was born and raised in Knoxville. A repressed accountant by trade, Dusty has never met a stranger and enjoys socializing with a wide variety of great friends. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of ETEC he is a member of the Red & Green Committee, serves as V.P. of Accounting for the non-profit Lake Bettye, and is a past board member of the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Society of CPA's. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, traveling, playing with cars, and offering his strong opinions.



## **Susan Musser -**

*Board Member/Art OUT in the City, Co-chair*

Born and raised just a few counties shy of here, Susan moved to Knoxville in 1987 and considers it home. While living here she had the great honor of teaching in the Knox County School system for nearly 15 years, and although she no longer teaches, she considers the connections she made with students and her peers to be her greatest achievement. When not out running the trails and greenways, you can find Susan working on yet another HGTV - inspired home project, being an active member of the Knoxville Track Club, and, of course, working with ETEC.



## **Bill Mynatt -**

*Board Member*

Bill is a native of Knoxville who joined the ETEC Board in 2010. He returned to Knoxville from Vanderbilt to attend UT College of Law and has practiced family law with Sheppard, Swanson and Mynatt, PLC since 1991. After getting his feet wet with PrideFest 2010, he is looking forward to another great year of Pride and would like to thank the Board, especially Todd, Carla, Kathrine and Ben for their hard work making Knoxville's festival something to be proud of as well as an awful lot of fun.

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## **Mark Janes -**

*Board Member/ Eat OUT w/ Pride, Co-chair*

Mark is originally from a small town outside Louisville, KY. He attended the University of Louisville, served in the US Army as well as the Kentucky National Guard. Mark transplanted to East TN in 1997 where he now works as an account manager for a liquor wholesaler and he also owns an alcohol server training company, Top Shelf Express LLC. He is a member of HRC, Red & Green Committee and a board member for ETEC. Mark enjoys spending time with his partner of 9 yrs, friends, family, traveling and working in the yard.



## **Ben Byers -**

*Board Member/Festival Day, Chair*

A Knoxville native, Ben is very happy to be involved in pride again this year. This event is such a great opportunity for our community to gather together and show our support for each other. He also serves as TEP's Knoxville Committee Chair promoting positive change on the state and local levels. He would like to thank Todd, his incredible fellow committee chairs, the City Special Events Office, and all the volunteers who help make PrideFest a success.



## **Ernie Hoskins -**

*Next To Nothing Fashion Show, Chair/ Eat OUT w/ Pride, Co-Chair/  
Art OUT in the City, Co-Chair*

Ernie is an 8th Generation Kentuckian, who has lived in Knoxville for the past 4+ years. Ernie is an Interior Designer/Artist & recently became engaged to his partner Todd Cramer. Ernie would like to give a sincere "THANK YOU" to all of his fellow co-chairs/great friends & all of the supportive community that makes our Pride events more amazing each year!



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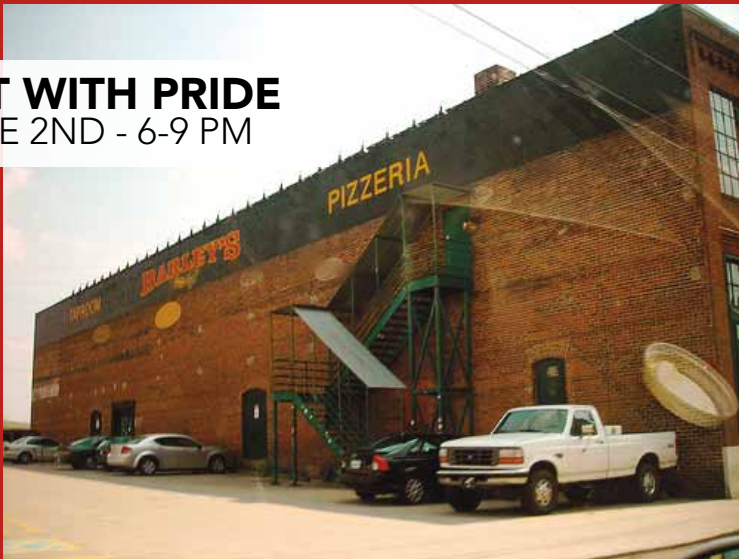
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JUNE THE 2ND - 6-9 PM



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**KNOXVILLE PRIDEFEST**

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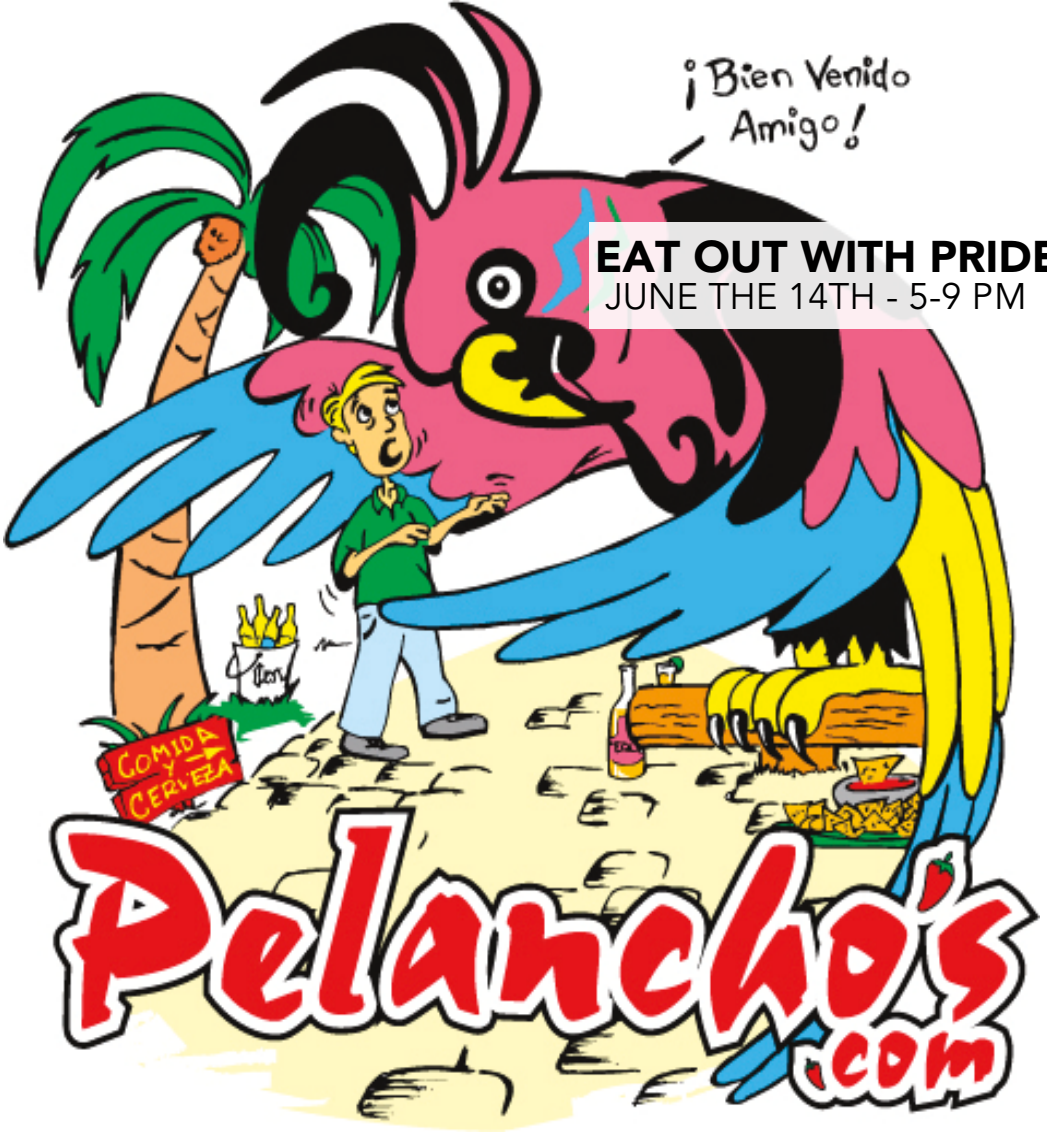
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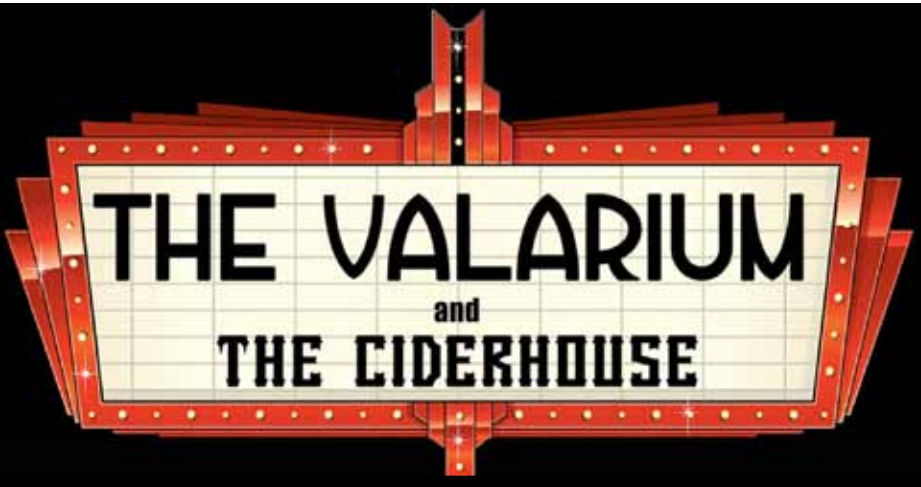


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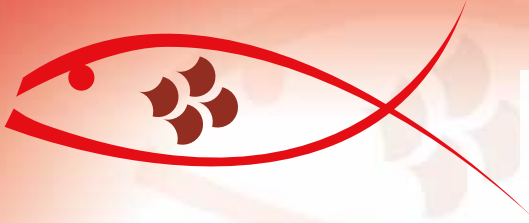


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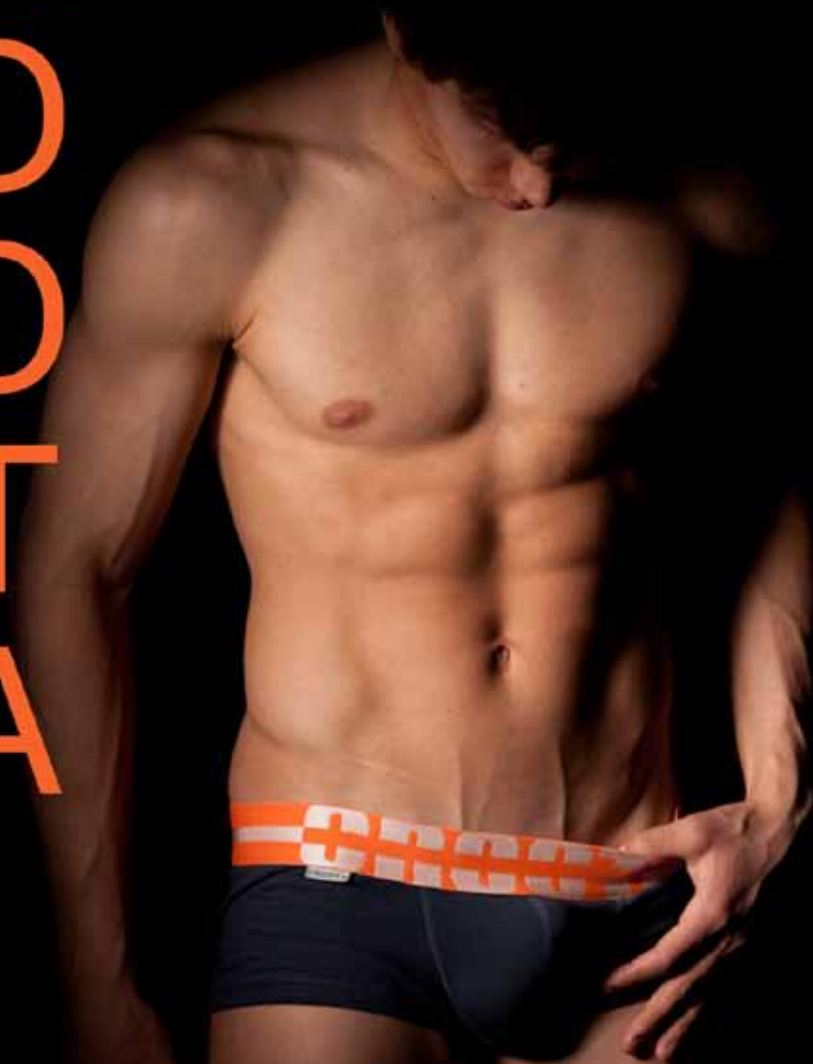
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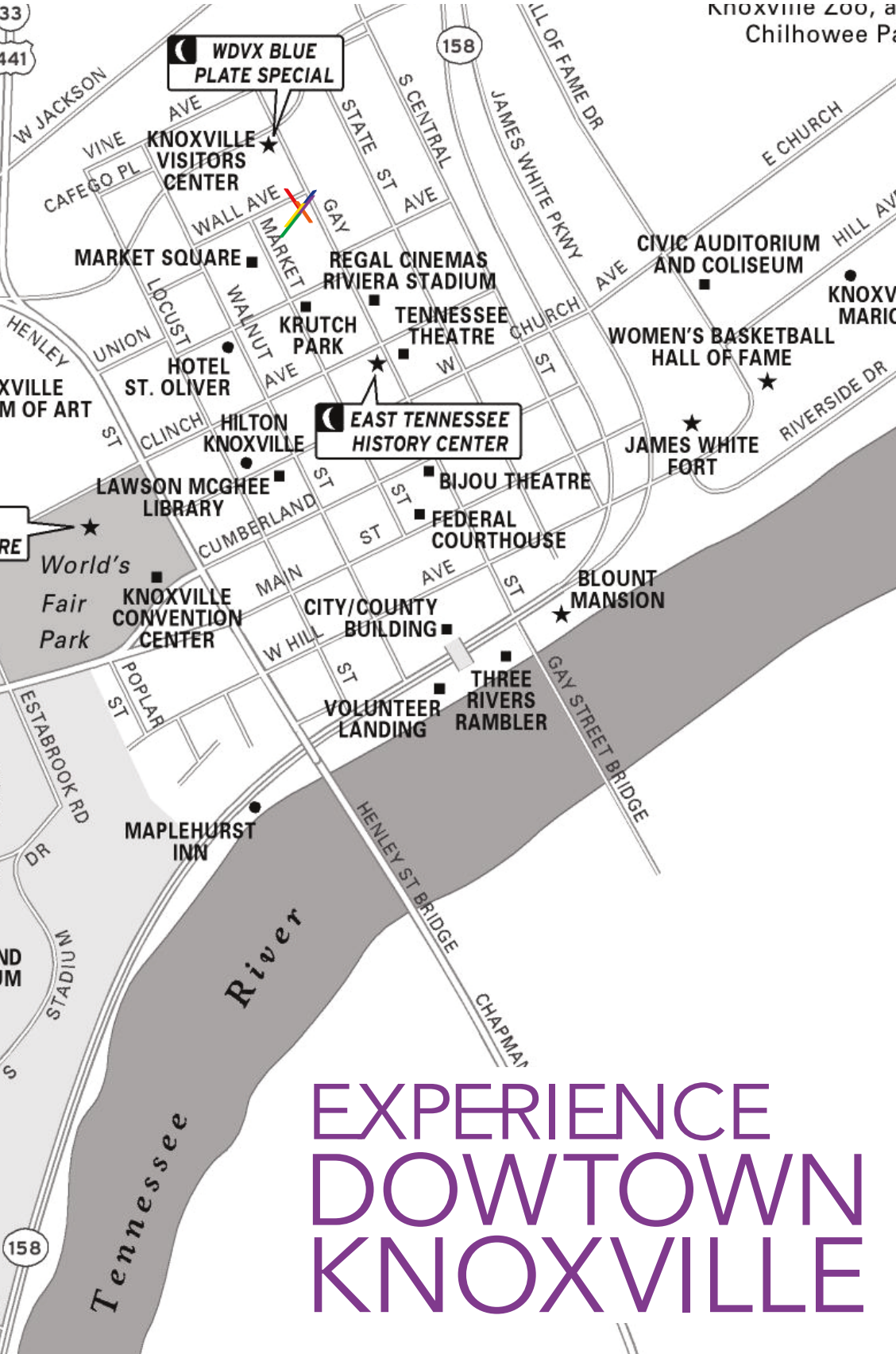
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The theme for this year's Knoxville PrideFest 2011 is "Experience Equality". It may sound a bit corny, but I doubt many people will pause to reflect on what that statement means. It is a very powerful directive.

All we ever seem to hear from LGBT groups and leaders is how we are not equal, but that isn't the truth. We are all equal. Every man, woman and child in this country is equal. Our Declaration of Independence made this abundantly clear; our Constitution's 14th Amendment reaffirms this belief by guaranteeing "equal protection of the laws". We are all equal. The problem in this country is that we aren't treated as such.

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Most people will never know the effort, long hours, and personal financial costs that are required to bring each year's Knoxville PrideFest to life. A chain of events that include Spring Fling, maybe a movie night, maybe a Pride Night at a Tennessee Smokies game, the Art Auction, the Next to Nothing fashion show, Eat Out With Pride nights at your favorite supportive restaurant, and Celebrity Bar Tending, all culminate into a weekend parade and fete. As quickly as it's over, plans start forming for next year and how we can make it better and reach even more people.

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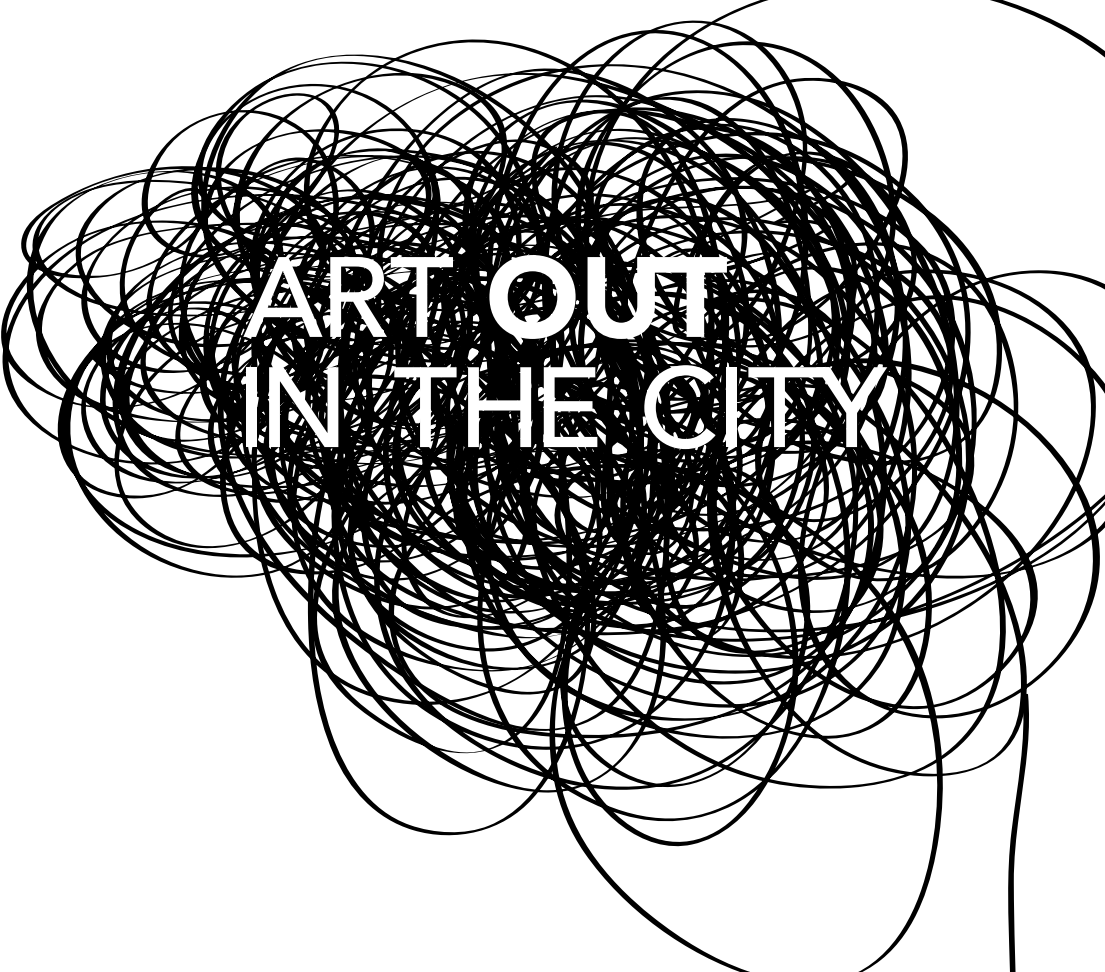
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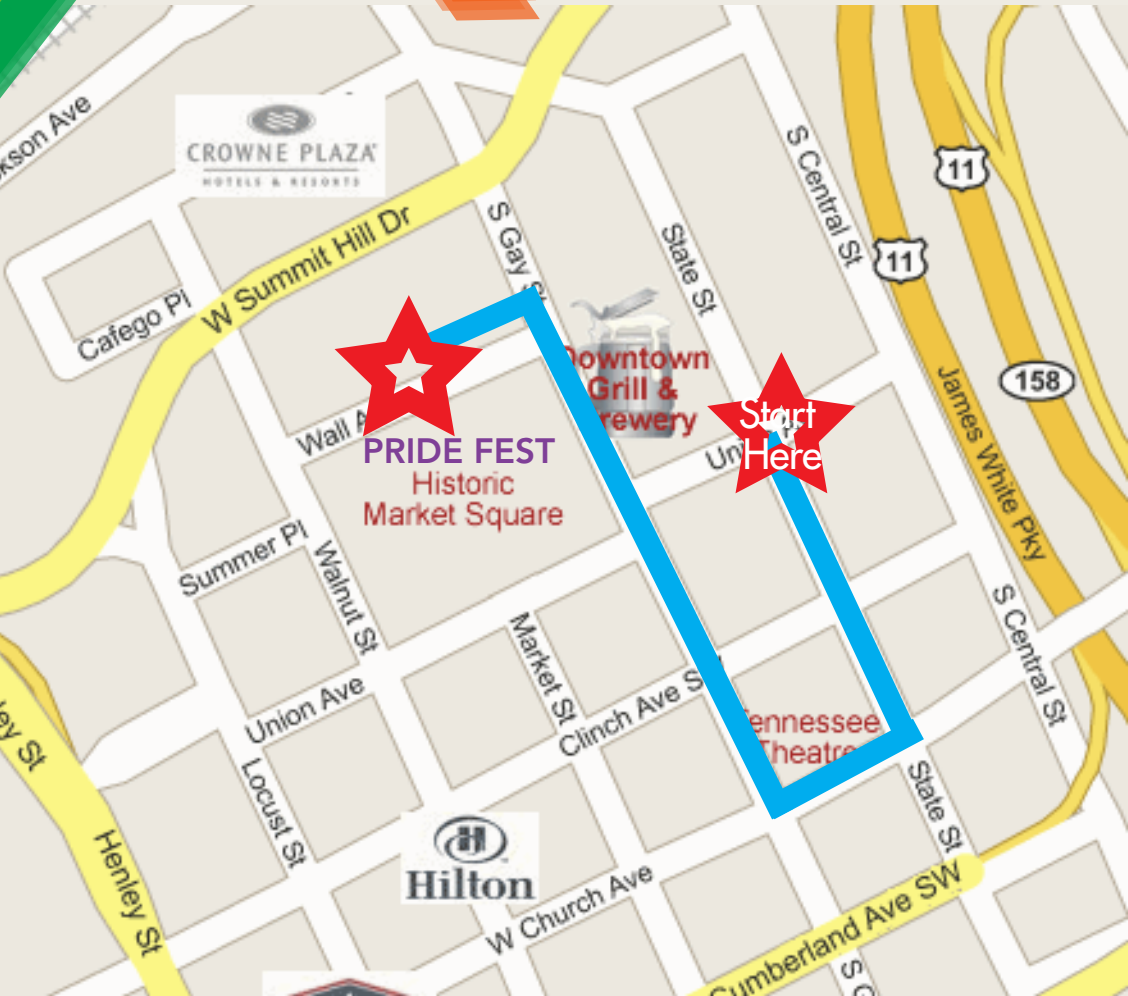
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- **Karen Reynolds**, *Singer/Songwriter*  
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As a bisexual female it is still hard for me to be truthful about who I really am. That's why I love Pride Festivals cuz its the one day or week that I can actually put my wall down and just be ME!! Also I love seeing the community involved with supporting equal rights!! I'm so excited that I get to be in my home town of Knoxville this year for Pride Festival...so excited CAN'T WAIT!!!!

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