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2017 KNOX PRIDE

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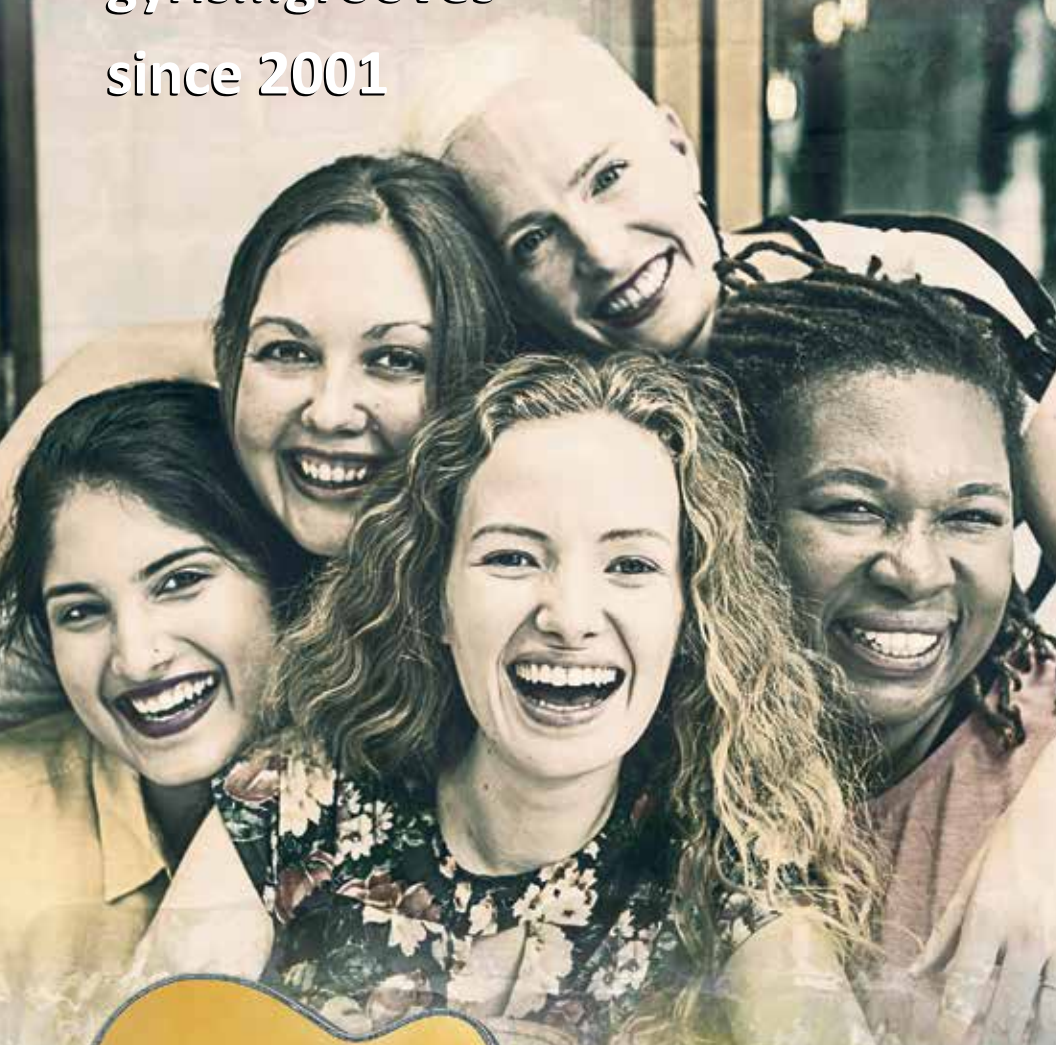
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WELCOMING YOU TO KNOX PRIDE'S 2017 PRIDEFEST

Welcome to Knox PrideFest 2017! The Knox Pride Board, our amazing sponsors & volunteers, and the City of Knoxville welcome you and invite you to celebrate this amazing year with your friends and family, husbands and wives, and the rest of our community at the 12th PrideFest.

We've got a great lineup of events and entertainers, with headline performances by Betty Who, Blake Lewis, Tatiana, Hannah Thomas, and BAMB! Check out our online calendar, grab a friend, and come out with us. We'll be on the Mary Costa Plaza and Performance Lawn from noon to 8pm June 17TH with the Parade on Gay Street at 11am!

Even if the PrideFest isn't your cup of tea, with over 30 events in 2017, we hope there's something out there for everyone! There's lots of great stuff both before and after Pride. New this year is our *Adventures with Pride* series; where you can go-cart, zip-line, and more! But don't worry all your old favorites are back and better than ever. Whether you're joining us for one of our 15+ Dine Outs with Knox Pride at supportive area restaurants, heading to The Standard for Art Out in the City, chilling at the Pride Picnic, or

heading out to the Concourse for the always hot Next 2 Nothing Fashion Show & Auction, there's a place for you in the celebration.

The changes in our government have left many of us feeling uncertain about what the future holds for our community and the gains that we've fought so hard to achieve. While I can't predict what the next few years will hold, or what challenges we'll have to face, I do know that we will find ***Strength Through Love*** of ourselves and our community. We will face whatever tomorrow brings together, we'll fight for our right to love who we love, be who we are, and be proud of ourselves and our community.

Knox Pride stands with you as we all prepare for whatever the future brings. We hope you'll take some time to celebrate all that we've achieved and get ready for the challenges ahead.

Ben Byers



President
East TN Equality Council



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June 1, 2017

Welcome to Knoxville PrideFest 2017!

As Mayor, I am proud to serve a city that recognizes and embraces the contributions of all of its citizens. Now more than ever, it is important for all of us to affirm that our diversity strengthens us and energizes us!

The 12th Knoxville PrideFest promises to be bigger and more festive than ever! This year's festival includes the Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus at the Bijou Theatre, a family picnic, and lots of events at local restaurants. That is all in addition to the annual parade and festival on June 17, moving this year to the Mary Costa Plaza by the Civic Auditorium and Coliseum, with headliner Betty Who as well as appearances by Blake Lewis and Tatiana, and the Knoxville Opera.



I am grateful to the organizers of PrideFest for their work in not just affirming the vitality and importance of our local LGBT community, but also inviting all of Knoxville to share in the fun and festivities. As the ever-growing crowds attest, PrideFest is a festival for everyone.

I am honored to serve as your Mayor, and I wish everyone a happy and successful PrideFest!

Sincerely,

Madeline Rogero
Mayor, City of Knoxville

2017 KNOX PRIDE

Calendars Events



ART OUT IN THE CITY

Thursday, June 1st | 6:30pm
The Standard

Art show and auction with food and drinks included



PRIDEFEST PICNIC

Sunday, June 4th | 1-5pm
Tyson Park



NEXT 2 NOTHING

Friday, June 9th | 7:30pm
The Concourse

Swimwear and underwear show and auction.



CELEBRITY BARTENDING

Wednesday, June 14th | 5pm
Scruffy City Hall

For a full list of events visit KnoxPride.com or our Facebook Page



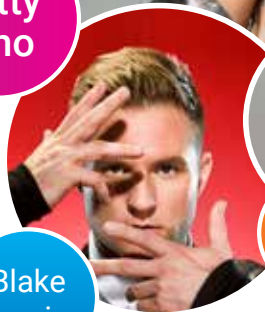
PRIDEFEST
June 17th | 12-8pm
Mary Costa Plaza and
Performance Lawn



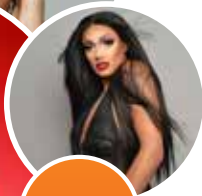
PARADE
Starts at 11am
Gay Street



Betty Who



Blake Lewis



Tatiana



MAY

SoKno Taco Cantina

Thursday | May 11th | 6pm - 10pm

Lisa Jeans

Friday | May 12th | 6pm - 9pm

Wild Wing Cafe

Thursday | May 18th | 7pm - 10pm

West Hills Flats & Taps

Thursday | May 25th | 6pm - 9pm

JUNE

Cool Beans

Sunday | June 4th | All Day

Stir Fry Cafe

Tuesday | June 6th | All Day

Boyd's Jig & Reel

Thursday | June 8th | 5pm - 10pm

Balter Beer Works

Sunday | June 11th | All day

Hard Rock Cafe

Monday | June 12th | 11am - 11pm

Uncorked

Wednesday | June 14th | 5pm - 10pm

Market House

Wednesday | June 14th | All Day

Melting Pot

Thursday | June 15th | 5pm - 10pm

Cru

Sunday | June 18th | 10am - 2pm

Central Flats & Taps

Thursday | June 29th | 6pm - 9pm



All of these eateries are welcoming & supportive of Pridefest and the LGBTQ Community, so Dine Out with Pride returns all year long! RSVP on Facebook to join our group table for each event.

JULY

Tomato Head

Sunday | July 23th | All Day

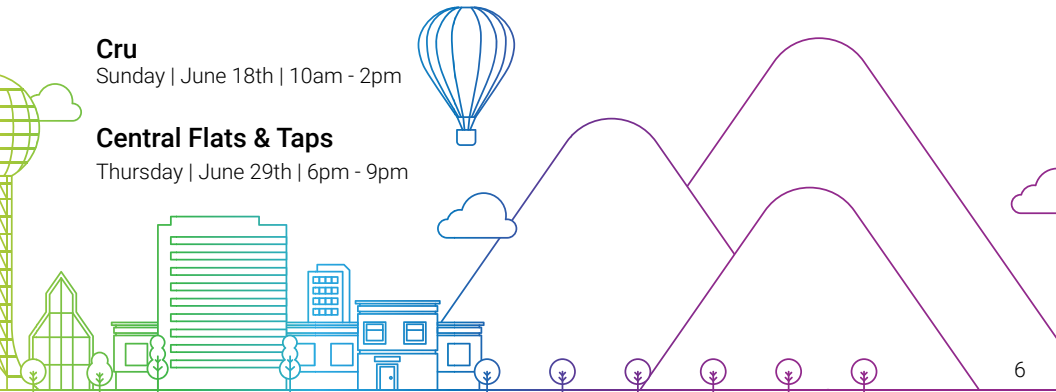
SEPTEMBER

Hard Rock Cafe

Saturday | September 16th | 11am - 11pm

Stir Fry Cafe

Thursday | September 21st | All Day





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WHAT TO EXPECT WITH PRIDEFEST THIS YEAR!

Thanks to the strong LGBTQ community, their allies, and the hard work of Knox Pride to bring PrideFest to Mary Costa Plaza and Performance Lawn (Knoxville Coliseum Lawn). This location will let us bring even more sponsors, new opportunities, and greater diversity in vendors and entertainment this year.

Libations

As in previous years water & soft drinks are available for purchase from food vendors. Knox Pride will be the sole provider of alcohol. If you wish to drink you must show a valid id and purchase a \$1 wristband and drink tickets. We take cash or credit for ticket sales, but there are no atm's on site so plan ahead! Buy a VIP pass & treat yourself to the tented VIP area for free food, an open bar, A/C & get up close with the entertainers.

The "Red Tape"

You must be 21 to drink alcohol, and you can't bring your own (no matter how old you are). Sorry, it's the law. Entry into the park requires going through a security checkpoint. The police will search all bags. Coolers are not permitted. Anyone attempting to carry in outside alcohol, weapons, or firearms will not be permitted to enter.

Parking

Knox Pride cannot assist you in finding a parking spot. The most convenient parking garages will be next to the coliseum for \$5. There are several city operated parking lots in the downtown area that are free to park on weekends but we strongly suggest you check the city online parking guides and plan ahead. Also, checkout the KAT schedule help you get around downtown.

Emergencies

Knox Pride will have uniformed security and first aid available to handle emergencies. Please follow all instructions from festival staff and security. In the event of extreme weather, shelter is available in the coliseum garage.

Like Being Treated Extra Special?

2017 Knox Pride Festival

VIP PASS

This year's pass comes with even more perks!

- Admittance into Next To Nothing, Art Out in the City
- Admittance to the PrideFest VIP Lounge with open bar and complimentary food
- 1 Wristband Voucher and 1 PrideFest T-shirt
(available for pickup at PrideFest)



\$150

Check out KnoxPride.com/store to purchase today

Pride Fun Pack

Pre-purchase a pride fun pack online! Save money, skip the lines, and be ready to celebrate as soon as you arrive. Packages include t-shirts, drink tickets, wristband vouchers, and, while supplies last, some extra pride goodies. Several packages are available, find the one that's right for you. Details online at knoxpride.com/store.

PKG1 - \$40

Knoxville PrideFest 12th anniversary T-Shirt, a wristband voucher and 6 beer tickets (\$11 savings)

PKG 3- \$75

2 Knoxville PrideFest 12th anniversary T-Shirts, 2 wristband vouchers, and 12 Beer tickets (\$27 savings)

PKG5-\$85

2 Knoxville PrideFest 12th anniversary T-Shirts, 2 wristband vouchers, 6 beer tickets, and 6 wine/liquor tickets (\$29 savings)

PKG 2 - \$50

Knoxville PrideFest 12th anniversary T-Shirt, a wristband voucher, and 6 wine/liquor tickets (\$13 savings)

PKG4-\$95

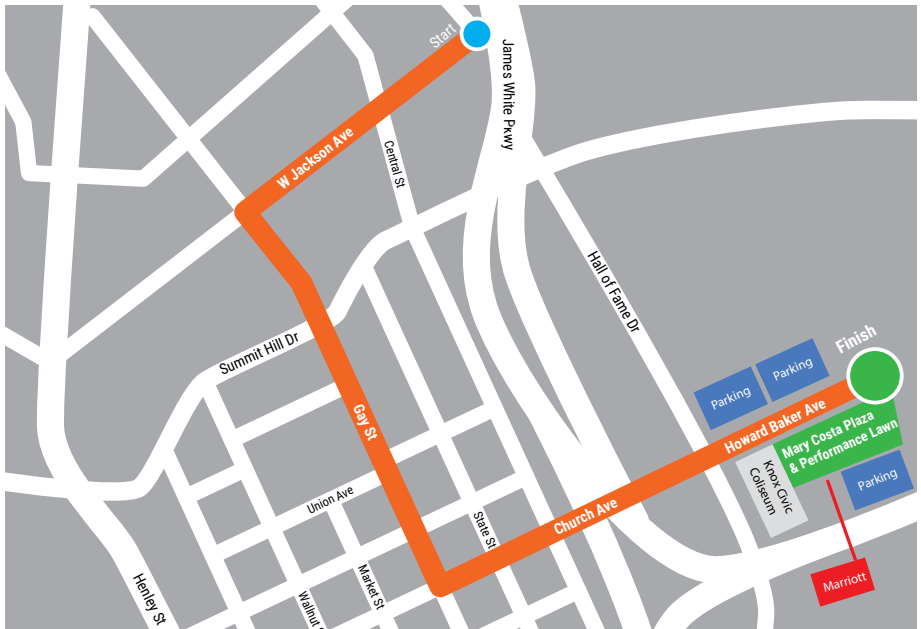
2 Knoxville PrideFest 12th anniversary T-Shirts, 2 wristband vouchers, and 12 wine/liquor tickets (\$31 savings)

PARADE

Grand Marshall
**Rebecca
Lucas**

Staging for the parade will take place on **Saturday, June 17th at 9:00am at the Jackson Ave. & Patton St. surface lot (under James White Pkwy)**

The parade will start promptly at 11am, starting at North Gay St, turn on Church Ave continuing to Howard Baker JR Blvd., Turn Right on Honor Our Troops Drive for disembarking.



**This year promises to be the biggest and best Parade Knox PrideFest has ever seen!
We invite you to be a part of the celebration!**

Do you own a business? Go to a supportive church? Are you in a community group? If so, grab a few friends and a banner or, better yet, build a float. Feel free to be as creative as possible while promoting your business, church, group, etc. Don't forget the beads, candy, flyers, and water as the crowd always loves freebies! Just use our 2017 PrideFest Theme **"Strength Through Love"** in your float design/decoration and you might just be one of our winners!

Categories this year are: Best Float, Most Walkers, Most Original. Be creative with your float design/decoration/ performance and you might just be one of our winners!

To register for the parade go to www.knoxpride.com under the "Events" tab. Click parade and fill out the form. It's FREE and as simple as that to register. You will also find a map of the parade route on that same page so you can get your friends to come cheer you on. However, if you plan to participate in the 2017 PrideFest Parade you need to register no later than Wednesday, June 14th.

Entertainment Schedule

12:00-12:15	DJ
12:15-12:35	Welcome, Keynote Speaker and Grand Marshall
12:35-12:55	KGMC
12:55-1:00	DJ
1:00-1:20	D.C. Men's Chorus
1:20-1:30	DJ
1:30-1:50	Knoxville Opera
1:50-2:00	Announcements & Parade awards
2:00-2:10	DJ
2:10-3:10	BAMM!!!
3:10-3:20	DJ
3:20-4:05	Local Queens
4:05-4:25	DJ
4:25-4:30	Announcements
4:30-5:15	Hannah Thomas
5:15-5:30	DJ
5:30-6:00	Blake Lewis
6:00-6:25	DJ
6:25-6:30	Announcements
6:30-7:00	Tatianna
7:00-7:15	DJ
7:15-8:00	Betty Who

Knox Pride Board



Ben Byers

President

A Knoxville native, Ben is very happy to be back for his third year as President. This event is such a great opportunity for our community to gather together and show our support for each other. Ben grew up in Clinton, TN then attended UTK, graduating with a B.S. in Computer Science, and is currently an Enterprise Architect for Clayton Homes in Maryville. He has previously served as the TEP Knox County Committee Chair and on the boards of Knoxville PFLAG and East TN GLSEN. He would like to thank the rest of the Knox Pride board, the committee chairs, the Coliseum Staff, the City Special Events Office, and all the volunteers who help make PrideFest a success.



Mark Church-Janes

Vice-President, Beverage Chair, Pridefest Parade co-chair, Dine Out w/Pride Chair

Mark is originally from Louisville, KY. He attended the University of Louisville, served in the US Army and the Kentucky National Guard. Mark moved to East TN in 1997 where he now works as a sales representative for a wine & liquor wholesaler and he owns an alcohol responsible beverage servers company, TopShelf Express LLC and Vice President of TopShelf EDU. He is a member of HRC, Red & Green Committee and a Executive board member for Knox Pride. Mark enjoys spending time with his husband of 15yrs, friends, family and traveling. Mark would like to thank the Knox Pride board and all our volunteers for making Knox PrideFest a success.



Christopher Brewer

Secretary, Graphic Designer

Knoxville transplant, originally from NC, is an extremely talented and driven young designer. Recent Graduate from Appalachian State in Boone, NC, studying Industrial Design, he moved back to Knoxville eager to get to work. Chris has several years of experience in Graphic Design and has helped in making pride be colorful.



Sarah-Michelle Miller

Treasurer, Festival Co-Chair

Sarah Michelle Miller is originally from the cold state of Wisconsin but moved here in 2011. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the University of Tennessee-Whitewater, she now works for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities for the State of Tennessee. Though she was raised in WI, she has never felt so at home than she does in her home of Knoxville Tennessee. Here she met her husband of a little over a year, Josh, and they now own a home together and raise two adorable (and spoiled) pups, Ella Ray and Mulligan Theodore. She has experience in leading multiple nonprofit and community service organizations, event and party planning, and catering and looks forward to using her expertise as a strong ally, assisting every way she can to help Pride continue to grow.



Sandy Huneycutt

Board Member/ Chair of PrideFest Picnic

Sandy is originally from a small town outside of Charlotte, NC. She started her career 30 years ago working with individuals that have disabilities. Currently, she works for The State of TN Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Living in Knoxville for 18 years; she is the proud parent of two wonderful children, Katie and Seth.



Bill Mynatt

Board Member

Bill is a native of Knoxville who joined the Knox Pride Board in 2010. He returned to Knoxville from Vanderbilt to attend UT College of Law and practices law with Lewis, Thomason, King, Kreig & Waldrop, P.C. He hosts the Night Out With the Smokies and is looking forward to a great year of Pride events in 2018!



Victoria Scott

Board Member, Entertainment Chair

Victoria was born in Monterey, CA. Being a child in a military home, she moved a few times before settling in Kingsport, TN. She has lived in Knoxville for 13 years, and received a Bachelors of Arts degree in the field of Political Science from the University of Tennessee. While attending UT she served as the president of the Lambda Student Union for 2 years. As the President of Lambda she organized many social and political events for the LGBTQ community on campus. She has been employed by PepsiCo for 5 years. She is happily married to her wonderful wife Ashleigh Scott, and they have a beautiful young puppy named Oakley.



Jennifer Green

Board Member

A Florida native, Jen relocated to Knoxville last year to join Mortgage Investors Group. While attending the University of South Florida to obtain her B.A in Music, she was actively involved and lead their PRIDE Alliance. During her tenure at Bank of America, Jen attended several Out & Equal conferences and chaired the Tampa Bay region PRIDE ERG. In addition, she was also a member of Out & Equal Tampa Bay as a representative for Bank of America as well as a certified trainer. Jen also is a member of the Knoxville Choral Society.



Adam Christopher

Board Member, N2N Coordinator

Adam is a native of Knoxville and grew up in the Karns community where he graduated in 2005. He joined the Knox Pride Board in 2016 after having been a volunteer for several years assisting with a multitude of events and fundraisers. Adam loves all things technology and has worked for Apple for 5 years where he plans to run the company and retire! Currently, Adam is the Executive Producer of the Next2Nothing Fashion Show, a long running fundraiser for Knox Pride. He is excited for what Knox Pride is becoming and hopes to spread our community involvement throughout the southeast!



Morgan Thompson

Board Member, Art Out Coordinator

Morgan is a Knoxville native who is excited to be a new member of the Knox Pride Board. She grew up in South Knoxville and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. She is currently an Internal Auditor for Clayton Homes. After being a volunteer for PrideFest in 2016, she decided she wanted to become a more active member in the community. She is eager to serve as a Board member and cannot wait to see what this year's PrideFest and Pride events bring.



Jordan Sexton

Board Member, Parade Coordinator

Jordan is a native Knoxville native who joined the Knox Pride Board in 2017. He currently lives and works in Washington DC, but usually makes it back to Knoxville every month to visit his (cute) little brother and help with Pride. He loves to hike in his free time and enjoys discovering new places in the city. He loves to observe pride grow and become a major event in Knoxville.



Rachel Siegel

Board Member, Volunteer Coordinator

Rachel Siegel was born and raised in Knoxville, TN. She graduated from Knoxville West High School and went on to attend and graduate the University of Tennessee with bachelors degree in Biology. Rachel enjoys working and volunteering in the community, as well as spending as much time outdoors as possible.



Rodney Lynch

Board Member

Rodney is a Knoxville native who loves to travel. He spends a lot of time with friends and family including niece and nephew. I enjoy hiking, video games, movies and LOVE rollercoasters. I love to volunteer and it's very important to me to give back to the community. I've been working with #KnoxPride in different capacities since 2012 and I'm looking forward to our continued growth.

Betty Who



"I've always been the type of person who will tell you everything and put myself out there totally unguarded," says Betty Who. "Writing is therapeutic in that way. I want other people to be able to hear a song and say, 'that's how i felt but was too afraid to say it.' And that's the beauty of music, you can really say anything you want with a catchy hook."

Therein lies the magic of Betty Who and her explosive rise to fame last year on the strength of her breakout debut EP, 'the movement.' Her songs exorcise vulnerabilities and weaknesses, reclaiming them as anthems of joy and independence. Lead single "somebody loves you" debuted at #4 on Spotify's most viral list, racking up more than six million streams and earning her raves from Buzzfeed and Perez Hilton to spin and nylon, along with spreads in Elle (who called her "your next pop obsession"), Cosmo, and more. Time named her one of 14 to watch in 2014, NY mag described her as a mix of "early Madonna...Katy Perry and Robyn, with spunk and confidence," and billboard hailed her "shimmering tracks...And arresting pop textures."

To call the EP an unexpected triumph would be an understatement, though, especially considering it was initially released independently. The grassroots success of the music, fueled primarily by word of mouth online from a passionate fanbase and who's undeniable charisma as a frontwoman in her ecstatic live shows, led to a deal with RCA, who released her follow-up EP, 'slow dancing,' which debuted at #1 on the iTunes pop chart. Now, as who prepares to release her forthcoming debut LP, perform on late night with Seth Meyers, and join Katy Perry on tour, she finds herself a far cry away from her roots as a classical cellist growing up half a world away in Australia. "I had these dueling musical interests," says who of her childhood. "My first tape was Britney Spears and I know every single word to 'no strings attached' by N*Sync. But I had this cello that I started playing when I was four, and I played a lot of classical music until I was 18, so I'd be dancing in my room to 'genie in a bottle' and then I would go to orchestra rehearsal."

Who earned acceptance to the prestigious interlochen center of the arts in Michigan, where she excelled in the rigorous classical program. On a trip to Boston during her senior year to audition for the Berklee college of music, who was introduced to peter Thomas, who would become integral to her career months later when she returned to enroll in the school. "He came to me right before he withdrew from Berklee and said we should mess around in the studio and see what happens," who remembers. "I think from that day forward we spent almost every night at our engineer's apartment, all crammed around the computer talking about songs and what we wanted and what we didn't want. We did a lot of discovering who we were, and peter became one of my best friends."

Though it was never their intention, the result of those late night sessions was 'the movement' EP, and the reaction to the music confirmed that they indeed had something special on their hands.

"We basically made a name for ourselves with people who were just genuine music fans," says who. "They wanted to see the underdog succeed because i was an independent artist."

If anything, signing with RCA has only encouraged who to double down on those endearing qualities that made her such a rising independent star in the first place. The 'slow dancing' EP, her second collaboration with Thomas, opens with "heartbreak dream," an 80's-inspired pop masterpiece that works audiences up into a dancing frenzy live. "Alone again" is a prince-esque gem that poured out in just a few hours during what who describes as a "Beyonce moment" of self-empowerment, while "giving me away" is such a vulnerable, personal statement that she wasn't sure if she could ever publicly perform it. But that's what makes her Betty Who, that vulnerable musical alchemy by which she turns deep, emotional, sometimes painful moments into cathartic bursts of abandon and collective bliss. On the eve of completing her debut LP, one thing is abundantly clear: Betty Who still has a lot more magic up her sleeve.

Blake Lewis



Blake Lewis first came to national attention as one of the most unique contestants ever to compete on *American Idol*, and long before that, as a teenager, he was well-known as "Bshorty" in Seattle's cappella, hip-hop, and rave scenes. But with the release of his ambitious and completely independent third album, *Portrait of a Chameleon*, Blake is taking things to a whole new level.

The follow-up to the critically acclaimed *Audio Day Dream* (which sold 350,000 copies and spawned the top 40 single "Break Anotha") and *Heartbreak on Vinyl* (the title track of which went to #1 twice on Billboard's dance charts), *Portrait of a Chameleon* is "fun, sexy, and positive. I'd call it 'future pop,'" says Blake. "Across the album, I juxtapose so many different kinds of music. It's very anthemic, and there's an epic feel. The album metaphor has to do with finding our colors, as we are all chameleons. I'm standing out on the cover because I've found mine. I will always continue to stretch the boundaries of the human voice and create the music that colors my life."

Using Blake's own painstakingly handcrafted library of sampled mouth sounds ("beatboxing, sound effects, vocal scratching, the works") as its foundation, *Portrait of a Chameleon* runs the gamut from the reggae-tinged Nick Hexum co-write "She Gives Me Her Love" to the horn-laden funky-freshness of "Disco in Space," from the sexy slow-jam "Lost in Heaven" to the poignant life-on-the-fringe cautionary tale "Not Today," the latter inspired by Blake's mother, whom he considers his main inspiration. The album also features the hard-hitting, bass-in-your-face "Your Touch," the soundtrack to 2013's Microsoft Internet Explorer 10 campaign — which starred Blake, played on more than 19,000 theater screens across the U.S., received more than 1.2 billion impressions, and has already sold 130,000 copies worldwide.

But perhaps the centerpiece of *Portrait* is the '80s-tastic pop epic "Retro Romance." A sonic sequel of sorts to "Heartbreak on Vinyl," the frothy, feelgood ode to a Jordache-clad dreamgirl with "Suzanne Somers thighs" sounds like a final-love-scene song on a John Hughes soundtrack — meaning, of course, that it sounds totally awesome. "Duran Duran, the Cure, Depeche Mode, Prince, and Michael Jackson were always playing when I was growing up, on CD or on vinyl," Blake says fondly of his proud '80s influences.

However, *Portrait of a Chameleon* — out on Blake's on *Audio Day Dream Records* and distributed through *InGrooves* — still has a hypermodern feel, and Blake is looking ahead, hoping that his "future pop" will connect with fans of all ages. "So here we go/A chance to start again/The melody is calling me/There's no time to pretend," he boldly declares in the album's opening track.

"I never wanted to stick to one style or stay in one place," Blake stresses. "And I haven't been more proud of anything in my life than this album."

"Blake Lewis is such an amazing talent, and *Portrait of a Chameleon* really delivers on showcasing all his skill and artistry." — Ken Jordan, *The Crystal Method*

"Blake is a super-soulful and creative dude. We had a lot of fun writing 'She Gives Me Her Love.' Great vocal and beats." — Nick Hexum, 311



Tatianna

Tatianna is the stage name of Joey Aantolini, an American drag performer, hair stylist, make-up artist and performing artist from Falls Church, Virginia. He is best known for being a contestant on Season 2 of *Rupaul's Drag Race*.

Tatianna was revealed to be a contestant for *Rupaul's All Stars Drag Race* (Season 2), where he was eliminated on episode 2. Due to a twist that occurred on episode 5, Tatianna returned to the competition alongside previously-eliminated queen; Alyssa Edwards.

She was eventually eliminated by Alaska in episode 6. Her elimination caused an uproar among fans and she is widely regarded as one of the breakout stars of all stars 2.





Hannah Thomas

Hannah Thomas is bringing her own style of music to the roots rock world with a voice reminiscent of young Bonnie Raitt, grit and bravado that draws comparisons to Melissa Etheridge, and the southern rock soul of Chris Robinson.

Born and raised in Covington, Georgia, Thomas grew up on classic rock and country music: "my dad introduced me to Aerosmith and Black Sabbath, and with my mom I would listen to a lot of Patsy Cline, Tina Turner and The Judds. Later on I discovered 90s alternative". Thomas (and those close to her) will admit that ever since she was able to walk and talk, she has never wanted to do anything except perform.

Thomas' various influences can be heard on her new album produced by Lester Nuby III (St. Paul and The Broken Bones) in Birmingham, Alabama. "Fault Line" is her first full-length LP since 2012, spanning the gap between Atlanta's eclectic roots rock revival and the soulful, classic rock sound of Muscle Shoals. Thomas is joined by an all-star band comprised of Brandon Bush on keys (Sugarland/Train), Sadler Vaden on guitar (Drivin N Cryin/Jason Isbell), Jimbo Hart on bass guitar (Jason Isbell) and Chad Gamble on drums (Jason Isbell). The LP includes a song co-written with Michelle Malone. Malone plays lead guitar on that single, alongside Gerry Hansen on drums (Chuck Leavell, Randall Bramblett, Shawn Mullins) and Michael C. Steel on bass (Randall Bramblett). The album also features guest vocals by Terri Clark and Amy Ray of Indigo Girls.



BAMM!

San Francisco songwriter Taylor Brooks (The Temptations, Ray Charles & John Legend) teams up with Heather Maples – singer-songwriter, popular regional headliner and 8th-generation daughter of the East Tennessee Smoky Mountains to front this band— and together with

keyboard maestro Mark Meyer, and popular Philly percussionist Craig Johnston, create a serious blend of classic rock, country and original music delivered with energy, style and fun! Based in Gatlinburg, BAMM! hosts a popular local jam night (BAMM JAM) every Tuesday at Three Jimmy's and you can find them performing there every Friday night starting at 9pm.



Please see KGMC perform their Spring Concert on Saturday, May 20, 2017 8 PM at the Bijou. A portion of each of their concert ticket sold will go to benefit Knox Pride to help keep Pridefest free.

Our Mission

The KGMC strives to give entertaining high-quality performances that appeal to all audiences while

shedding a positive light on the LGBTQ community.

Our Vision

The Knoxville Gay Men's Chorus wishes to be recognized as a quality group of voices not only in the LGBTQ community, but also the community at large. The KGMC promotes its mission by focusing on the following:

Creating relationships with members, sponsors, and the audience.

Promoting equality by actively encouraging participation of all men regardless of age, race, birth sex, sexual orientation, and religious affiliation.

Striving for excellence by selecting challenging choral pieces for male mixed voices.

Promoting social change and building community in its performances.



We've provided cultural enrichment to East Tennessee since 1978 and every year keeps getting better! This season we are bringing you Gilbert & Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore, Bizet's Carmen, and Verdi's Il Trovatore.

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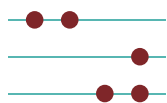
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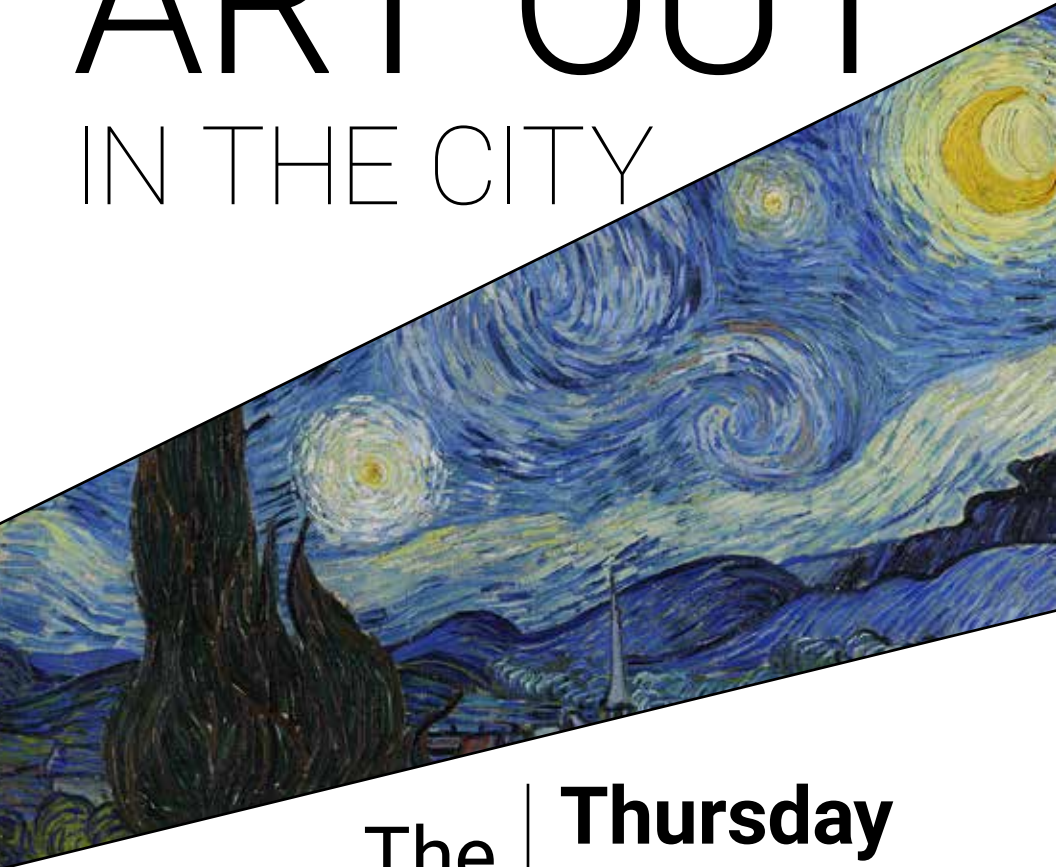
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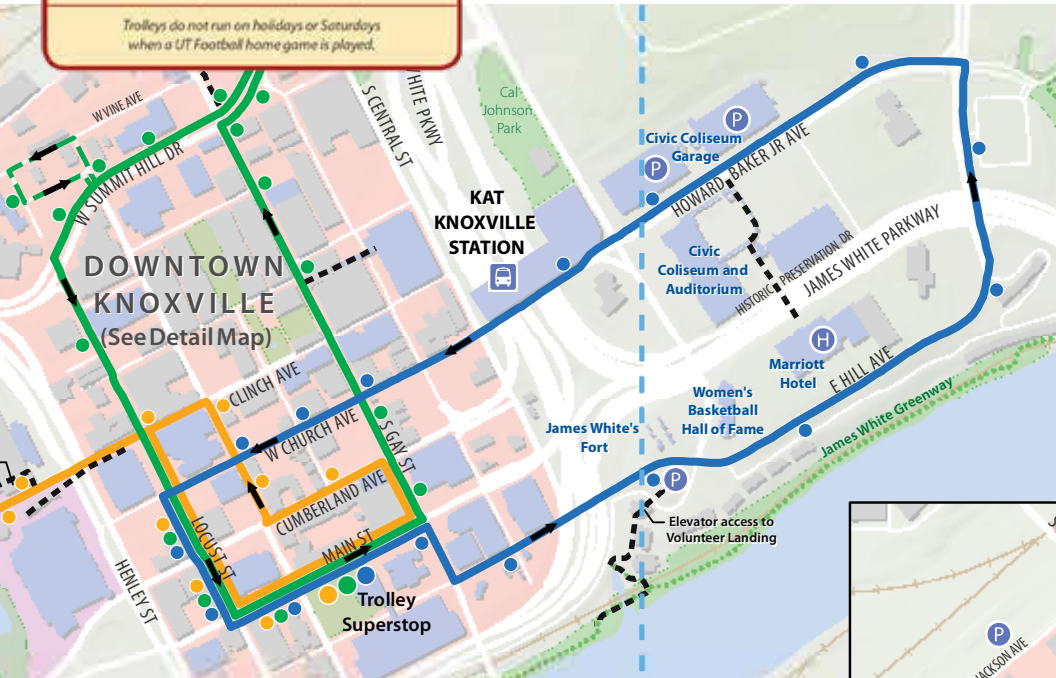
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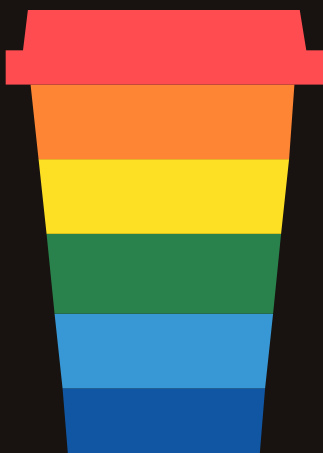


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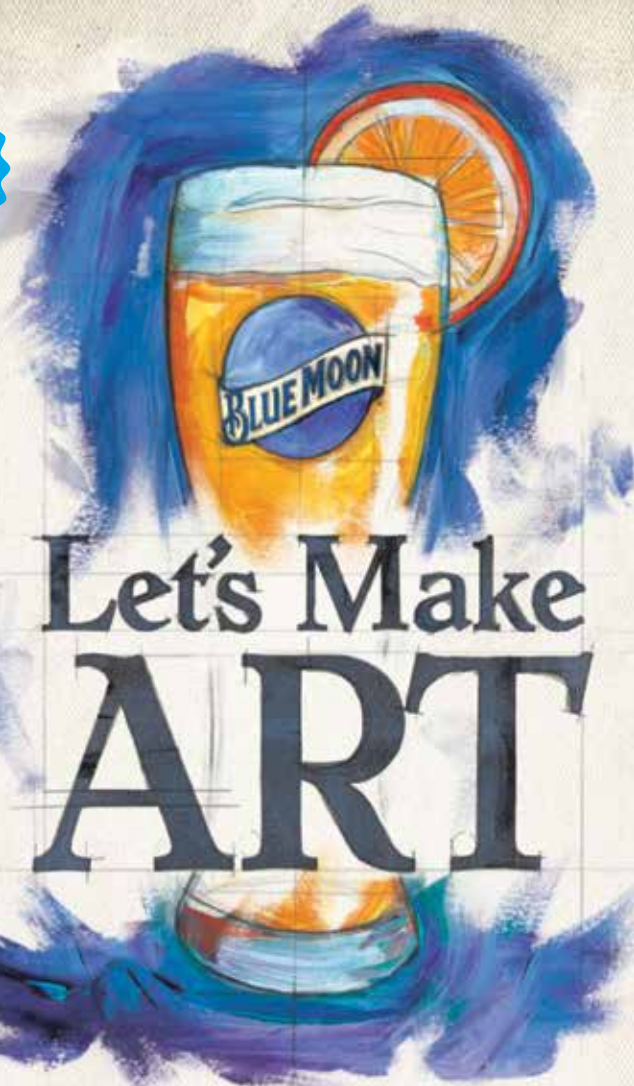
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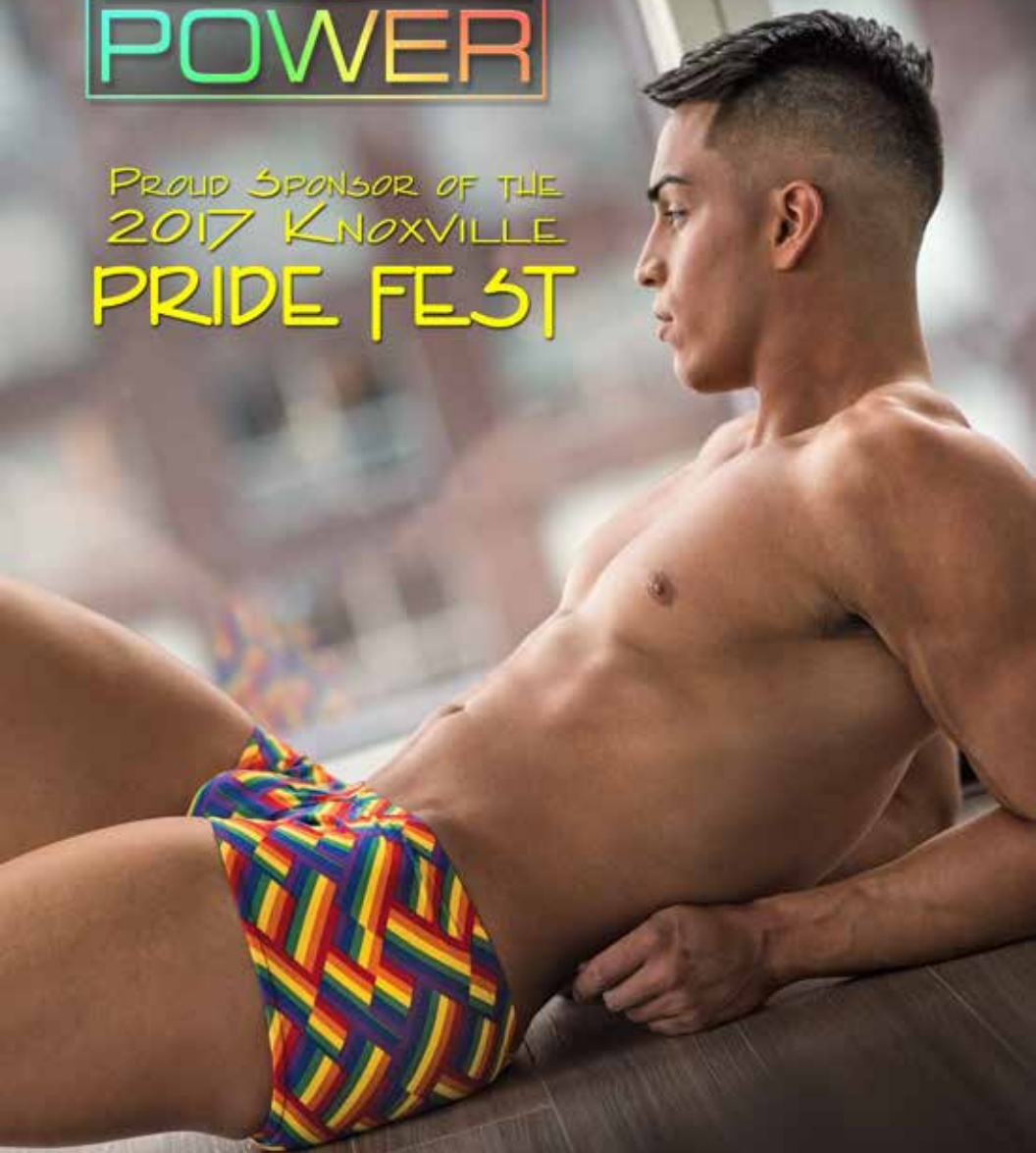
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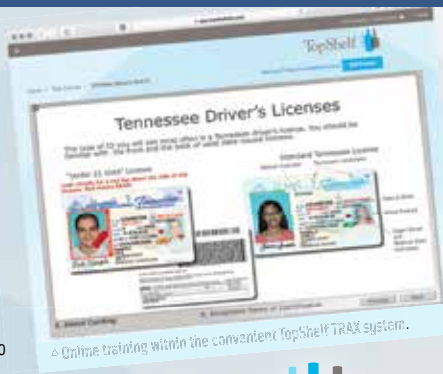
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