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# "Together \\ Celebrating \\ \Pride!"

July 26, 1992

Reservoir Park Harrisburg, PA



WELCOME to the First Gay and Lesbian Pride Festival of Central PA! We are excited to join you in this historic event. We recognize the strength and maturity involved in standing tall, and proudly stating who we are. As a community and as individuals, we are LESBIANS and GAYS. We are proud of coming out, and proud of our efforts to overcome the discrimination that society, government, employers, co-workers, friends and families impose upon us. We are proud of being able to overcome fear, hatred and ignorance. We are proud to be here. We come together to celebrate our PRIDE - with each other and with all of Central Pennsylvania.

Pride Festival '92 was organized to provide an affirming experience for the lesbian and gay community, to encourage the non-gay community to meet us and to recognize us as a valuable part of our diverse society, and to reach out to Lesbians and Gays that are not knowledgeable of our community. Recently we met an approximately 40 year old, closeted gay man who was shocked to learn that 30-40 gay men might play volleyball on a given night. He couldn't imagine that 40 gays actually lived in Harrisburg. Remember how awful it was to feel alone? Today, we reach out to thousands - to let them know that we are here and that life can be wonderful as open Lesbians and Gays.

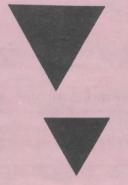
The past year gays and lesbians have made great strides on issues affecting our lives in Central Pennsylvania. Hate crimes legislation is nearing passage in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Positive progress is being made in local politics, media, and lesbian and gay organizations. We must, however, continue to confront blatant discrimination. Actions like the violence against The Closet Bookstore in Lancaster, the bigotry of Messiah Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, and the apathy and unresponsiveness of our public television station, WITF, must not be tolerated. The lesbian and gay community has become a recognized force in America, and our needs will continue to be addressed as long as we stand up to be counted. Today, lesbians and gays in Central Pennsylvania are standing. We applaud you for standing. We applaud your courage and strength. TOGETHER CELEBRATING PRIDE, today we move toward freedom tomorrow.

Dan Miller Co-Chair

Patrick Wallen Co-Chair

**Festival Organizing Committee** 

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# GAY & LESBIAN PRIDE FESTIVAL Of Central Pennsylvania

1:00 - 1:10	welcome
1:15 - 1:35	Harrisburg Men's Chorus
1:30 - 1:45	Allison Wood (pavilion)
1:45 - 2:15	Catie Curtis
2:00 - 2:30	Inter-faith Service (west garden)
2:25 - 2:55	State of Mind
2:50 - 3:30	Donna E (pavilion) Country Line-Dance Instruction
3:25 - 4:00	John White & The Stevenson Twins
4:00 - 4:35	Women's Theatre Guild (pavilion)
4:15 - 4:45	Nancy Day
4:55 - 5:25	Natalie Darkes
5:25 - 5:35	Presentation to Pete Wambach
5:50 - 6:20	The Sirens
6.30 7.00	Robbi Cormitaball

## Today's entertainment was made possible by generous contributions from Entertainment Sponsors

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1 hour Isaac's Restaurant & Deli

1/2 hr. Barry Loveland

1 hour Daniel C. Miller & Assoc., CPA

1/2 hr. Miller Genuine Draft

1/2 hr. Paper Moon Restaurant

1 hour William Howard Day Cemetery

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Harrisburg Men's Chorus
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### "How'd we do?"

We want your feedback on this year's festival, and your help planning next year's. Join us as we begin to plan for Pride '93. Festival date is July 25, 1993
The first meeting is Sunday, Sept. 20th, 3:00, 1514 N. Second St., Harrisburg.