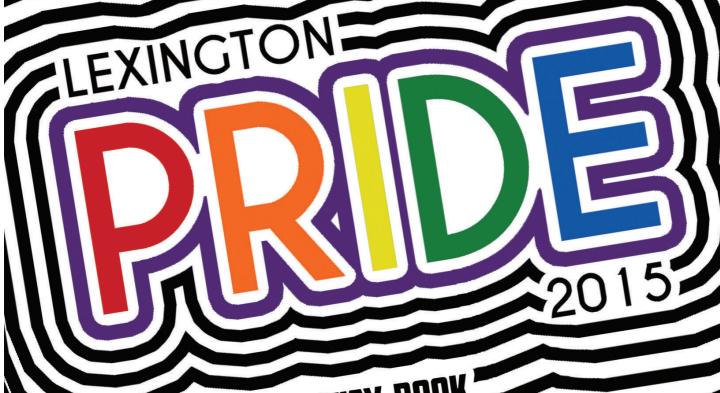
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There's no shortage of things to see and do at the Pride Festival... and this event is a shining example of Lexington's beautiful diversity. Congratulations to the festival organizers and here's to another great year of Lexington Pridel

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Sincerely,

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Dear Family.

Calling all of you family makes me very proud and I am saying that to over 20,000 of you. I call you all my brothers and sisters cause on this day I think of this as my family reunion. I may not get to see many of you but once a year, so it is very refreshing and exciting for me to see and be part of something so great as the Lexington Pride Festival! We expand every year much like a real family and we have our own personalities just like a real family. We may even fight and disagree on some issues, but at the end of the day we love and support each other.

Each year presents a new and unique set of circumstances. People come up to me every year and ask why I volunteer to help with the Pride Festival. I do this because of the passion I have for our community and I want to continue to be part of something that is positive and to help the GLSO, an organization that provides so much support and resources to our Pride Community. Since starting on the Pride committee for the 2009 Festival, I have seen and met many individuals that have made such an impact in my life. I am proud to have especially been part of this year's most diverse committee yet.

The individuals that have worked on the committee have been nothing less than fabulously amazing! This festival today would not be possible without: Robert Abreu (Festival Vice-Chair & Volunteers), JP Johnson (Festival Secretary), Jacob Boyd (Festival Treasurer), Haley Marie (Activities & Volunteers), Mark Johnson (Entertainment), Todd Ryser-Oatman & Dwight Vires (Fundraising), Kat Wilkie (Sponsorships), Christopher Bauer (Logistics), Kira Goldade (Vendor Liaison), Sarah Brown (Marketing/Advertising), Jessica Garner (Merchandising), Michael Grout (Social Media), Amy Hatter (Website/Technology), Christi Wilson (Alcohol Manager), Chase Bush (Hospitality Director), and Tuesday Meadows & Nic Brown (Members At Large). We have also had numerous others on different sub-committees that have been amazing over the course of the year! All of these individuals have given some much to make this day possible. The commitment that they have made started almost immediately after Pride last year and will continue until we close the books a month from now. Please, if you see anyone with a Volunteer or Staff shirt, please stop to thank them for helping to make this day special for everyone.

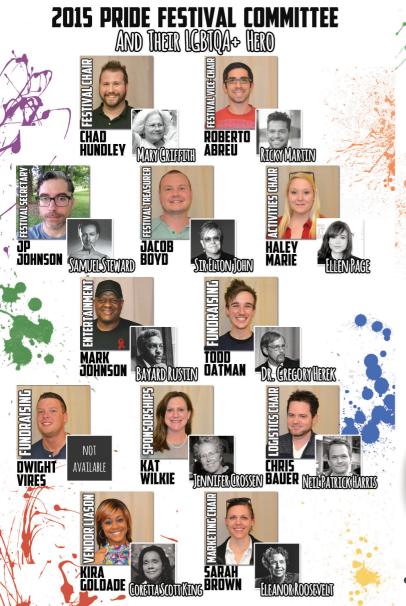
When I see everyone enjoying themselves and all the smiles upon everyone's faces, that is when it will hit me and I will realize that the last year of planning this festival was worth it all. All the tears I cried when I felt overwhelmed and all the late nights of sleepless nights and sending emails out, will be nothing but a memory that will be forgotten! You never know that this day may save hundreds of lives!

So in closing, I want to thank every one of you for showing up and OUT on this amazing day! Thank you to all the volunteers that volunteer for any and all of our positions. No matter how you define yourself, know that you are always welcome and accepted amongst our big 'ole Pride Community! The important thing to remember is that you have to keep Pride going in yourself all year long!

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Lexington Pride Festival Chair 2015



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INTERVIEW WITH AFTERNOON HEADLINER



Q: Where did your interest in music begin?

A: Apparently when I was 4 or 5, I informed my cousin that, when I grew up, I wanted to be a singer and have long hair...lol I would sing all the time around the house. I would write little songs and hold concerts from our patio, imagining crowds of people listening. My dad was a church minister, so my mom decided to put my talents to good use in church. From there I started singing on local radio shows, and I just never stopped. Music makes me happy, I can't imagine doing anything else.

Q: What are some notable accomplishments you've received? A: Music has been good to me. I've won 3 OutMusic awards, been featured on Advocate.com and Huffington Post. My music video for "Love" reached #1 on MTV Music and I've had the honor of sharing stages with Norah Jones, Taylor Dayne and Crystal Waters.

Q: Who has been a big influence musically?

A: I grew up in the caribbean, so Bob Marley was a big influence. Not only was his music infectious, but he stood for peace and justice and love, the same things I stand for. Marley sang for the oppressed and he had a deep spirituality that I really resonated with. Growing up in church I also listened to a lot of gospel and inspirational music.

Q: Why is Pride important?

A: Pride is important because we need to show the world how to accept, respect and celebrate who we are. We have come a long way, but we aren't at the finish line yet. We need more spaces that celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance. Pride is important because it shows the world that LGBTQ people are here and it allows our allies to take a public stand and support us.

Q: I read that you love Netflix. What is a "hidden gem" movie you recommend on Netflix?

A: I just discovered a beautiful indie film called "Big Words". It shows a day in the life of 3 Brooklyn friends who were once members of a promising hip-hop group. Now in their 30s, they are forced to re-connect on the night of Obama's 2008 election. One of the members is gay and I just loved it.

Q: Besides singing, do you have any other hidden talents? **A:** I love cooking, and lately I've been experimenting with raw recipes.

Interview with Nhojj, Interviewed by Sarah Brown



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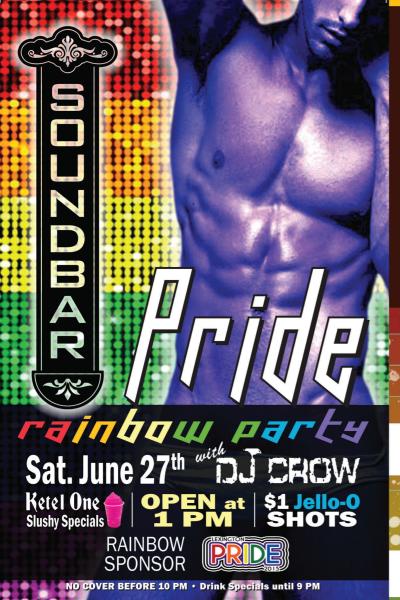
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Ashton Chaffins

It's simply really, pride is being your authentic self.

Karin West-Riley





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11:00-11:30 am: Welcome, Proclamation from Mayor Jim Gray, presentation and performance by Mr. & Miss Lexington Pride 2015

11:30-Noon: Company Q Drama Troupe

Noon-12:30pm: SisterSound 12:30-1:00pm: Louisville Gay

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1:15-2:00pm: March Madness

Marching Band

2:00-2:45pm: Bridge 19

3:00-4:00pm: Community Drag Show

4:00-4:45PM: -

(AFTERNOON HEADLINER) NHOJJ

4:45-5:00: WUKY Karaoke Contest Winner

5:00-5:45pm: Dance Break

Battle of the DJ's - DJ ea & DJ Brady

5:45-6:30pm: Alcatraz Shakedown

6:30-7:00pm: Dance Break - Soundbar DJ

7:00-8:00pm: Community Drag Show

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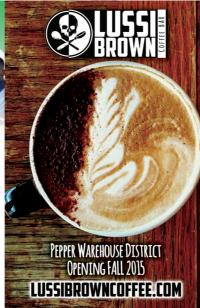
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Q: How's touring?

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Q: What's the secret to your success?

A: We feel a genuine connection with our fans. It means the world to us when fans express how our music helps/changes/saves and enriches their lives as many other artists have done the same for us.

Q: Who has been a big influence musically?
A: We love Metric, The Sounds, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs,
Joan Jett, Heart, CCR... really anyone who moves us.

Q: What does playing at LGBTQ pride events mean to you?

A: Playing LGBTQ events are very meaningful to us as some of us are gay and we as a whole fully support the community in all aspects. We have a very strong queer following and make it our mission that none of our fans ever feels isolated and alone. But we don't limit ourselves to only the queer community as music is universal. We want to be available to everyone. Always.

Q: Who falls asleep on the tour van/bus first?
A: It is a toss up between Abisha and Jessica.
They are the sleepers. Katie and myself (Jessie) usually are entertaining each other to pass the time.

Q: Lastly... if you could only have just ONE of the following, what would it be? Plaid shirts, cut offs, eyeliner, or a straightener.

A: The answer is all of the above. Especially whenever we do the Vans Warped Tour. We are an all female band after all and a girl needs things.

Interview with Jessie Farmer of SOS, Interviewed by Sarah Brown

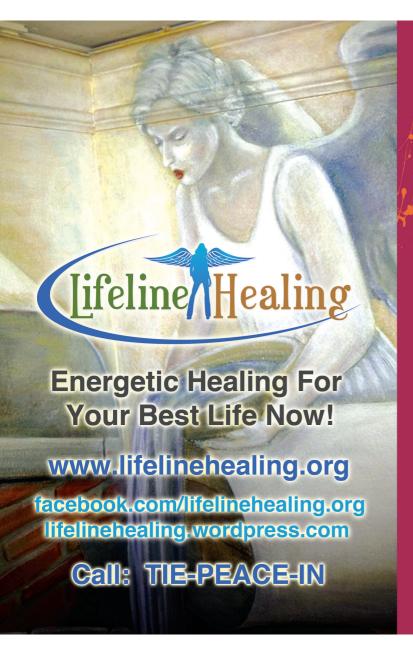


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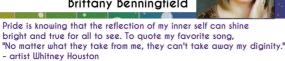
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Kody Douglas

Pride is more than just a feeling we celebrate one month during the summer. It's a uniting force among people of all colors and creeds that catches like wildfire to help make a better world for everyone!

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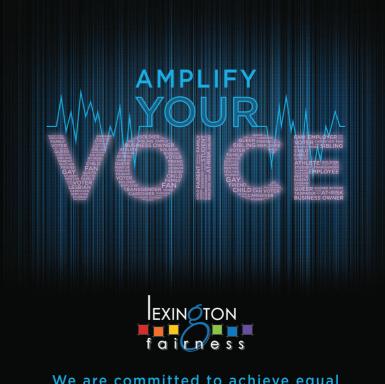












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