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RONNIE SPECTOR TO PERFORM ON SAN FRANCISCO PRIDE MAIN STAGE

Iconic Pop Singer Will Entertain the Crowds at 47th Annual Celebration and Rally

San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Pride is thrilled to announce that Ronnie Spector will be performing on the Main Stage during the Celebration and Rally in Civic Center Plaza on Sunday, June 25th.

Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee Ronnie Spector is one of only a few artists in history who have been capable of defining an entire era in pop music: the embodiment of the heart, soul, and passion of female rock and roll in the 1960s. To this day, no one has ever surpassed Ronnie's powerful trademark vocals, her gutsy attitude, or her innocent but knowing sexuality.

Beginning in 1963, Ronnie Spector—as lead singer of the ultimate girl group, The Ronettes—recorded a long string of classic pop hits: the Grammy Award-winning "Walking in the Rain," "Do I Love You," "Baby I Love You," "The Best Part of Breaking Up," "I Can Hear Music," and the international Number One smash "Be My Baby." These records are among the best-loved and most-emulated recordings in the history of rock and roll. Ronnie Spector and the Ronettes were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in March 2007.

Ronnie recently celebrated her 55th year in the recording industry with the release of English Heart, her collection of covers inspired by the British Invasion. She followed it up with a performance at the 2016 Glastonbury Festival that garnered a five-star review in The Telegraph (UK). The style, look, and sound of Ronnie Spector continue to serve as an inspiration and role model for generations.

"Ronnie Spector is a legend, and we are incredibly excited to have her perform at this year's Celebration," said George F. Ridgely, Jr., SF Pride Executive Director. "Music and art are unifying and liberating forces, and the Celebration at Civic Center continues to be a focal point of Pride weekend in San Francisco."

The Main Stage is just one of over twenty entertainment stages and gathering spaces at San Francisco Pride, most of which are produced by community partner organizations and groups. For more information about the talent showcased on the stages of San Francisco Pride, visit our website at www.sfpride.org.

CALENDAR INFORMATION

Celebration and Rally

Civic Center Plaza

Saturday, June 24 | Noon to 6:00 PM

Sunday, June 25 | 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

47th Annual SF Pride Parade and March

Sunday, June 25 | Starting at 10:30 AM

Along Market Street, from Beale to 8th Street

To register for the parade/march visit register.sfpride.org. For information on event tickets, as well as sponsor, exhibitor, advertising, membership and donor opportunities visit sfpride.org or call (415) 864-0831.

ABOUT SF PRIDE

The San Francisco Pride Celebration Committee is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded to produce the SF Pride Celebration and Parade. The mission of the organization is to educate the world on LGBTQ issues, as well as commemorate the heritage, celebrate the culture, and liberate the people of all LGBTQ communities. A world leader in the Pride movement, SF Pride is also a grant-giving organization through its Community Partners Program. Since 1997, SF Pride has granted over \$2.5 million dollars in proceeds to local nonprofit LGBTQIA organizations and organizations working on issues related to HIV/AIDS, cancer, homelessness, housing rights, and animal welfare.

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