



**MEDIA ALERT — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**San Francisco Pride Announces  
Entertainers and Speakers at 2018 Celebration**

*Among Luminaries on the Main Stage are Evelyn “Champagne” King, Yaeji, Shopping*

San Francisco, CA – San Francisco Pride is pleased to announce entertainment and speakers for the 2018 Celebration and Rally, on the Main Stage. The Main Stage sits at the steps of majestic City Hall in Civic Center Plaza. Over two exciting days, June 23 and 24, San Francisco Pride will feature local, national and international touring acts, community organizations, and engaging thought leaders. The Celebration and Rally is a free community event, and a \$1-\$5 donation is requested at the gates.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23:

**HOSTS:**

Persia  
Yves Saint Croissant

**SPEAKERS:**

The Tenderloin Museum’s *Compton’s Cafeteria Riot*  
Children’s After School Arts (CASA)  
Rafiki Coalition  
Equality California

**PERFORMERS:**

International DJ/Producer Hector Fonseca  
Natascha Bessez  
The Stud with DJ set by Siobhan Aluvalot  
Femme Deadly Venoms  
Ms. Nzuri Soul  
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SUNDAY, JUNE 24:

**HOSTS:**

Sister Roma  
Honey Mahogany

**SPEAKERS:**

Dr. Karyn Skultety, Openhouse  
Kate Kendall, NCLR, Women’s Rights  
Ivy B, HeadCount  
Gavin Grimm, Transgender Rights  
Dr. Cynthia Gomez, Planned Parenthood  
Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAIT-S)  
Annie Steinberg, Metropolitan Community Church  
A tribute to Community Grand Marshal Soni Wolf

**PERFORMERS:**

Yaeji  
Le1f  
Evelyn “Champagne” King  
Our Lady J  
Shopping  
Ada VOX *Presented by Salesforce*  
Alphabet Rockers  
CHEER SF  
Midtown Social  
Glamamore  
House of PRIDE  
BOIGRL  
Thrillhammer

On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of the Celebration will culminate with a set from international DJ and producer Hector Fonseca, featuring Natascha Bessez. The majority of the day on the Main Stage will



highlight the great talent found in the Bay Area. Hosted by local luminary drag queens Persia and Yves Saint Croissant, the Stage will feature a DJ Set by Stud Collective Member Siobhan Aluvalot and a performance by powerhouse singer Ms. Nzuri Soul, named Northern California's Entertainer of the Year. Saturday will also welcome local 19-year old gay singer-songwriter ieuau, the drag art of Trangela Lansbury, and the hip-hop fierceness of Femme Deadly Venoms.

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Celebration begins as the Parade marches its way up Market Street from the Embarcadero to Civic Center. The day will be chock full of memorable moments such as a tribute to Community Grand Marshal Soni Wolf, a founding member of Dykes on Bikes, whom San Francisco lost in April at the age of 69. In addition, the stage will light up with performances from great talent such as living legend Evelyn "Champagne" King, who will grace San Francisco with her classic hits and bubbly personality. Yaeji merges club influences with songwriting and hazy raps, flitting between Korean and English. When one considers performances from boundary-pushing Manhattan-based rapper Le1f, and London-based Shopping, who are influenced by 70s post-punk, and more – San Francisco Pride is honored to showcase some of the best talent found anywhere at the 2018 Celebration.

The Main Stage will also highlight some of the incredible work being done within and on behalf of our communities. Leaders such as Kate Kendell, who is celebrating 22 years at the helm of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and who has been awarded the Teddy Witherington Award by San Francisco Pride, will take the stage and engage the crowds with inspiring words. Among other speakers who are scheduled to appear are Dr. Cynthia Gomez of Planned Parenthood and Dr. Karyn Skultety of San Francisco nonprofit Openhouse. Special Guest, Gavin Grimm, will speak of his experience as plaintiff in the ongoing and groundbreaking case with ACLU fighting for transgender rights.

Images and full descriptions of each artist and speaker are available at [www.sfpride.org/main-stage](http://www.sfpride.org/main-stage). More performers may be announced soon. The community is encouraged to follow SF Pride's social media channels for the latest news.

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**EVENT CALENDAR**

San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration and Parade  
Generations of Strength | June 23-24, 2018

**Celebration/Rally**

Civic Center Plaza Park  
Saturday, June 23, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
Sunday, June 24, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Parade/March**

Along Market Street, from Beale to 8th Street  
Sunday, June 24, beginning at 10:30 AM

**About the San Francisco Pride Celebration Committee**

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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