

BATON ROUGE PRIDE Celebrating Nine Years Of Pride In Our CommUNITY!



June 13 2015 - Baton Rouge River Center Exhibition Hall

June 13, 2015



Welcome to the 9th BATON ROUGE PRIDE FEST

For the past nine years, I've been fortunate to be a part of an amazing team that works all year to bring you the Baton Rouge Pride festival. Each of those years I've been more and more proud of what Baton Rouge has accomplished and the many ways we are finding to embrace and celebrate our pride, as well as to work toward a better sense of unity in our commUNITY.

This year we truly are "moving on up," with more than three times the indoor, air-conditioned, family friendly space we've ever had before. But we're also moving to new heights with more generous sponsors, more resource fair vendors and more advertisers, who partner with us to present this event (by paying the bills and keeping most of it free for you). Plus, we're offering an expanded entertainment lineup, as well as our new "Pride After Hours" event.

There is so much for all of us to be proud of:

- Our BR Pride planning team and scores of other volunteers work hard for you year after year to offer bigger and better events. Join me in thanking all of them!
- Our generous sponsors step up every year and make all this possible. Be sure to thank them!
- Mayor Kip Holden again proclaimed Baton Rouge Pride Day as June 13, 2015. It's his sixth consecutive time to honor us that way.
- Our entertainers get more generous and more numerous every year. Thanks to all of them for being here today.
- Finally, we're getting to recognize two more great people as our honorary grand marshals.



Baton Rouge Pride 2014 planning team getting ready for event.



Those are just a few of the things we have to be proud of and thankful for. It's been a great year, and all of us on the Pride Fest team are proud to bring this event to you again this year and excited about its future. If you've enjoyed what you've experienced today, tell your friends and invite them to join you here before the day is out!

Even more, consider joining the BR Pride team and helping make sure all this happens again next year and the year after that and the year after that... Everyone is welcome to join the team as we work to build a sense of commUNITY in our area and to make it an even better place to live.

-Tom Merrill, Chairman, Baton Rouge Pride Inc.

P.S. Tell us what you thought by taking our online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRPride.

Baton Rouge Pride Fest 2015 Planning Team and Partners

Our Team:

Sarah Alphonse Aaron Ardoin Lauren Baldassari Monica Ballay Davin Byrne Rick Cain Vicki Davis John Deshotel Jr. Jamie Graves

Daryl W. Ingle Angela Longstreet Tom Merrill Rev. Keith Mozingo Gjvar Payne Mitchell Provensal Dave Samuels Mike Smith Morris Welch And Others

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Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge Krewe of Apollo Krewe of Divas Capital City Alliance And Others

Baton Rouge Pride Fest



June 13, 2015 River Center Exhibition Halls 1-7 p.m. www.BRPride.org FB.com/BRPride

Schedule at a Glance

Entertainment, 1-7 p.m.

By Austin Babtist Women, Krewe of Divas, Michigan Avenue, New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, New Venture Theater, Orphan Annie, Pocket Aces, Princess Kutt,.... and more

Resource Fair, 1-7 p.m.

Involving community groups and businesses

Relationship Blessing, 4:30 p.m.

Like no other

Plus Much More

Including food, fun, cash bar, HIV testing, kids' play area, the Equality March...



Join us tonight for Pride After Hours

Featuring Mia Borders from New Orleans, whose soulful and sultry voice and emotionally charged songwriting have netted reviews like: "Borders manages to be simultaneously clean, sultry and a bit lascivious. Her voice possesses a natural, appealing bite to its expressive contours..." from Andrew Adler, of nola.com, and "A singer-songwriter sui generis, playing sultry, often confessional original tunes sometimes cloaked in a thorny coat of high-energy, blues-rock riffage; sometimes, she calls to mind Ani DiFranco, but funkier," from Allison Fensterstock, of the Times Picayune. Plus there's a return of the Austin Babtist Women and DJ Cameron!

A few tickets are still available at the \$10 advance price, plus there are plenty more. You know you don't want to miss it!

Minute by Minute Complete Schedule

On the 'Rainbow Stage'

1 p.m.	Welcome / Opening Announcements
1:05 p.m.	Princess Kutt
1:20 p.m.	New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus
1:40 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
1:50 p.m.	Michigan Avenue
2:35 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
2:45 p.m.	Krewe of Divas
3:30 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
3:45 p.m.	Pocket Aces Brass Band
4:30 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
	Recognition of Grand Marshals
	Blessing/Acknowledgement
	of Relationships
	Presentation of Cake
	Announcements/Door Prizes
5 p.m.	Orphan Annie
5:45 p.m.	Announcements/Door Prizes
5:55 p.m.	New Venture Theater
6:10 p.m.	Austin Babtist Women
6:55 p.m.	Thanks / Final Announcements
	(Equality March Begins at 6:30 p.m.)

Around the Exhibition Halls

1-7 p.m.	Resource Fair
1-7 p.m. Cl	hildren's Gathering and Play Area
1-10 p.m.	Welcome Center (Front Lobby)
1-10:30 p.m.	Concessions and Cash Bar
All Afternoon	Food Truck Roundup (River Road)
1-10:30 p.m.	Quiet Area (Riverview Room)
7-8 p.m.	Meet the Austin Babtist Women

Plus: Pride After Hours

Austin Babtist Women
Mia Borders (first set)
Dance Break With DJ Cameron
Mia Borders (second set)
Events End

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Mayor proclaims 'Pride Day' again

Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Kip Holden again signed a proclamation for our festival – declaring June 13, 2015, as Baton Rouge Pride/GLBT Pride Day in the city-parish.

Our thanks to the mayor for recognizing the importance of our community to the area, and special thanks to Tom Merrill of MCCBR and the Pride Team for helping to make this happen.

The mayor's proclamation, which can be seen at right, reads, in part: "Whereas Baton Rouge is a city composed of a great variety of diverse people, cultures, religions, sexual orientations, languages and customs, and whereas the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities have contributed to the City Parish of East Baton Rouge through active involvement in cultural and economic progress, now, therefore, I, Melvin "Kip" Holden, Mayor-President of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, hereby do proclaim June 13, 2015, as Baton Rouge Pride/GLBT Pride Day."

The proclamation, at right, signed by Mayor Kip Holden honors our festival by declaring June 13, 2015, as GLBT Pride Day.



2015 Baton Rouge Pride Fest Resource Fair Participants

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Honorary Grand Marshals Friends To, Leaders In Community

The Baton Rouge Pride team is proud to honor two individuals again this year as our 2015 honorary grand marshals.

Rev. Keith Mozingo is well known in the community as both the pastor of Metropolitan Community Church of Baton Rouge and an advocate of a variety of causes. **Whitney Vann** is a true personal friend to many in the community, as well as a long-time ally to it.

Mozingo first came to Baton Rouge on the MCC 'Caravan of Hope' in response to Hurricane Katrina, bringing both people and resources to those working with pet rescue – a cause dear to his heart – in New Orleans. At that time, he was serving as the minister of congregational care at MCC Los Angeles, but he later returned to Baton Rouge in 2007 when he was called as the pastor here. Mozingo not only has been involved with the usual life of the church here but also has embarked on a mission of bringing people and groups together, not just on a spiritual level, but as a cohesive community. In that vein, he participates in a variety of community and interfaith groups and shepherded the transformation of the MCC property on Tom Drive in Baton Rouge into the Freedom Center, which is open for meetings of a variety of groups. Even more, he was a driving force in the formation of Baton Rouge Pride and has served on its leadership team since its inception in 2007. As part of that group, he conceived the idea of the resource fair and the blessing of relationships that has been an annual part of the festival since 2008.

Vann, currently hosting her own show "Weekends With Whitney," which celebrates the unique people, places and experiences in Louisiana. That came after more than 25 years as an anchor and reporter for television news – 17 of those on WBRZ's morning show "2une In." When not on TV, you can find Vann devoting time to a variety of community causes in Baton Rouge, where she resides with her husband and two children. You also can find her befriending many in our community, as well, and likely have seen her on the Facebook pages of many of us here for Baton Rouge Pride or at the social gatherings of some of your friends – making her well deserving of the title of a friend of our community.

Please join us in congratulating these two extremely deserving members of our community as the 2015 grand marshals of Baton Rouge Pride. They join an esteemed group of community leaders and allies we've honored as part of this event, beginning in 2009.



Rev. Keith Mozingo, 2015 Grand Marshal

Whitney Vann, 2015 Grand Marshall



Previous Grand Marshals:



2014 Cami Miller and Joe Traigle Early leaders of Capital City Alliance

2013 Jody Huckaby and Carol Frazier Leaders of PFLAG, nationally and locally





2012 Daphne MuShatt Longtime entertainer, fundraiser in community

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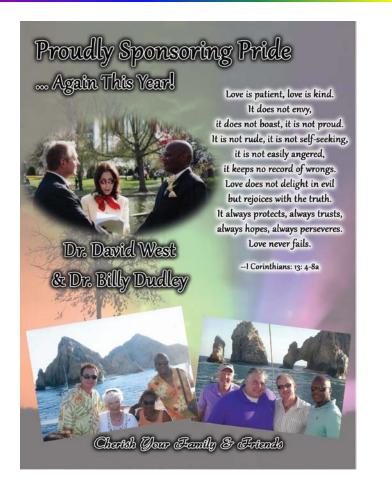
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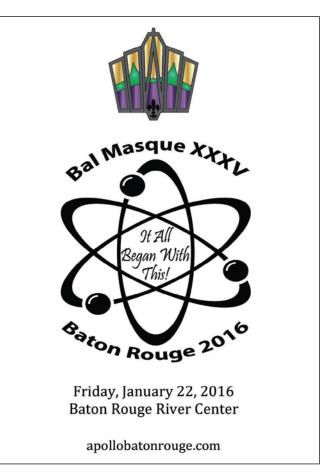
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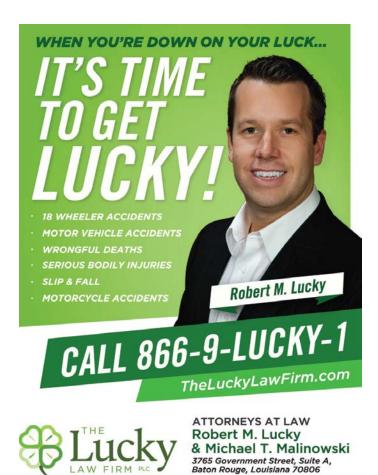


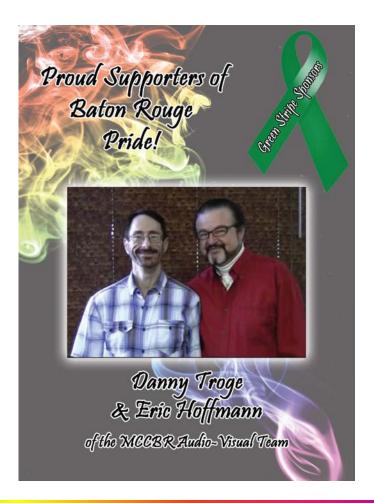
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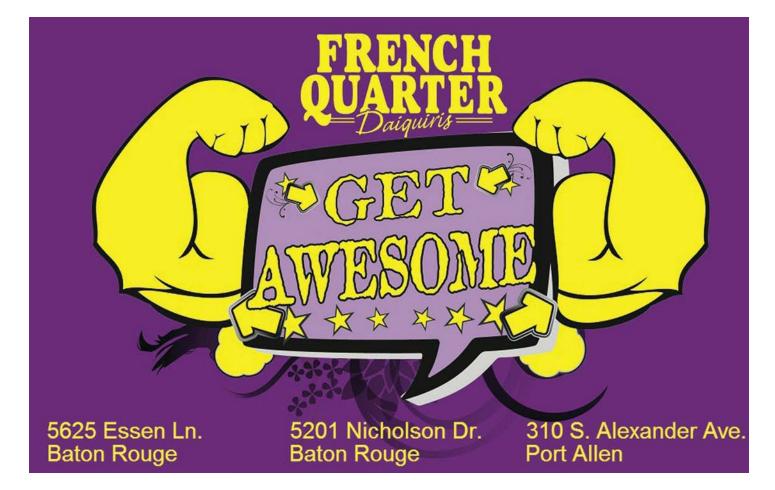








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Thanks to our friends, chosen family, the multitude of generous sponsors and donors, all the BR Pride team members through the years,... and all of you for making this event so successful the past nine years. (Yes, it really has been that long!)

We're glad to have played a part in bringing unity to our CommUNITY and in giving all of us a reason to celebrate our pride.







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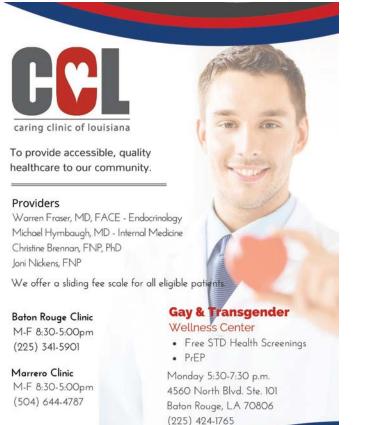


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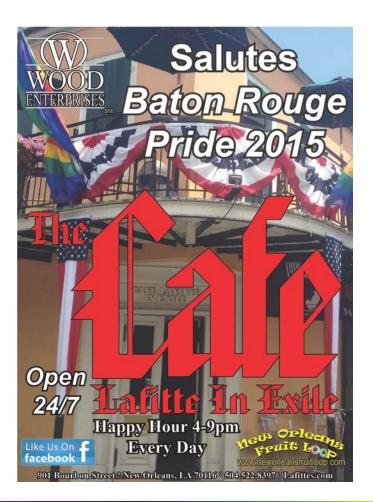
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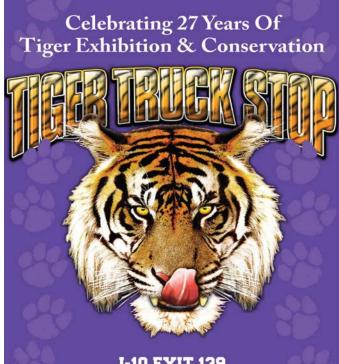
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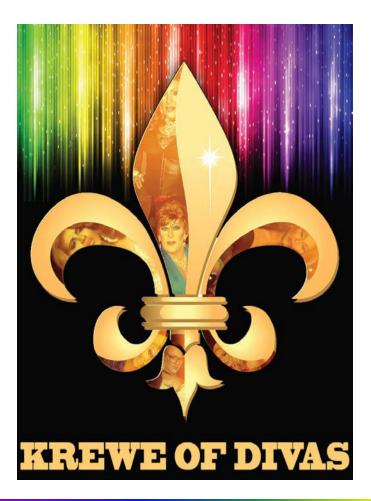
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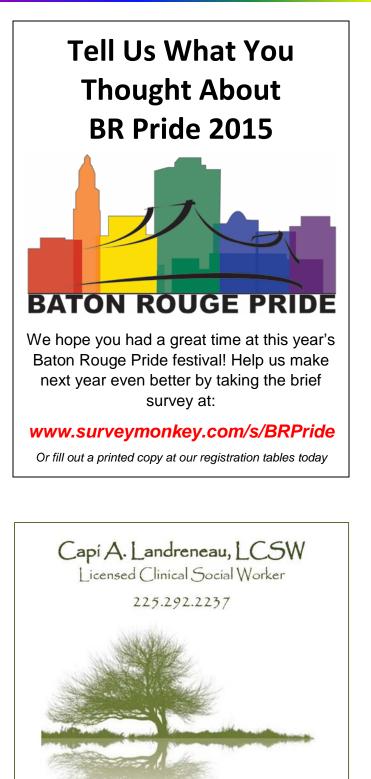
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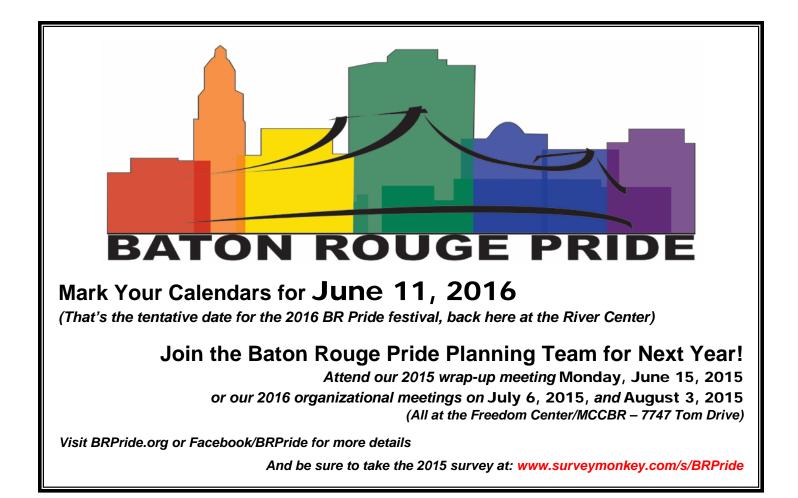
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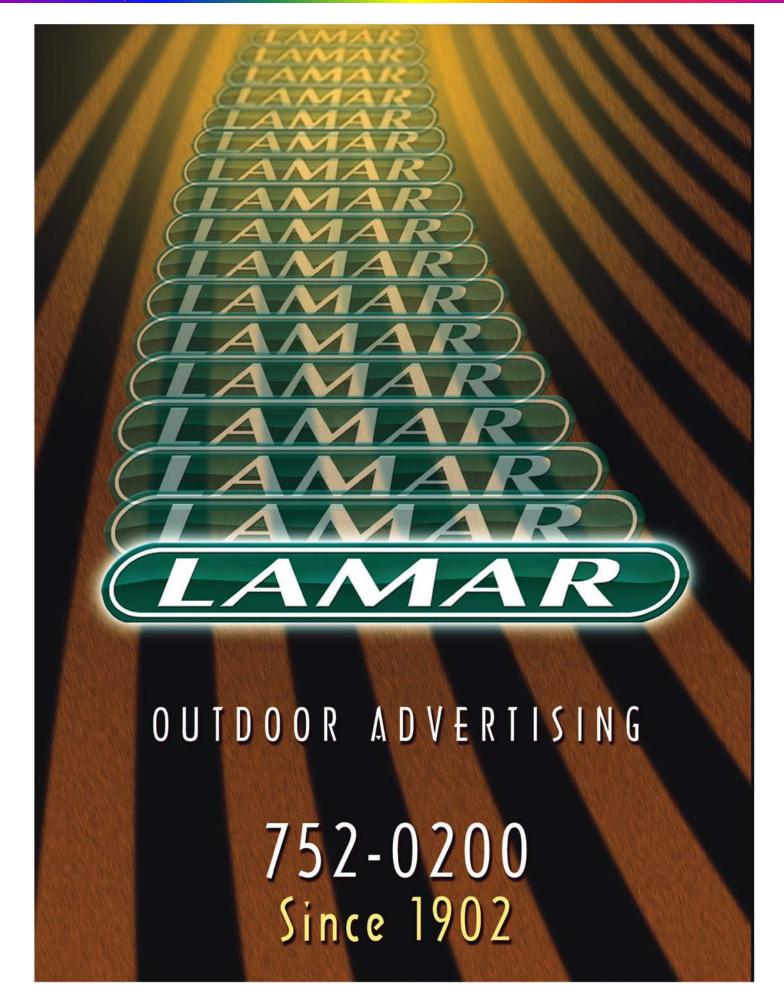




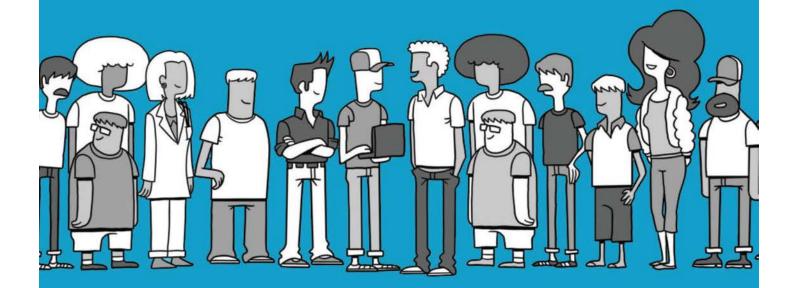
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