

# Seattle Pride™



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Seattle – Pride is Almost Here! Seattle celebrates Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride with a variety of events throughout June, culminating in the annual Seattle Pride™ Parade. The Seattle Pride™ Parade will take place on Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am on 4th Avenue in the heart of downtown Seattle, which will bring in visitors from across Washington and elsewhere. An ADA viewing area will be available this year, just look for our signs in Westlake Park along the parade route. We will have people helping keep your view clear!

Applications to register for the parade are online at <https://register.seattlepride.org> (there will be no printed applications). The interest to be in the parade is very high and we are nearing capacity. Be sure to get your application in ASAP to get a spot in this world famous parade! No applications will be accepted after June 1st. Be sure to review all the rules and regulations carefully. Please note the Seattle Pride™ Parade Director has the right to remove any Parade participant for non-compliance with any of the rules stated. If you wish to enter the parade on your motorcycle you must follow specific instructions as registration is unique to this group of participants. Check out [http://www.seattlepride.org/parade/dykes\\_bikes.php](http://www.seattlepride.org/parade/dykes_bikes.php) for more info.

**The theme this year is Come Together!** Use this theme to guide your Pride Parade expression. Think fabulous! It's up to you to help make this memorable. We want you to have an outstanding Parade experience. This is a celebration about passions, discovery, support, encouragement and just being OUT and PROUD. The Stranger will be awarding three cash prizes recognizing the best floats or marching contingents. These prizes will be handed out at the Seattle Center immediately following the parade. Gold/First Prize: \$2,000 - Silver/Second Prize: \$1500 - Bronze/Third Prize: \$1000. And, yes, the winners will also get medals to wear around their necks and everything! Entries are encouraged to display their identity through a variety of visual media such as signs, banners both in front of and to the sides of the entry, balloons, flags or T-shirts so that judges and spectators can easily identify the entry.

Check out the businesses that support our community! We urge you to patronize our sponsors and to let them know you are PROUD that they care about Seattle Pride™! We are proud to announce our sponsors for this year's Seattle Pride™ Parade, they are: Macy's, The Leavitt Companies (Medical Hair Restoration), Gilead Sciences, LeafFilter NW, Microsoft, GLEAM, Naked Juice, Pacific Medical Center, Tylenol PM, Relay "Ready1" Survey Company, Comcast Cable, One Degree Events, PFLAG Seattle, Clean Scapes, Cruisery T, Kelcema Productions, Bill Pierre Ford, Hotel Monaco, Alexis Hotel, Hotel Vintage Park, Hotel Deca, Mackay Restaurants (El Gaucho, Troiani & Waterfront Seafood Grill), Buca Di Beppo, Clipper Vacations, Gameworks, Purr, Rose Bud, Changes in Wallingford, Martins off Madison, The Stranger, The Portland Mercury, AM1090, and Genre Magazine. It's not too late to sponsor the Seattle Pride™ Parade. To discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact **Cindy Baccetti**, Principal, Baccetti Inc., at [sponsorship@seattlepride.org](mailto:sponsorship@seattlepride.org).

**DONATE & WIN!!** Every person who donates \$50.00 or more between May 16<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> will be entered into a drawing to win a free night certificate at the Hotel Deca!

The SOaP Board of Directors board is extremely honored to announce our Seattle Pride™ Parade Grand Marshals for 2007.

- **Male: Dennis Coleman, Artistic Director of Seattle Men's Chorus** - Dennis has worked in Seattle's GLBT community for twenty-six years as the Artistic Director of Seattle Men's Chorus, the largest gay chorus in the nation. More recently, he helped found the Seattle Women's Chorus which is thriving as a performing group that pulls together both lesbian and straight women in a common mission. These two choruses are recognized leaders in the international GLBT chorus movement that boasts 170 choruses in the United States and over 100 choruses in other countries. In 2000, Coleman was awarded the Legacy Award for leadership in the international lesbian and gay choral movement. In 1995, Coleman was given the first community leadership award from Saint Mark's Cathedral for his service to the GLBT community. That same year, a scholarship fund was created in his name at the Pride Foundation to provide funding for GLBT students pursuing a degree in music.
- **Female: Kiantha Duncan-Woods, President of Seattle Black Pride** - Kiantha brings a wealth of leadership experience with diverse communities. Also as a successful business owner she has a lot of relevant skills with grant-writing/fundraising/community organizing. She is very passionate for community and the cause of Seattle Black Pride. She is also a very strong and compassionate individual and the decision to elect Kiantha was uncontested by the committee members present. She is very excited to work with the other officers, members, and advisors and promises to guide the strength and vision of Seattle Black Pride in 2007 and beyond. If you have not yet had the chance to meet her, you will very soon.
- **Group: Gay Fathers Association of Seattle (GFAS)** - An all-volunteer organization dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment for all gay and or bisexual men who have children. GFAS seeks to promote community awareness, act as a referral and resource network and provide peer support for the entire family. For more information on the Gay Fathers Association of Seattle, go to [www.gfas.org](http://www.gfas.org)
- **Celebrities:**
  - **Jane Abbott Lighty and Pete-e Petersen** met over 30 years ago in Sacramento, California. They've been in a committed relationship ever since, and were married in Seattle First Baptist Church in October, 2005. Since their retirement from careers in nursing, Pete-e and Jane have devoted their time to several community endeavors, including the Seattle Women's Chorus and their heart warming appearance in the film "Inlaws & Outlaws."
  - **Chuck Lazenby** was born and raised in Seattle, the youngest of five children. Chuck ran away from home at the age of 16. Within a few years he met his partner David Asplund. They lived together for fifty years to the week before David died in 1999. Through the support of his UCC church, Chuck then came out and has been a volunteer for several organizations supporting the LGBT community. Chuck appeared in Drew Emery's prior video project, "The Bridge," before telling his story in "Inlaws & Outlaws."
- **Parade Announcer: Mark "Mom" Finley** - Mr. "Mom" Finley has been performing on stage for nearly 40 years and over 20 of them in Drag! His quick wit, uncanny celebrity impersonations and instinctual comedic abilities make him the last of a 'dying breed' in the style of Charles Pierce, Charles Ludlum, or even Divine. For the past 16 years working out of Seattle his life has been an unheard of non-stop string of theatre & cabaret productions, private parties, stand-up comedy and MC for everything from Cowboy Mud Wrestling to Koman Cancer Foundation. Again, this year, we are proud to have "Mom" announcing our parade. We are very excited that he has agreed to come out for the event!

Our 2007 theme is to "Come Together" and it is our hope that everyone will do just that, support the Seattle Pride™ Parade, and all the other community events on Pride Weekend. Check out all the event details at [www.seattlepride](http://www.seattlepride).

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