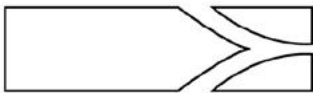


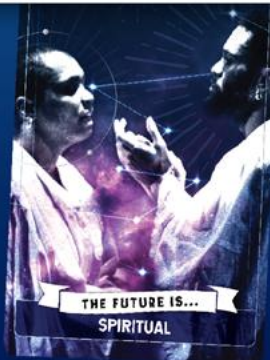
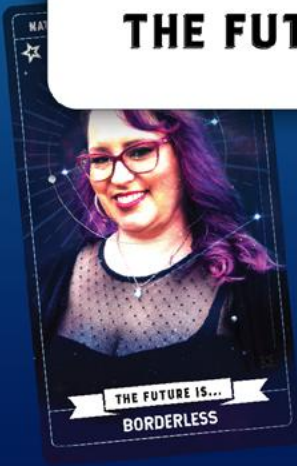


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MAY-JUNE



**THE FUTURE IS....**



# WELCOME TO THE FUTURE IS... NQAF 2021!

## LETTER FROM E.D.

For this year's National Queer Arts Festival (NQAF), we ask artists to imagine the future as they envision it. Their perspectives and artistry conceptualize a future that is "Liberated," "Borderless," and more. These manifestations evoke how "The Future is Black Sassy Womyn," "The Future is Spiritual," "The Future is Stunning," "The Future is Radical Revolutionary Love," etc.

We celebrate and honor our artists for creating work in times of ongoing racial injustice, a global pandemic, and uncertainty. They encourage us to be brave and bold. Their work gives voice to our times' deepest struggles, stands against oppression, and embraces reclamation and healing.

To practice community care and wellness, this will be our very first all-virtual festival. In doing so, every artist has pivoted from stage to screen. We are excited to be with you virtually as you sit back and welcome NQAF into your home.

The Future is... allows for a collective embodiment of a future through the eyes of Queer, Trans, Gender Nonconforming, Intersex, Two-spirit, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color artists. Together, we give voice to the truth we already know—the future is here, and the future is us.



— Natalia Vigil  
Executive Director, QCC

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# HOW TO USE THE QCC DIGITAL PROGRAM

This is an interactive guide. What does that mean?

Well, you can click on links to get to websites or social posts.

Or, click on **TIX** and get ticket information.

It's that simple!


## WHAT DO THESE SYMBOLS MEAN? THE KEY:

**QCC** CREATING QUEER COMMUNITY are programs commissioned by Qcc with the generous support of the San Francisco Arts Commission, The San Francisco Foundation, Grants for the Arts, & The California Arts Council.

Each artist main discipline or category.


 = Comedy

 = March/Rally

 = Dance


 = Multidisciplinary

 = Film/Video

 = Music

 = Discussion/Salon

 = Performance/Theater

 = Lit/Reading/  
Spoken Word

 = Visual Art

 = Workshop

PLEASE NOTE: **ALL SHOWTIMES ARE PST** (PACIFIC STANDARD TIME).

FOR THE COMPLETE EVENT SCHEDULES AND ARTISTS' BIOS, PLEASE VISIT:  
[QUEERCULTURALCENTER.ORG/NATIONAL-QUEER-ARTS-FESTIVAL-2021](http://QUEERCULTURALCENTER.ORG/NATIONAL-QUEER-ARTS-FESTIVAL-2021)



**MAY 22**

**7pm TIX**



# **QUEER ANCESTORS PROJECT WRITES 4TH ANNIVERSARY**

**CELESTE CHAN**

Join us virtually for a reading to celebrate the 4th year of Queer Ancestors Project Writes! This virtual reading celebrates the wrap-up of our free, 10-week long writing program for queer and transgender people 18-26.

[QUEERANCESTORSPROJECT.ORG](http://QUEERANCESTORSPROJECT.ORG)



AHSA-TI NU PRESENTS

# OVERLOOKED GIANTS

VIRTUAL PREMIERE



A PARABLE  
OF  
QUEER WOMEN  
OF COLOR  
IN THE ARTS



**JUNE 5**

6pm **TIX**

## OVERLOOKED GIANTS: A PARABLE OF QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE ARTS



*Overlooked Giants: A Parable of Queer Women of Color in The Arts* is a musical film exploring stories of race, queerness, and gender expectations. Inspired by the experiences of various artists, AhSa-Ti Nu brings her passions for music, film, and storytelling together.

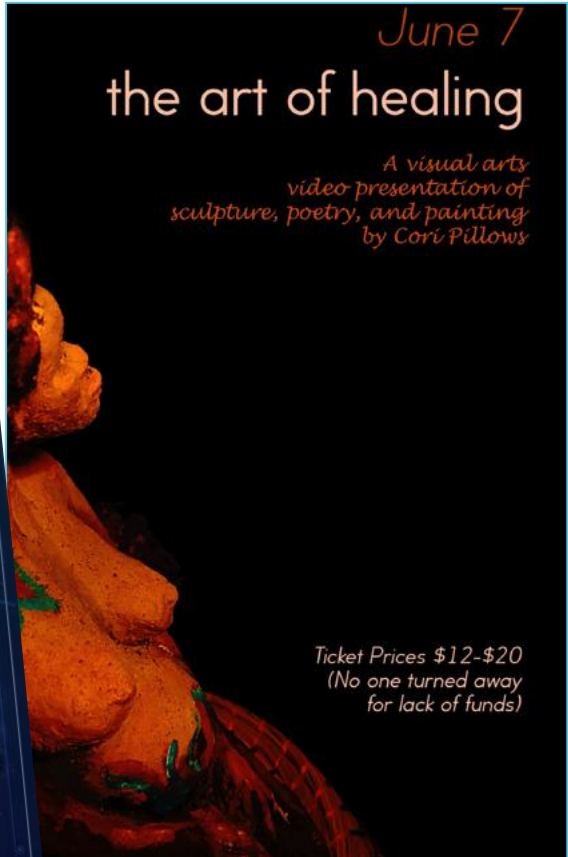
OVERLOOKEDGIANTS.COM

**TIX**



**JUNE 7**

**5pm TIX**



# THE ART OF HEALING

CORI PILLOWS

You are invited to join Cori Pillows on a journey of spiritual evolution, healing, and self-love as she documents her inspirations and creative process through a variety of mediums including movement, paint, sculpture, poetry and the healing arts. All are welcome.


[THECORECREATIONS.COM](http://THECORECREATIONS.COM)





**JUNE 5-6 @ 7pm** **TIX**   
**QUEER AFRO LATIN DANCE FESTIVAL**  
 IN LAK'ECH LATIN DANCE ACADEMY

We come together for two full days of dance workshops where you get to train with top queer and ally instructors, sit back and enjoy the show with spectacular professional performances displaying amazing artistry, and dance it up to our DJ sets! [QUEERLATINDANCEFESTIVAL.COM](http://QUEERLATINDANCEFESTIVAL.COM)


**JUNE 7**  
**@ 6:30pm**  
**TIX** 



Still Here Presents  
**MISSION PRIDE:**  
**AN EVENING**  
**VERO MAJANO**

STILL HERE invites you to an intimate virtual evening with Vero Majano. Join us for a very special Pride event as we take a deeper look into Vero's creative life, Mission-love, and more, in conversation with Still Here's Artistic Director, Natalia Vigil. @StillHereSF



**JUNE 8 @ 7pm** **TIX**   
 Peacock Rebellion + LAFEMMEBEAR

**WHAT REMAINS:**  
**STRONG AF TWOC**

"Peacock Rebellion presents a night of world-bending, future-shaping music, poetry, visual art, and more. Born out of resistance to pandemic bullshit and the constant erasure of trans people, What Remains reclaims trans women of color's agency over our own stories. [PEACOCKREBELLION.ORG](http://PEACOCKREBELLION.ORG), [LAFEMMEBEAR.COM](http://LAFEMMEBEAR.COM)




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**JUNE 9**

6pm

**TIX**



 **FLUID:  
FLIRTING  
WITH LIFE  
OUTSIDE  
THE MATRIX**

NIKIA POCHE



 **SEE MY  
HEART**

EMMA NORMAN

EMMANORMAN.PHOTOGRAPHY

*Shaping & Remembering:* The Dwayne Emerging Artist Showcase. This year's showcase is an epic journey of transformation and creative vision. This journey includes poetry, music, a photographic journey & two tributes into an evening you don't want to miss.

Tribute to Lawrence "Leo" Lyons & Dwayne Calizo Altar Tribute.

**TIX**





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**JUNE 9**

**7:30pm TIX**



## **YANGA GODDESS**

YVONNE ONAKEME ETAGHENE

Nigerian Dyke Feminism, through the experience of YANGA GODDESS, Yvonne Onakeme Etaghene uses dance, poetry and monologue to create space for mourning, self-definition, and breath for African Queer women and non-binary people to be themselves on their own terms.

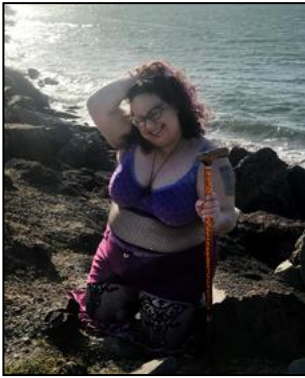
**TIX**

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**JUNE 10 @ 6pm** **TIX**   
**MASCCELLANEOUS:  
REMEMBER GENDER DUALISMS |  
DECOLONIZING BINARIES**

DIAMOND WAVE & JAVIER STELL-FRÉSQUEZ  
Presented by Diamond Wave, MASCellaneous workshops seek to shift existing queer masculine culture. In this final workshop of our spring/summer series, join dancer and performance artist Javier Stell-Frésquez for 90-minutes of discussion and movement-based facilitated sharing. [DIAMOND-WAVE.ORG](http://DIAMOND-WAVE.ORG)



**JUNE 11 @ 5pm** **TIX**  ★  
**HOW TO HAVE A BODY**

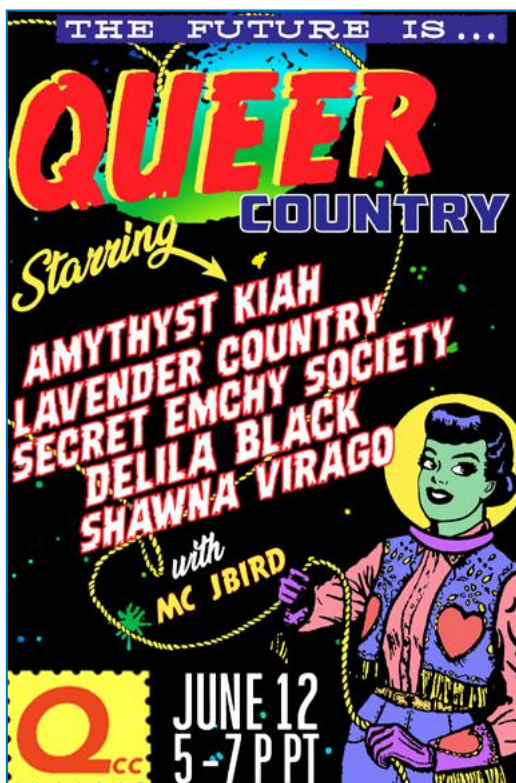
GINA STELLA DELL'ASSUNTA  
Reimagined in the age of Covid-19, Stella dell'Assunta's newly-expanded solo show explores the trials, joys, humour, & heart of living in a queer disabled body in San Francisco. This is a love letter to disabled queers & sex workers everywhere.  
[PATREON.COM/QUEERSHOULDER](http://PATREON.COM/QUEERSHOULDER)



**JUNE 11-13** **TIX**   
times vary (see website)  
**17TH ANNUAL  
QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR  
FILM FESTIVAL**

At the FREE virtual Queer Women of Color Film Festival, June 11-13, the 17th anniversary Festival Focus "Molten Connections" forges new relationships, awakens steadfast bonds of diaspora, and sparks a metamorphosis of love that withstands time. [QWOCMAP.ORG](http://QWOCMAP.ORG)





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**JUNE 12**  
5pm **TIX**



# THE FUTURE IS... QUEER COUNTRY

CINDY EMCH

There is a lie in our culture that country music is only for the racist right wing. This show features a diverse collective of queer country musicians who prove that Americana and roots music belong to all of us.

EMCHY.COM

**TIX**

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JUNE 13

5pm

TIX

# AN EVENING WITH SKY WATCHERS & OYSTERKNIFE

SKY WATCHERS 5pm  
OYSTERKNIFE 6:30pm

Spend an evening with Queer as Tuesday Night: Ms. Carol by Sky Watchers and an excerpt of *mouth/full* by Oysterknife. Queer As Tuesday Night: An intergenerational cabaret remembering and honoring the Tenderloin's history of queer political organizing, while also imagining its future queer revolution. [ABDPRODUCTIONS.ORG](http://ABDPRODUCTIONS.ORG)

*mouth/full* explores faith in the Black body, told through dance and song by queer artists Gabriel Christian and Chibueze Crouch. This excerpt from the longer work originally premiered at the Black Choreographers Festival in February 2020. [CCHIBUEZEC.COM](http://CCHIBUEZEC.COM), [GABRIELCHRISTIAN.WORK](http://GABRIELCHRISTIAN.WORK)



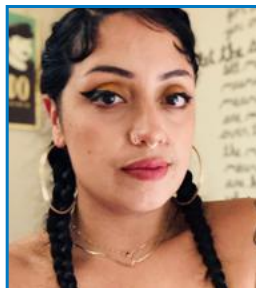
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**JUNE 14**

**5:30pm TIX**



# **CENTRAL AMERICAN UNICORNS IN SPACE! A QUEER DIGITAL CABARET**

MAYA CHINCHILLA

Join our host/captain Maya Chinchilla as she travels through the ether to unite a crew of healers, artists, shapeshifters and timekeepers using prayers, poetry, movement and performance to uncover what became of the Central American Diaspora.

**TIX**

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**JUNE 15**

**6:30pm TIX**



**MASON J.**

**CROSSBONES  
ON MY LIFE:**  
A VIRTUAL NIGHT OF  
RITUAL RESILIENCE & MEMORY



# CROSSBONES ON MY LIFE

MASON J.

Crossbones on My Life is an interdisciplinary offering from Mission-born Fillmore-raised queer artist Mason J. Drawing from their experiences amidst California's ongoing housing crisis, Bay Area arts renaissances, punk, mod, hyphy subcultures. This one-trans show will travel from 1492 to 2021!

[FACEBOOK.COM/MISMITH415](https://www.facebook.com/mismith415)

**TIX**



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**JUNE 16**  
6:30pm **TIX**

# THE FUTURE IS FREE: THE DWAYNE EMERGING ARTIST SHOWCASE

The Future Is Free. This year's showcase is a kaleidoscope that reflects the many colors of movement and how it pushes us forward and beyond. The Time Is Now!



**GHETTO GOSPEL** ★

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**THIS AIN'T HOME** ★

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**OUTSIDE** 🎵

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**JUNE 17**  
7pm

**TIX**



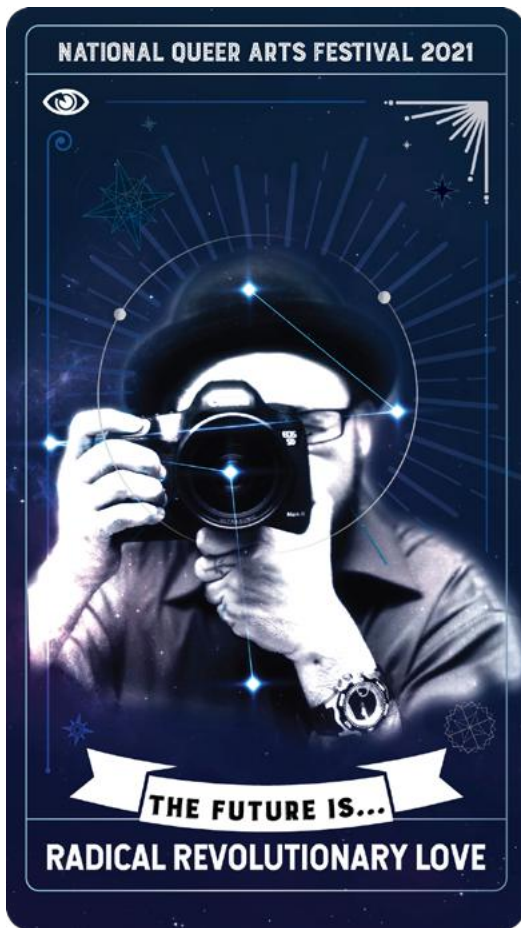
# TINY BARUCH AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS!

Meanwhile, back at the Queer Super(hero) Lair, Tiny Baruch and his amazing friends capture the future of queerness through; incredible storytelling, uncanny visual art, and fantastic writing, in other words they create queer comics!

[BARUCHPORRASHERNANDEZ.WORDPRESS.COM](http://BARUCHPORRASHERNANDEZ.WORDPRESS.COM)

**TIX**





**JUNE 17**  
6:30pm **TIX**

# **BIPOC TRANS PRIDE & RESILIENCE**

DRAGO RENTERIA

BIPOC Trans Pride & Resilience is a virtual exhibition featuring art and artists that celebrates the realities, the beauty, the brilliance and the power of BIPOC trans existence. View the exhibit starting June, 17, 2021 at [bipoctrans.art](http://bipoctrans.art).

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**JUNE 18**

**5:30pm TIX**



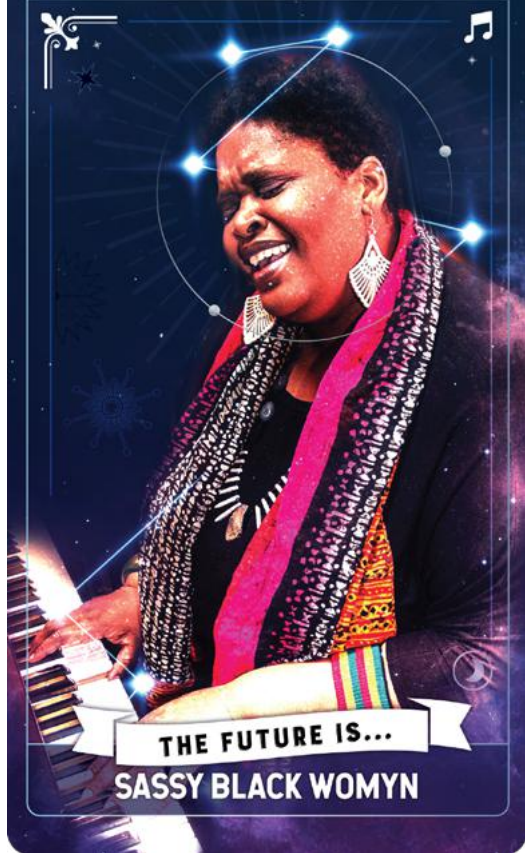
## **SO THE DARKNESS MAY GLITTER: QUEER & TRANS ARAB FUTURES**

JANINE MOGANNAM

Through a glittering array of interdisciplinary performances, Queer & Trans Arab American artists will reveal our visions of a thriving, liberated future. Join us as we rage against the stereotyping, violence, and erasure that seek to deny our existence, dream our wildest dreams for ourselves and our loved ones, and revel in the power and beauty in being our fullest, most glorious selves.

**TIX**

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**JUNE 19**

**5pm**

**TIX**



## **THE SONG SANCTUARY**

VALERIE TROUTT

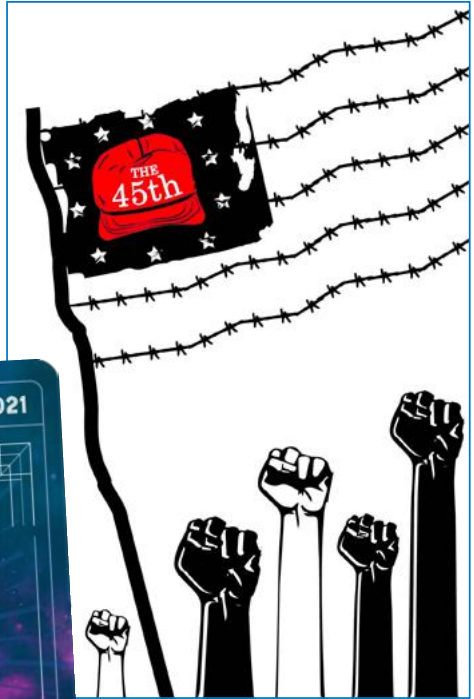
Oakland native Valerie Troutt brings her twenty plus years of vocal arranging and composition skills together to create a soulful songshift, a virtual sanctuary for healing, groove, unapologetic blackness, abundance, and joy. Joined by her award winning house music ensemble, "MoonCandy".

[VALERIETROUTTPROJECTS.COM](http://VALERIETROUTTPROJECTS.COM)

**TIX**



**JUNE 20**  
5:30pm **TIX**



## **THE 45TH**

DAZIÉ RUSTIN  
GREGO-SYKES

"The 45th", a docudrama conceived, created, and directed by Dazié Grego-Sykes, weaves personally conducted

interviews, found text, and performances that move between the visceral and literal. Featuring and centering Black perspectives, insight, and voices.

DAZIEGREGO.COM





**JUNE 18-20**

times vary (see website) **TIX** ☆

**20TH ANNIVERSARY**

**FRESH MEAT**

**FESTIVAL OF TRANS &  
QUEER PERFORMANCE**

The 20th Anniversary FRESH MEAT FESTIVAL features exquisite, edgy, extraordinary dance, theater, music and performance ... with a

cornucopia of NEW works commissioned especially for our anniversary.  
FRESHMEATPRODUCTIONS.ORG



**JUNE 19**

@ 6pm **TIX** 🌟

**QUEER REBELS FEST  
2021 JUNETEENTH  
EDITION:  
SAY IT LOUD**

Queer Rebels Fest 2021 is dedicated to uplifting the voices of Black Queer and Trans Artists. We invited artists to bring their passion and

their pain, their hope and disappointments - their longing to live free. We invite YOU to make a joyful noise, a loud noise, a revolutionary noise.



**JUNE 25-26** 🌟

@ Fri 7PM, Sat 1PM **TIX**

**WE LOVE LIKE  
BARNACLES:  
CRIP LIVES IN  
CLIMATE CHAOS,  
ENCORE PERFORMANCE**

Holding space for love, mourning, and community healing in pandemic times, Sins Invalid brings forth a performance that centers our communities in the throes

of climate chaos and our agonized planet. Join us as we speak our truths on stage. SINSINVALID.ORG

**QUEER  
AS  
F\*CK**

**JUNE 27 @ 7pm** **TIX** ★

Queer AF & Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center  
proudly presents:

**RADICAL JOY**

A QUEERantine extravaganza featuring emerging artists of color. Join us for an evening of comedy, music, and drag hosted by your favorite QTPOC theater collective Queer As Fuck! @QUEERFCKERY



**TRANS MARCH** 🦋

Trans March is SF's premiere trans pride event and it's one of the largest trans events in the entire country, the entire world and the entire universe. It's always on the Friday before Pride and it's always amazing. See [www.transmarch.org/trans-march-2021](http://www.transmarch.org/trans-march-2021) for details.

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**SAN FRANCISCO  
DYKE MARCH** 🦋

The San Francisco Dyke March is to bring dyke communities together to celebrate our unity, raise consciousness and be visible, advocating justice for all dykes around the world on issues against oppression, racism, sexism, homophobia, and poverty. See [www.thedykemarch.org](http://www.thedykemarch.org) for details.

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**SAN FRANCISCO  
PRIDE** 🦋

Pride will be the best version of what is possible at this time, prioritizing public health while providing opportunities for LGBTQ+ people and allies to experience visibility, solidarity, and joy. We invite you to join us at events throughout June. See [sfpride.org/2021-celebration](http://sfpride.org/2021-celebration) for info.

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