



MEDIA ALERT — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: February 5, 2019

San Francisco Pride Announces Public Voting for 2019 Community Grand Marshals

San Francisco, CA – The San Francisco Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Celebration Committee invites the public to vote on the 2019 slate of nominees for Community Grand Marshal. Each year, both an individual and an organization selected by the public are honored at the Parade and Celebration, held on the last full weekend in June. Voting will go live on Tuesday, February 5, and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, March 5.

Chosen from suggestions made by the community, members of San Francisco Pride, and the Pride Board of Directors, the 2019 nominees for Community Grand Marshal are trailblazers and leaders in and around the nine-county Bay Area. “Our community grand marshals are the soul of our event. It is a privilege to showcase the contributions of this year’s nominees for Grand Marshal,” said SF Pride Executive Director, George F. Ridgely, Jr. “Through their exemplary work, tireless advocacy, provocative art, and compassionate volunteerism, our LGBTQ communities are strengthened and made richer.”

The 2019 San Francisco Pride Celebration & Parade is scheduled for the weekend of June 29 and 30. The theme for this year’s Pride event is *Generations of Resistance*. “Our theme for 2019 is in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots,” according to Ridgely. “The rights we enjoy here and around the world are built on the hard work of previous generations. In San Francisco, Pride is an opportunity to emphasize our rich history of activism, as well as encourage tomorrow’s leaders. We look forward to our own fiftieth anniversary in 2020, when we can celebrate San Francisco’s rich LGBTQ history with the world.”

The San Francisco Pride Parade/March will take place in downtown San Francisco along Market Street on Sunday, June 30. The Celebration, a rally and festival at Civic Center Plaza, will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30. The Celebration features multiple stages of local and international talent that include speakers, performances, live entertainment, DJs, and more than twenty community-programmed stages and venues. While an admission fee is not mandatory for the Celebration, organizers do request a donation from everyone who attends.

Organizers encourage groups and organizations to register early. Registration is available at register.sfpride.org. Updates and complete event information can be found at sfpride.org.

HOW TO CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHAL

DEADLINE: Public voting will conclude on Tuesday, March 5th, at 12:00 Noon.

There are several ways to cast your ballot for Community Grand Marshal.

- Online: sfpride.org/grand-marshals
- In person at the SF Pride office, 30 Pearl Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco. Please note that access to the Pride offices is by appointment only. Contact info@sfpride.org to schedule an appointment.



2019 COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINEES - Individuals:

For full bios and images, visit www.sfpride.org/grand-marshals

Ms. Billie Cooper

Vince Crisostomo

Cheryl Dunye

Shenaaz Janmohamed

Sampson McCormick

Donna Personna

China Silk

Mrs. Vera of Verasphere

Cristal Veronica

Zwazzi Sowö

2019 COMMUNITY GRAND MARSHAL NOMINEES - Organizations:

For more information about these organizations, visit www.sfpride.org/grand-marshals

API Equality – Northern California (APIENC)

Lyon-Martin Health Services

NIA Collective

Radical Faeries/Nomenus

The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation

Photos of the nominees are available upon request.

EVENT CALENDAR

San Francisco LGBT Pride Celebration and Parade
Generations of Resistance | June 29-30, 2019

Celebration/Rally

Civic Center Plaza Park
Saturday, June 29, 12:00 N to 6:00 PM
Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Parade/March

Along Market Street, from Beale to 8th Street
Sunday, June 30, 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 \$3 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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