

Throngs expected for S.C. Pride

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"Everytime I mention her I get lots of oohs and ahhs," says Madden.

Called "a compelling soul singer and a dynamite live performer," Holiday has worked with a wide range of recording artists like John Waite and Rod Stewart. She's appeared on "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "The David Letterman Show."

Sage, who performed at S.C. Pride 2004, has been described by *Paste Magazine* as



Finlay Park once again plays host to S.C. Pride.

"wildly expressive...moody, edgy folk." A prize-winning songwriter, Sage has toured with Ani DiFranco and Melissa Ferrick, and played the Lilith Fair with Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow and Suzanne Vega.

A perennial regional favorite, Townsend has played for audiences throughout the Southeast. Her skillful guitar playing and powerful voice has been compared to versatile blues masters Bonne Raitt and Stevie Ray Vaughn.

Emcee for this year's Pride festival is Robin Adell, a popular performer based in Columbia. Adell is often compared to Melissa Etheridge for her rocking guitar style and rich voice. Expect other appearances by S.C. activist and attorney Harriet Hancock, Palmetto Umoja's Robert-Jon Hinojosa and Pat Patterson, a local business owner and performer.

Additional performers include the Capitol City Kings, Mr. S.C. Pride 2005, Ms. S.C. Pride 2005 and Pride Idol 2005, Nik Evans.

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 13

Colors of Pride — Purple Party

Club Fusion

Show starts at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14

Ms. & Mr. S.C. Gay Pride Pageant

8 p.m., Congaree Room

SC State Museum (301 Gervais)

Fabulous fun at our annual male and female impersonation pageant! Only \$10 at door. For more information, visit MsMrSCPride@aol.com.

Thursday, May 19

Pride Film Festival Begins!

This year's festival includes an award-winning documentary on a black gay civil rights organizer, a powerful film on the history of the Holocaust and contemporary homophobia, and two special late-night screenings of the sexy and humorous tale of a Spanish bear and his wise little nephew!

"Brother Outsider" • 7 and 9 p.m., with discussion to follow 7 p.m. screening.

Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main

This special Pride film presentation is sponsored by SCGLPM, SC Equality Coalition and Palmetto Umoja. For more information, visit www.nickelodeon.org.

Friday, May 20

S.C. Gay & Lesbian Business Guild Banquet

Capital City Club

\$40 members, \$50 nonmembers

For more information, email info@scglbg.org.

Pride Film Festival

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"Walk on Water" • 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sponsored by SCGLPM.

"Bear Cub" • special late show at 10:15 p.m.

Sponsored by SCGLPM and the Carolina Bear Lodge.

For more information, visit

www.nickelodeon.org.

Saturday, May 21

S.C. Pride 2005, 14th Statewide Celebration!

Pride Parade

Gather at 11 a.m. at Memorial Park (1300 block of Gadsden St., at the top of the hill at Memorial Park). Parade to Finlay Park begins at noon.

The parade will move one block south to Gervais and then east on Gervais thru the Vista to Assembly St. We will take Assembly north to Taylor and then go down Taylor to Finlay Park. The route is

about 10 blocks and nearly identical to last year's route. Due to downtown construction, the route is subject to change. Check www.SCPride.org for updates.

Pride Celebration and Festival

1-6 p.m., Finlay Park, downtown Columbia

The celebration will feature music by Debby Holiday and Rachael Sage, as well as other special guests. Vendors and food will be available at the festival.

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Pride After-Party

6 p.m., PT's Cabaret

Show with past winners and newly crowned Ms. and Mr. Pride begins at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers (in their volunteer shirts) get in free.

Carolina Bear Lodge Party

6:30-8:30 p.m., PT's 1109, 1109 Assembly

For more information, email

ricky583@charter.net.

Sunday, May 22

Pride Worship Service

Metropolitan Community Church

of Columbia

11 a.m. service, MCC, 1111 Belleview St.

Rainbow Candlelight Tribute, the first in a series of six services celebrating Pride. There will also be a ground-breaking ceremony for the new celebration center at 6 p.m.

For more information, visit www.mcccolumbiasc.org.

Pride Community Picnic

11 a.m., Earlewood Park (off North Main)

This non-media event will be a potluck picnic. Bring your own food or a dish to share. There will also be volleyball.

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Monday, May 23

Pride Film Festival

Documentary Double-Feature

"Flowers from the Heartland"

"We Are Your Neighbors"

A special screening of short documentary films co-sponsored by the University of South Carolina Bisexual Gay Lesbian Straight Alliance.

7 p.m., USC campus (place TBA)

For more information, email

SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

info:

www.SCPride.org and www.scglpm.org

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