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Preview: NC Pride 2010

North Carolina's annual Pride Fest and Parade is set for Saturday, Sept. 25 on the East Campus of Duke University. As always, expect plenty of vendors, outlandish costumes and parade floats and plenty of parade onlookers.

Festival and Parade

NC Pride Fest begins at 10 a.m. with a festival grounds open to the public. Non-profit groups, businesses, food vendors and entertainment will be on site to fill your time until the Pride Rally with state and local speakers, the parade marshals and others kick-off official festivities at noon. The parade starts at 1 p.m. from the East Campus entrance.

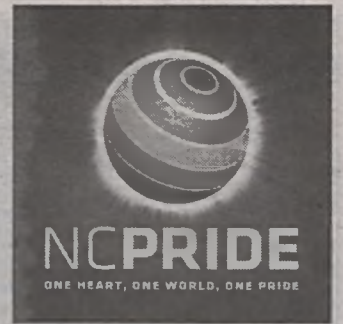
Weekend events

Don't be fooled: NC Pride is way more than just a festival and parade. Nightclubs and eateries across the Triangle team up to present some of the best Friday and

Saturday party nights you've ever seen. Check out our QGuide nightlife listings for more information about area clubs, bars and more: goqnotes.com/qguide/nc/triangle.

NC Pride Weekend Tour Package

Join NC Pride, the Chapel Hill Convention and Visitors Bureau and Triangle Travel Service for a unique getaway experience like no other. For \$299, enjoy a two-night stay at the Sheraton Chapel Hill, plus great tours of area attractions, great food and more. For more information or to make a reservation, visit ncpride.org/ncgaytravel/NCprideweekend.html. : :
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Preview: Pride Charlotte 2010



A new date. A new location. Organizers say Pride Charlotte is set to be cooler, bolder and better than ever.

The 2010 Pride Charlotte Festival kicks off on Oct. 2, 11 a.m. at the NC Music Factory, 820 Hamilton St., in Uptown Charlotte. The Music Factory, located just off Graham St., is home to some of Charlotte's newest and hippest bars and clubs and to Pride Charlotte's parent organization, the Lesbian & Gay Community Center of Charlotte.

More than a dozen feature entertainers are set to grace Pride Charlotte stages, including singers Pepper Mashay, Richard Cortez and Gordon Roque, along with Sharon Hazel, Rodie Ray, Jill Austin and SK8. Also on the line-up: Comedian/actor Ian Harvie, Charlotte Pride Band, Mid East Dance Ensemble, participants from this year's Pride Charlotte Pageantry System and Roxy C. Moorecox. DJs will be spinning all day on the Dance Stage.

Other than official Pride Charlotte events during the day, there will be plenty to keep you busy. On Oct. 2, Brief! a Fete for Fashion brings the hot guys and underwear back to the runway stage for a second year's benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Afterward, the boys of Just Twirl present their hopping party, Twirl with Pride.

Be sure to catch our article on page ##. A full listing of events and stage line-ups are below (event and line-up schedules are subject to change; see pridecharlotte.com for the most up-to-date listings).

Pride Week Events

Cult Classic. Monday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m. Actor's Theatre of Charlotte. Free.
LGBT History. Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. Lesbian &

Gay Community Center of Charlotte. Free. Beverages with donation.

Community Roundtable: What does Pride mean to me? With potluck dinner. 5:30 p.m. Free.

Comedian Ian Harvey. Oct. 1, 8 p.m. Halo, N.C. Music Factory. \$10. 18+ only.

Entertainment line-up

Stage 1

11:00 a.m. One Voice
11:15 Charlotte Pride Band
11:45 Ronnie Paulley
12:15 p.m. Richard Cortez
12:45 Jill Austin
01:30 Southern Country Charlotte
02:15 Rodie Ray
03:00 Ian Harvie
03:30 SK8
04:00 Pepper Mashay
05:00 Pride Charlotte Drag Show

Stage 2

11:00 a.m. Morning Drag Review
Mr. Red
Noon Mid East Dance Ensemble
12:30 Kylie Schwartz
01:00 Pride Charlotte Talent Search Winner
01:15 Gordon Roque
01:30 Kabarett Vulgare
02:15 Sharon Hazel
03:15 Petra's Cabaret
04:00 One Voice Chorus
05:00 Soto Voice
05:30 TBA

Want more details on Pride Charlotte or other events during Pride weekend? Flip to page 23 for our Q Events Calendar, or visit pridecharlotte.com. : :



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