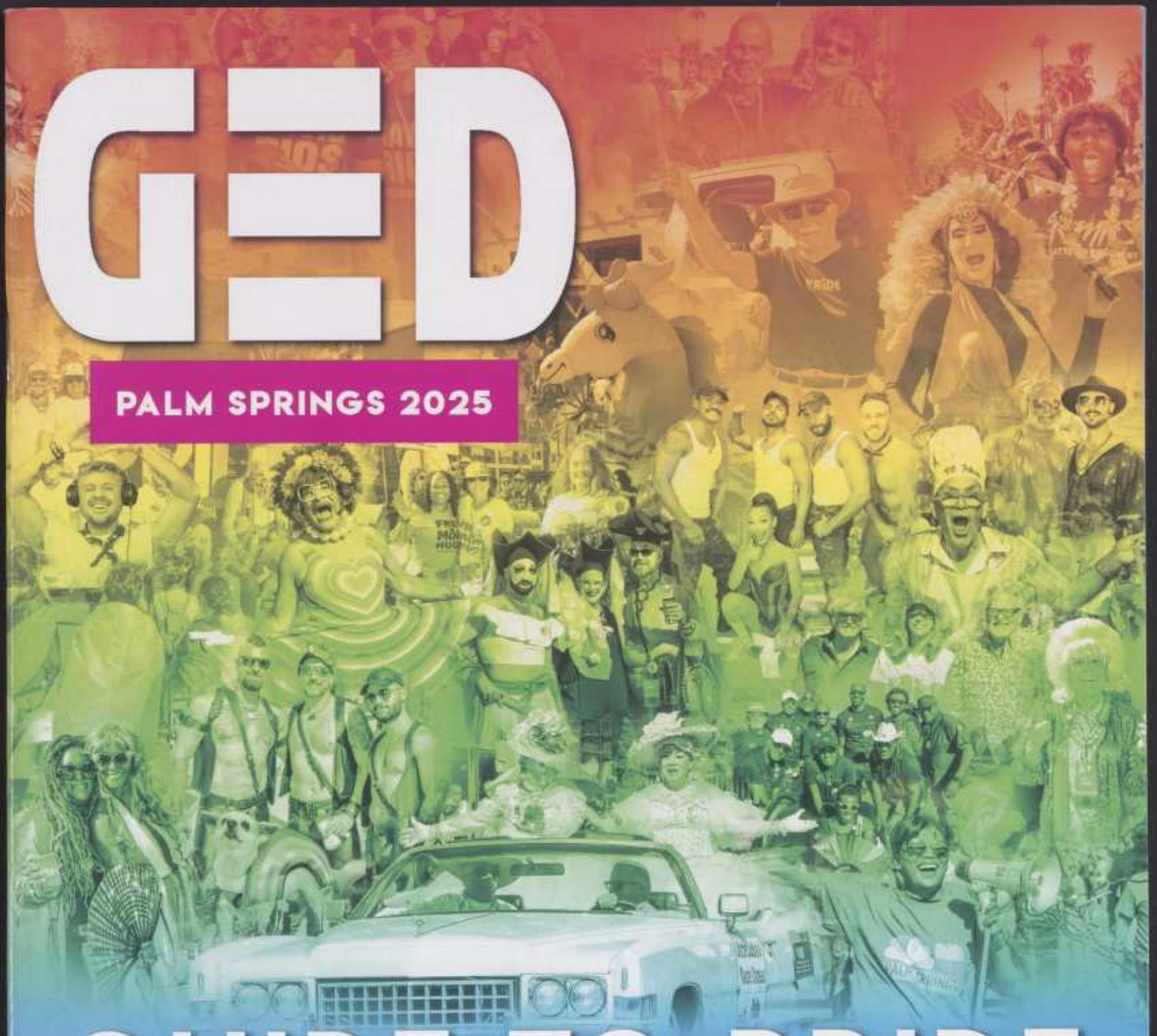
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WE MUST BE LOUDER

They are attempting to paint over our history, one stripe at a time. The brightly colored crosswalks that once served as a beacon of safety and a symbol of our vibrant, resilient community are being systematically erased. From the memorialized streets of Orlando to the sun-drenched avenues of Key West, the rainbow is being replaced with a monotonous gray. The specious argument of "traffic safety" is a cruel, thinly veiled excuse for a political agenda rooted in hate and fear.



But this isn't just about paint on pavement. This is a coordinated, deliberate assault on LGBTQ+ existence. The removal of our symbols is happening in tandem with the cancellation of Pride events across the nation, citing everything from "economic climate" to outright "safety concerns" in the face of violent threats. They want to make us invisible. They want to dismantle the very public spaces where we gather, celebrate, and affirm our identities. They want to push us back into the shadows from which we have fought so hard to emerge.

They believe that if they cancel our parades and paint over our crosswalks, we will simply disappear. They are wrong.

This moment is a test and a call to action. The attacks on our community are not random acts of bigotry; they are a calculated campaign of erasure. And in the face of this aggression, we cannot afford to be complacent. We cannot allow ourselves to be divided or demoralized. This is not the time for quiet resignation or private mourning. This is the time for fierce, unwavering unity.

We must become bolder. If they remove our crosswalks, we will turn every street, every public square, into a symbol of our pride. We will create our own spaces, our own celebrations, and we will do so with more passion and purpose than ever before. We must support local LGBTQ+ businesses, organizations, and artists who are on the front lines of this fight. We must become a living, breathing network of solidarity, a community that fortifies itself against every attack.

We must become stronger. The opposition seeks to isolate us, to make us feel alone. We must reach out and stand with one another. We must show up for our trans siblings who are under relentless attack. We must support our youth, who are being told in schools and on the streets that their very identities are a political statement to be debated. The strength of our community is in our diversity, our shared experience, and our unwavering commitment to each other's liberation.

We must become louder. We cannot allow the narrative to be controlled by those who seek to silence us. We must use our voices - in the media, on social platforms, in our local governments, and in the streets - to tell our stories, to demand our rights, and to expose the bigotry behind these absurd and hateful policies. We must not whisper our truth; we must shout it from the rooftops.

The rainbow is not just a symbol of our identity; it is a promise. It is the promise that after the storm, there is hope. And while they may try to cover it with their gray paint and political posturing, they will never extinguish its light. Our pride is not a street, a parade, or a flag - it is who we are. And we are here to stay.

HAPPY PRIDE!

Michael

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THESE QUEENS ARE HERE TO SLAY THE CANVAS

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Mark you calendars for the world premiere of the fine art collection titled "Slay the Canvas" by artist Rene Porter. The gallery exhibition will take place Friday, November 7th at Cicada Fine Art, located at 901 N. Palm Canyon Drive #107, Palm Springs, California. The soiree will take place from 5pm -7pm and will include 12 portraits of ICONIC queens. The artist and models are scheduled to appear for this official Pride kick-off event. Beverages and light bites will be offered and prints of the art and the originals will be available for purchase.

What exactly is "Slay the Canvas?", well I think it's best to have my dear friend and artist, Rene Porter, tell you all about it.

I have always had a love of the art of drag. It is one of the highest forms of art - stunning collaboration of so many incredibly talented artists coming together to create something extraordinarily unique. Glamorous makeup, vibrant and expertly sculpted wigs, extravagant costumes, sky-high heels, and, of course, the sparkly, ornate jewelry - every detail comes together to complete the dazzling and vibrant persona. Drag to me is the epitome of beauty. Nobody does it better than drag artists. Big, bold, and beautiful. I can't think of a more inspiring subject to paint than drag, especially now that I've started this project. All the drag artists I have painted

to date have brought so much inspiration and joy to this project already. I can't say enough about them and the wonderful friendships we've built. Priceless.

"I make every effort to surround myself with people in gratitude and JOY and frankly this experience with nothing short of fantastic. I'm super grateful to be aligned with so much KINDNESS."
– Mrs. Kasha Davis

You have created a new persona for this project. Tell us more about who this person is and why you chose not to paint under your birth name.

My fine art series of drag artists "Slay the Canvas" is a celebration of drag and to truly celebrate these talented drag artists, I decided to blend my visual art with my very own drag expression. My drag persona, Michaela Angelo, is who I will be dressing as for all my gallery showings for this series. Since I am a cis-gender female and my drag persona is female, I would be referred to as a faux queen. I was born on Michaelangelo's birthday, so when researching a drag persona name, it seemed fitting to become Michaela Angelo. Separate from my René Porter website, I have a new website specifically dedicated to this new series under my drag name. You can find it at www.michaelaangelo.com.

What is the importance to debut the collection of portraits during Palm Springs Pride?

Drag has always been such a bold and essential part of our LGBTQ+ community, so having this series ready in time for Palm Springs Pride just made sense. Each one of my paintings in the series offers an intimate tribute to queer identity and self-expression. I think this series will be relatable to our community on many levels. The series affirms drag's existence, celebrates individuality, and reflects the beauty, strength, and complexity of drag culture. Using a classical medium such as oil and a traditional portrait style, I wanted to challenge the outdated ideas of who belongs in fine art. It reclaims space, honors queer stories, and helps keep our queer stories alive. The series is not just about beauty, but vulnerability, strength, pride, and defiance … emotions that we all can relate to in one way or another within the LGBTQ+ community.


Michaela Angelo

There are many art galleries in Palm Springs and you have chosen "Cicada" for the debut. What about this gallery made you choose it?

Cicada is a beautiful gallery representing some of the top contemporary artists today. Christopher Cummings, the gallery owner and director, has a keen eye for impactful and relevant work and the way he has displayed the collections throughout the gallery brings out the emotional depth and visual richness of each piece. Christopher's vision with curating art made Cicada the perfect space to bring "Slay the Canvas" to life. His passion for celebrating community and helping collectors connect with artwork on a deep, personal level really lines up with what this series is all about—creating something meaningful that lasts and gets passed down through generations. I'm looking forward to having all of the models see their portraits for the first time hanging in such a beautiful gallery.

"At a time when forces are at work to rewrite LGBTQ history and remove rainbow crosswalks, exhibits celebrating the art of Drag and Queer joy are more important than ever. I'm honored to be included in this exhibit and look forward to seeing everyone at the opening!"
– Sister Roma, Grand Marshal of Palm Springs Pride

Of the portraits you have painted so far in the exhibit, what is your favorite thing about doing them?

Great question. I love making these bold beauties seem as though they are staring right back at the viewer and ready to reach out and touch them. Creating such intricate detail invites the viewer in for a more intimate experience than a photo would. I want my paintings to draw people in so they can see the beauty I see, free of judgment, and just take in the pure magic of drag. Painting those big fun wigs is the most challenging part of the painting. Getting the delicate details and exact color/value transitions to make it look like a real wig can take up to a week or more. I think my favorite part of painting these portraits is the face and the eyes. The paintings are life size so I can get a lot of detail on the face. When I am painting the costumes and fabrics, I can't help but think of my mother and her incredible talent for sewing and designing costumes and bridal gowns. She pursued her craft with such passion, right up until the end of her life shortly after my senior year of art school.

You have been living, eating, and breathing these paintings to have them completed in time for Pride. Twelve of the portraits are finished, but what other queens are waiting in the wings.

I have a few additional paintings of models already in the show that I will be working on. I hope to have the opportunity to create more drag art portraits, so we will see who and what November brings! See you there!

I hope you will join us on Friday, November 7th at Cicada Fine Art. And if for some reason you can't, due to your dance card already being full, the exhibit will run through the month of November. This is truly a celebration of DRAG, because DRAG IS NOT A CRIME!
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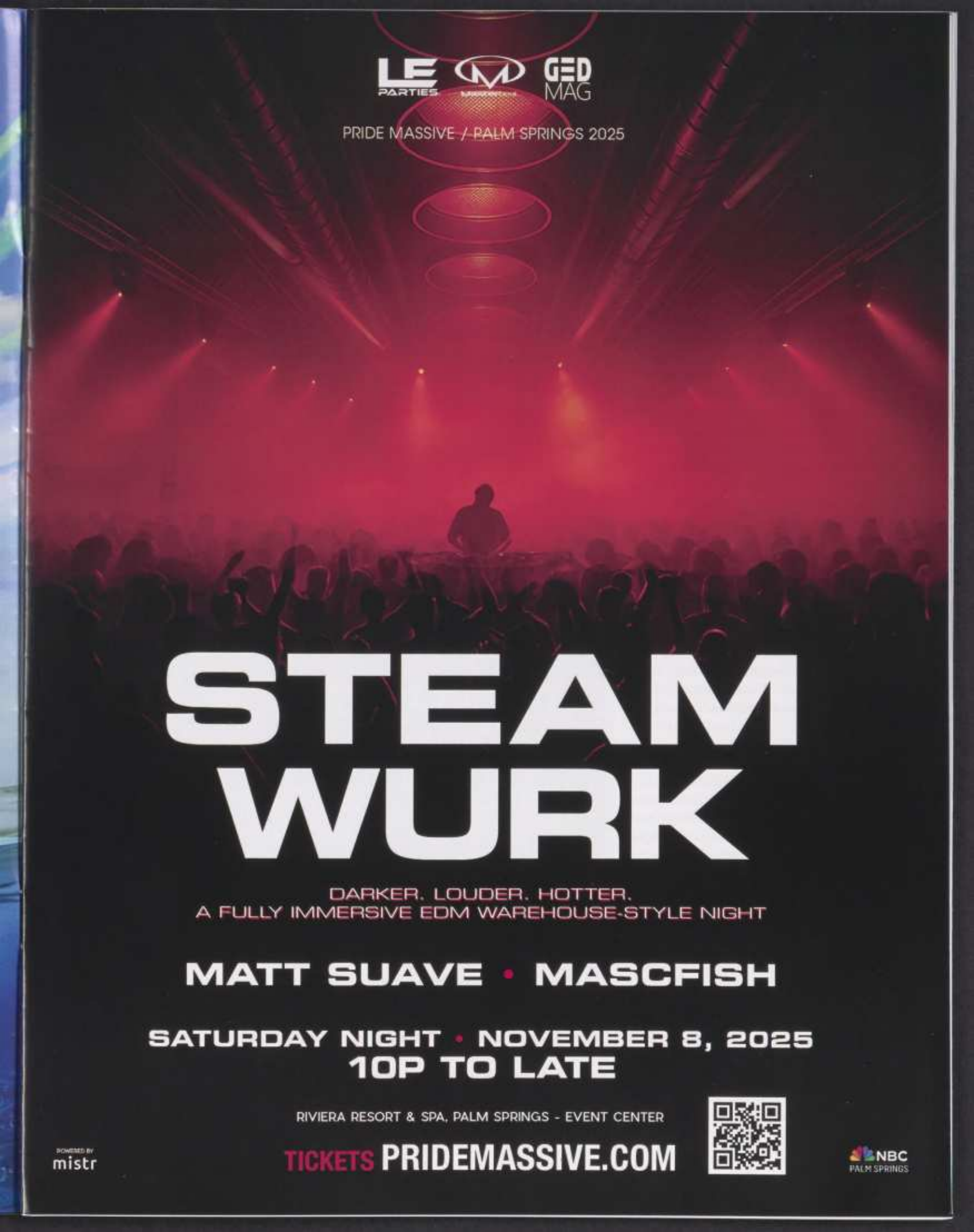
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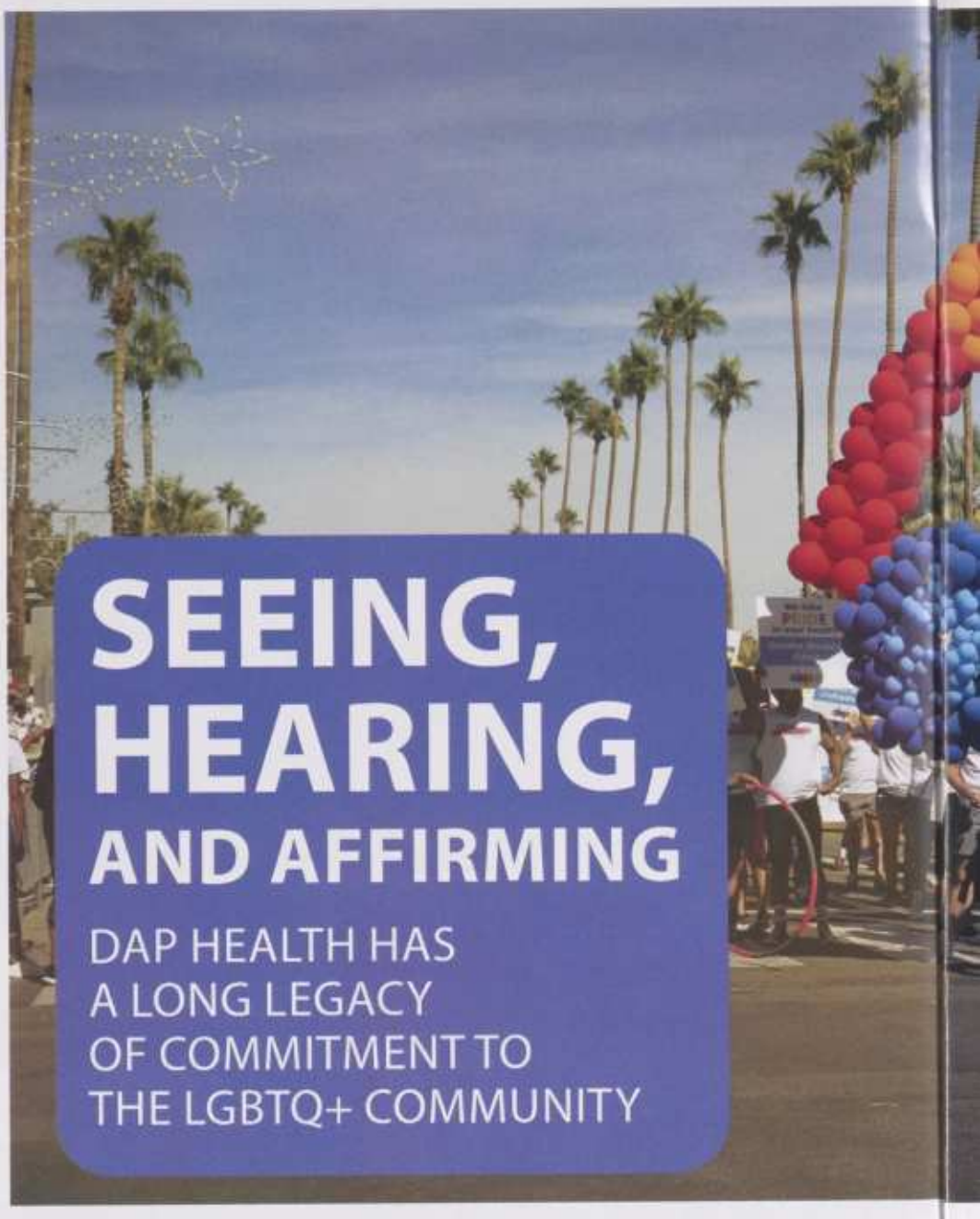
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For LGBTQ+ people, those three simple words can mean the difference between isolation and connection, fear and safety, invisibility and dignity. "Being seen, heard, and affirmed isn't a tagline — it's health care," says DAP Health Manager of Mission LaBianca McMillan. "When someone's identity is respected, anxiety falls, trust grows, and people come earlier for care, stay engaged in treatment, and thrive. We want every LGBTQ+ person to know they belong and their health matters."

This belief is woven into the fabric of DAP Health's mission. Through medical services, social support, advocacy, and community partnerships, the nonprofit creates spaces where LGBTQ+ individuals not only receive care but also experience belonging and affirmation.

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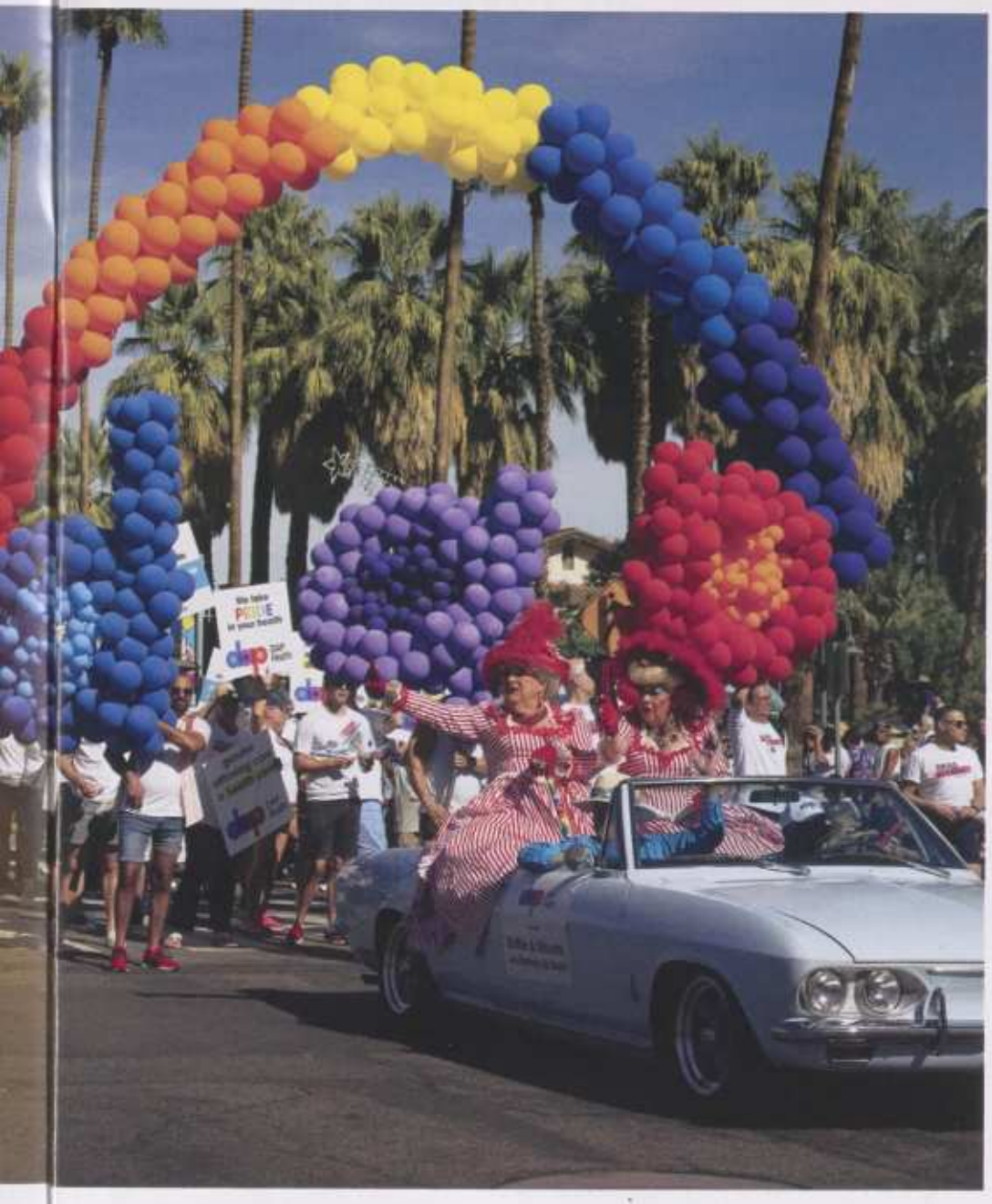
- **Oceanside Pride by the Beach** — Major Sponsor (June 7, 2025)
- **Greater Palm Springs Pride** — Rainbow Sponsor (November 6–9, 2025)
- **Cathedral City LGBT+ Days** — Platinum Sponsor (March 6–8, 2026)

Each of these partnerships highlights the vital role of representation and the ways Pride celebrations bolster health and wellness by fostering joy, connection, and resilience.

OCEANSIDE PRIDE BY THE BEACH

According to Pride Director Roxanne Deatherage of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, on whose campus DAP Health will soon establish a sexual wellness clinic and pharmacy, support from the agency was transformational. "Having DAP Health as our first-ever main event sponsor for Pride by the Beach 2025 was more than a win, it was a statement," she says. "Their support helped us welcome 20,000-plus people to downtown Oceanside and expand our festival footprint. … In today's political climate, where so many communities are struggling and under attack, this Pride wasn't just a celebration, it was necessary, and DAP Health helped bring joy, connection, and a sense of belonging to those who needed it most."

DAP Health CEO David Brinkman emphasizes why representation at events like Oceanside Pride is integral to health: "Representation saves lives. When LGBTQ+ people see themselves celebrated openly, without fear, it affirms their worth and reduces stigma,"



he says. "At Oceanside Pride, we witnessed firsthand how joy, visibility, and community can nurture both mental and physical health. DAP Health is honored to stand alongside the North County LGBTQ Resource Center in making that possible."

GREATER PALM SPRINGS PRIDE

As a longtime Rainbow Sponsor, DAP Health continues to uplift Greater Palm Springs Pride, one of the largest free Prides in the country. This enduring partnership reflects DAP Health's deep roots in the Coachella Valley and its unwavering belief that Pride is not just a celebration, but part of a continuum of care, advocacy, and empowerment.

"Pride is a powerful reminder that being visible is part of being healthy," says DAP Health Chief Marketing Officer Steven Henke. "When we celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Palm Springs, we also celebrate the dignity of every person DAP Health serves. Our sponsorships are matched by our year-round support of local LGBTQ+ media — like advertising in GED Magazine's Guide to Pride and The Standard Palm Springs — because amplifying trusted community voices helps people feel seen, heard, and affirmed, and connects them to the care they deserve."

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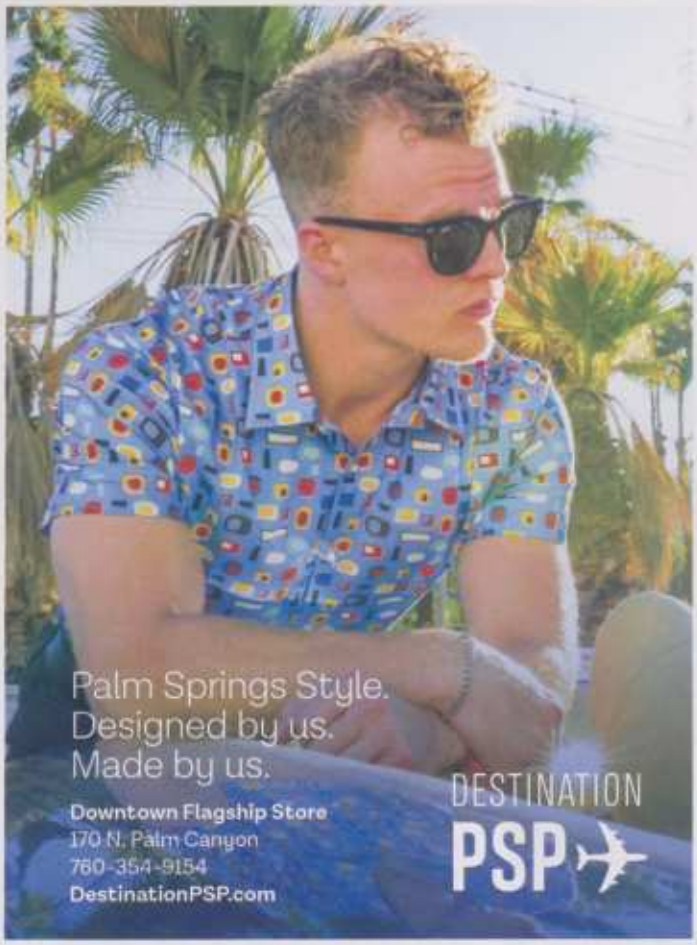
In 2026, DAP Health will serve as the Platinum Sponsor of Cathedral City LGBT+ Days, spotlighting the role of its Stonewall Medical Center, located in Cathedral City and serving the LGBTQ+ community. This partnership represents the fusion of health care and celebration, a way of making sure health equity is front and center at one of the Coachella Valley's most cherished LGBTQ+ events.

Montage Events Marketing and Events Manager Michael Westman shares his perspective: "Cathedral City LGBT+ Days is about creating joy, visibility, and belonging," he says. "Having DAP Health as our Platinum Sponsor elevates that mission. Their Stonewall Medical Center is a beacon of LGBTQ+ care in Cathedral City, and together, we're showing that health and celebration go hand in hand."

DAP Health plans to use its voice to amplify the needs of the LGBTQ+ community. Its 2025 Pride theme, "OUT Loud for LGBTQ+ Health," reflects a promise to champion access, equity, and affirmation everywhere its patients live, work, and celebrate. The nonprofit invites its supporters, team members, volunteers, and community partners to learn more about its plans, and to sign up to walk with its contingent at DAPHealth.org/Pride.

For DAP Health, Pride is more than an event. It's an extension of its mission to make sure every LGBTQ+ person is seen, heard, and affirmed — because health equity begins with dignity and representation.

To learn more, or to join the DAP Health contingent at the Greater Palm Springs Pride Parade on Sunday, November 9 (10:00 a.m. kickoff), please visit **DAPHealth.org/Pride**.



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5:00PM - 7:00PM

"SLAY the Canvas" by Rene Porter
Cicada Fine Art

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Rene Porter has developed a body of work defined by sensitivity, emotional depth, and a strong sense of presence. Each painting or drawing carries its own distinct character, reflecting her belief that a successful work should resonate with life and feeling while bearing a fragment of her own essence.

Porter's most recent series, "Slay the Canvas," places drag artists within the realm of fine art portraiture. These large-scale works celebrate drag not as spectacle, but as a profound act of identity, self-expression, and transformation. Through detailed brushwork and classical technique, Porter positions drag within the long tradition of painted portraiture, highlighting its power to challenge conventions and expand cultural narratives.

This soiree will take place from 5pm -7pm and will include 12 portraits of ICONIC queens. The artist and models are scheduled to appear for this official Pride kick-off event. Beverages and light bites will be offered and prints, along with originals, will be available for purchase.

7:00PM – 9:00PM

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The run and walk takes place in the beautiful and historic neighborhood of Old Las Palmas, once home to many Hollywood celebrities, starting and ending on W Chino Drive at Belardo Road. The beautiful, mostly flat, out-and-back course is on paved streets. There will be volunteers on the course to cheer you on and keep you moving in the right direction. Registration is $45 online.



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11:00AM – 10:00PM

Pride Festival (see map for location)

A diverse array of vendors, non-profit organizations, food and drink, entertainment, and youth zone with games and crafts line the streets of Palm Springs - Palm Canyon Dr between Amado and Baristo; the downtown park on Museum Way; and Arenas District between Indian Canyon and S. Calle Encilia.

2:00PM - 4:30PM

24th HRC Palm Springs Garden Party and Silent Auction

hrc.org/PSGardenParty

HRC Palm Springs Garden Party and Silent Auction is a popular and award-winning annual fundraising event, now in its 24th year. This community supported event brings together members from across the nation along with friends, advocates and allies dressed in stylish and festive garden party attire for an afternoon of connection and inspired action, all in the name of EQUALITY, without exception. This is the biggest fundraiser for HRC in the region and will once again be hosted at a private estate in Palm Springs where guests will enjoy a full open-bar service sponsored by DIAGEO, Garden Party Bites catered by TRIO, and Cold Brew Iced Coffee Bar & Sweets sponsored and served by The Social Play Lounge & Café. Silent auction

Featured Speaker — Brandon Wolf, HRC National Press Secretary, will provide remarks about HRC's work nationally, regionally and locally to defend, protect and advance our rights.



7:00PM – 10:00PM

That Totally 80'S Party!

Canopy Wine Lounge

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Step into a neon-lit time machine and join Canopy for a night of vibrant energy, iconic music, and unapologetic fun at That Totally 80s Party! This isn't just any throwback bash—it's Pride and night to celebrate!

Groove to the best hits of the 80s, from Madonna to Prince, and let the rhythm take you back to a time when music was bold and fashion was even bolder. Channel your inner 80s icon! Whether it's neon leg warmers, mullets, or leather jackets, come dressed in your most fabulous 80s attire and strut your stuff. This event is more than just a party—it's a statement. Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with pride, unity, and a whole lot of glitter.

Enjoy a complimentary splash of wine upon arrival and get ready to dance the night away!



10:00PM – LATE

STEAM WURK

Riviera Resort Palm Springs

1600 N Indian Canyon Dr.

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pridemassive.com

As the sun sets, the party doesn't stop! Back after its explosive debut — Steam Wurk is darker, louder, and hotter than ever. A fully immersive warehouse-style night with massive sound, full-spectrum lasers, and an all-night dance floor. Raw, sweaty, and unforgettable.

MUSIC BY: MATT SUAVE (Denver) and MASCFISH (Los Angeles).

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Sunday, November 9, 2025

10:00AM – 12:00PM

Pride Parade (see map for route)

The colorful parade steps off in the Uptown Design District at Tachevah and Palm Canyon Dr. and travels south through downtown, ending at the entrance to the Pride Festival at Amado.

Thousands of spectators will gather along the palm tree-lined streets to cheer and support local organizations, activists, and themed floats along historic Palm Canyon Drive.

Enjoy emcee commentary as parade contingents pass by official reviewing stands located at: Granvia Valmonte and N. Palm Canyon Drive; and north of Amado Road at N. Palm Canyon Drive (featuring sign language interpretation.)



9:00AM – 12:00PM

Parade Brunch

Trio Palm Springs
707 N Palm Canyon Drive
Palm Springs, CA 92262
triopalmsprings.com

Watch the parade from the Trio patio while enjoying brunch! NO better spot on the parade route to take in all the sights and sounds of year's pride parade. Seating is limited so contact Trio early!

11:00AM – 5:00PM

Pride Festival (see map for location)

A diverse array of vendors, non-profit organizations, food and drink, entertainment, and youth zone with games and crafts line the streets of Palm Springs - Palm Canyon Dr between Amado and Baristo; the downtown park on Museum Way; and Arenas District between Indian Canyon and S. Calle Encilia.



12:00PM – 6:00PM

RINSE & REPEAT POOL PARTY

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After the Pride parade, continue this massive weekend at the upgraded weekend closer "Rinse & Repeat Disco Pool Party" from 12 PM to 6 PM. This vibrant, disco-styled pool party is the perfect way to bring everyone together for one last splash.

MUSIC BY: JOHN JOSEPH (San Diego) and SPENCER HUFF (Los Angeles).

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In celebration of Palm Springs Pride, we are proud to shine a spotlight on local voices - folks who are making a difference, showing up authentically, and helping shape a more inclusive world. These stories highlight the strength, creativity, and resilience of individuals who continue to inspire progress and advocate for equality every day. From activists and artists to entrepreneurs and everyday changemakers, each spotlight honors the unique journeys and contributions that reflect the true spirit of Pride. As we celebrate love, identity, and inclusion, GED's exclusive interviews below are a reminder that diversity is not only our strength — it's our pride.



HONEY DAVENPORT

DEFYING DEFINITION

The world just can't wait to tell us our type… bears, twinks, otters, femmes - we play our roles, and we relish our playmates, but individuality is the most tantalizing trait of all.

And Honey Davenport is the queen of empowerment over expectations.

"I wouldn't have been able to create my size- and color-inclusive hosiery line, Honey's Hose, become a leather titleholder Mr. Dicks 2026, or drop my new single, Come to Daddy (dropping on Halloween) without the consistent, uplifting encouragement of my local Palm Springs community. To all who have supported me, thank you for being a part of this journey. Your support fuels our collective joy and allows me, and so many others, to live our truths."

Davenport is a brilliant blast of hell yaasss, navigating the seemingly disparate waters of RuPaul royalty and leather grit with effortless grace and endless generosity.

"Joining the leather community has been like finding a true family. It's a space where we fellowship, question, and develop our perspectives with a shared goal of service. Being a part of groups like the Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert and performing at events like Folsom East has taught me the true meaning of brotherhood. The community's unwavering support and love have given me a foundation to grow, contribute, and become the person I am today."

And that person is finally earning the recognition she damn well deserves.

"I am so honored and excited to accept the Stonewall Business of Pride Award," Davenport beams. "As a former Miss Stonewall, Pride for me is a joyful protest. It's a celebration of everything we were told was our detriment, a bright, shining symbol of how our queer joy overpowers hate. In a world that seeks to erase our history and question our existence, Pride is our defiant, colorful refusal to be silenced."

Honey harmonizes with this year's theme, explaining, "Be Heard is a celebration of every single one of our voices, our cultures, and our identities. It speaks to me because humanity is a pass/fail group project, and we can only succeed if we work together and listen to one another."

We hear you, loud and queer.

"Right now, more than ever," declares Davenport, "bright and colorful joy is our ultimate form of resistance. I believe that the only way to combat hate is to generate joy, the only way to prohibit erasure is to promote acceptance, and the only way to destroy division is to defend diversity. Pride is our living proof that our differences aren't just needed to add color to the world; they are our most powerful tools to dismantle systems of oppression."

Pulling down bricks, posting up beauty - that's the dazzling dichotomy that is Honey Davenport. Happy Pride, Honey!

CATHY AND ANDY MILLS

SERVING WITH LOVE



The LGBTQ community has a complicated relationship with law enforcement. Our forebears rioted at Stonewall to protest police brutality, then one year later, the first Pride celebrations commemorated the uprising.

But the best way to combat bad policing is good policing, and PSPD is the best in the business.

"I feel a responsibility just to make sure that everybody feels comfortable. Everybody feels included. Everybody feels welcome. Regardless of your orientation, gender, race, religion." Chief Andy Mills punctuates his point earnestly. "If you're here, you're part of this community."

"Andy and I don't feel like this is a job," explains Cathy Mills, Andy's partner in crime-fighting. "Our involvement with the community is as citizens, not as a police chief and wife. We're there because we love and support our community. And that makes me a little teary eyed."

Indeed, authenticity surges through every sentiment expressed by the Mills.

"He's got 180 employees and I'm the mom to them all," Cathy continues. "We support the organizations that are making a difference, because these organizations help the police, whether it is the LGBTQ Center or the Boys & Girls Club, all these organizations are helping our community to be stronger and healthier. And a strong, healthy community is safe… Because we're helping with mental health, with food shortages, whatever people need, the building of homes that are moderate or low income. I mean, all these things play a part, unbelievably, in crime rates."

And the results speak for themselves… or don't speak, to be exact.

"Here's a cool fun fact: so, this will be our fourth Pride. How many hundreds of thousands of people come in?" asks Cathy.

"We get about 200,000 people on Pride weekend," Andy answers.

"And how many arrests?" Cathy's rhetorical query prompts an eager response from both Mills in unison: "One."

Cathy adds: "The year before, there was zero. It's just truly about love and happiness. That's why I just hate how our community has been victimized and looked down upon because it's just the opposite. Just let us love each other, what business is it of yours?"

Andy has more choice words for the haters and, more importantly, the love that will defeat them. "Pride is important right now, because now isn't the time to take a step back and go back to the shadows. Now is the time to step forward and let those who would try to suppress the freedom of people who are LGBTQ to understand that everybody here is strong, is vibrant, this is a dynamic community, and nobody's going to take a back seat anymore. So now it's the time to speak strongly and have our voices be heard in unison, allies as well as members of the community. Let's be united and stand strong."

The Mills earned the title of Friends of Stonewall last year and Andy served as the festival's Grand Marshal the year before, but this time around, Cathy is just excited to be present, to be fearless, and to be the Mama Bear. "When we walk, we don't walk to be seen. We walk to engage. It's talking to everybody on the street, slowing down, giving hugs, loving people, and showing up. That's what being an ally is. It's a mutual alliance. Because this community mutually is our ally… For me, a true ally isn't a performance. It isn't a slogan or a statement. A true ally is somebody who has boots on the ground, day in and day out, amplifying the voices of our community."

Their commitment is robust, but also realistic.

"I get it that there are still people who are terrified of the police because of their experience. And that can never be erased," declares Andy. "It was wrong how policing didn't value the information coming from people who were victims in the gay community and that was systemic, and I think it's changing. We have multiple LGBTQ officers in our department... We're not perfect. Don't get me wrong. But at the same time, I think that we have made great strides. We're making even gigantic leaps. And it's not going fast enough but we are doing what we can."

"We need hope. That's what the rallies are for," announces Cathy. "Our voice matters, and we can still speak out for what we believe."

Andy concludes, "The more we take care of each other, the stronger we become."

So, flex your Pride and law abide - and take time to mix it up with Cathy and Andy Mills. You have the right to remain fabulous!

DEAN LAVINE

SOLIDARITY IN NUMBERS



Isolation yields helplessness. When we feel alone, the world around us appears menacing… but when we collab, we conquer.

"Our little block is quite mighty," declares Dean Lavine, owner of Blackbook, a shimmering gem in the crown of Palm Springs' primary gayborhood.

"The Arenas District is very special to me," Lavine continues. "Businesses tend to get competitive with each other and bars may fight and argue with each other and things like that. But we all get along."

Camaraderie cascades from storefront to storefront and reverberates all the way up through the ranks of local governance. "I've personally pushed the city and others to understand the value of the Arenas District. This is the heart of what is LGBTQ in this Valley, not just Palm Springs. So, there's a responsibility to the people who come here and a responsibility to people who've been here."

Embracing the evolution of our movement, Lavine assesses, "Pride represents our history, our present and our future."

He applauds the liberation-out-loud vibe of Gen Z. "So many young people are comfortable being gender fluid and understand that they can be their own person. That did not exist 30 years ago and there's a comfort to it, but that came at a price and we're still paying it."

This cultural moment tests us all, and we must counter bigotry with boldness. "Pride is always significant, and it's never been more significant than it is today."

Oppression encroaches, but activism is the ultimate forcefield.

"Younger people are learning a lot about the rights that they thought they had. They were comfortable. But now they're seeing how rights can be taken away very quickly. And because of that, I see them engaged, being proud and having more of a voice in what their future is going to be."

Blackbook is that voice, that haven, that fortress. "Every day, we work hard to provide a safe place for people to be heard," promises Lavine. "We want to scream loudly when it's time to scream loudly and that's why we proudly do what we do here. That's why Mayor DeHarte worked diligently to get a flag. And in October we're launching this gigantic, huge Pride flag. Fundamentally the flag represents that we're here and we're not going anywhere."

Long may it wave… and make waves.

"Silence would be the worst thing we could possibly do," advises Lavine. After all, we are a brilliant cacophony of perspectives, a smorgasbord of backgrounds and experience, and a robust rainbow of diversity.

"Let's just lean into who we are and be proud as all get out."

Cheers to that! And here's to us - community is served.

KARIN JAFFIE

KING OF QUEENS



Being gay in our current cultural climate is an epic struggle of give and take. Take on the establishment, give back to the community, take no prisoners, give a s***... but don't take yourself too seriously.

"My brand of stupid is so spot on." [laughs]

Karin Jaffie is an ambassador of the absurd, a siren of silliness, and a maverick of making the world a better place.

"I still have friends from school years who will randomly reach out and tell me my authenticity helped them become their better selves, gay or not. I'm SUPER proud of that! It's like having had children minus all the stretch marks and diapers."

Mothering is her nature, and nature nurtures her soul.

"Queer earthkeepers? We Are Everywhere. Over 30 years ago, I worked at Golden Gate National Recreation Area and helped start the first officially sanctioned LGBTQ organization in the Department of the Interior."

Jaffie balanced her eco-amazing initiatives with high-octane homo-hilarity. "As righteous drag king Kit Tapata, Mr. Gay San Francisco, well that's just a weird amalgamation of my boyish side, my clown side, my humble servant of humanity side, and my attention whore side. I am humbled and grateful for the many years I worked in San Francisco's Castro bars, often for no pay and donating tips to charity. It almost felt like, dare I say, a 'calling'? I am, after all, Saint Commedia delle' Farte with the SF Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence."

Fast forward to the queer-and-now. Jaffie is the Marketing and Development Associate for Friends of the Desert Mountains, and she's getting a range of results.

"I just spent the last four years advocating for establishing Chuckwalla National Monument, with an emphasis on connecting the local LGBTQ community to the proposal area. The drag queens who performed with me on that hot desert highway still bask in the warm, sweaty glow of having made their mark on the successful establishment of Coachella Valley's newest national monument."

Jaffie continues, "Nature is pretty bipartisan... I ended up going to the White House for the designation signing on Jan 14 of this year. Rep Ruiz knows me as the 'Chuckwalla Lady' because I dressed up as a (drag) male Chuckwalla for the drag bus tours."

All aboard for awesomeness!

"Connecting to the land has helped me connect to our desert queers, and them to me," explains Jaffie. "While it can be precarious at times to be so bold as I am, I'm happy to be one of the gays working for land conservation and protecting nature, especially now."

In the face of fascism, our dapper dragster doubles down. "I'm going to be even more OUTrageous, more LOUD, and more likely tell you to F right off."

Can I get an F yeah!?!

"Pride is when my personal, my political, and my performance all merge into one big back-combed hair-sprayed glittery hairball. Listen, I never asked for my private life – and especially who I love – to be someone else's political football. But darn it, if I'm being forced to play a game I don't enjoy, I choose to be a cheerleader for change in the game of life!"

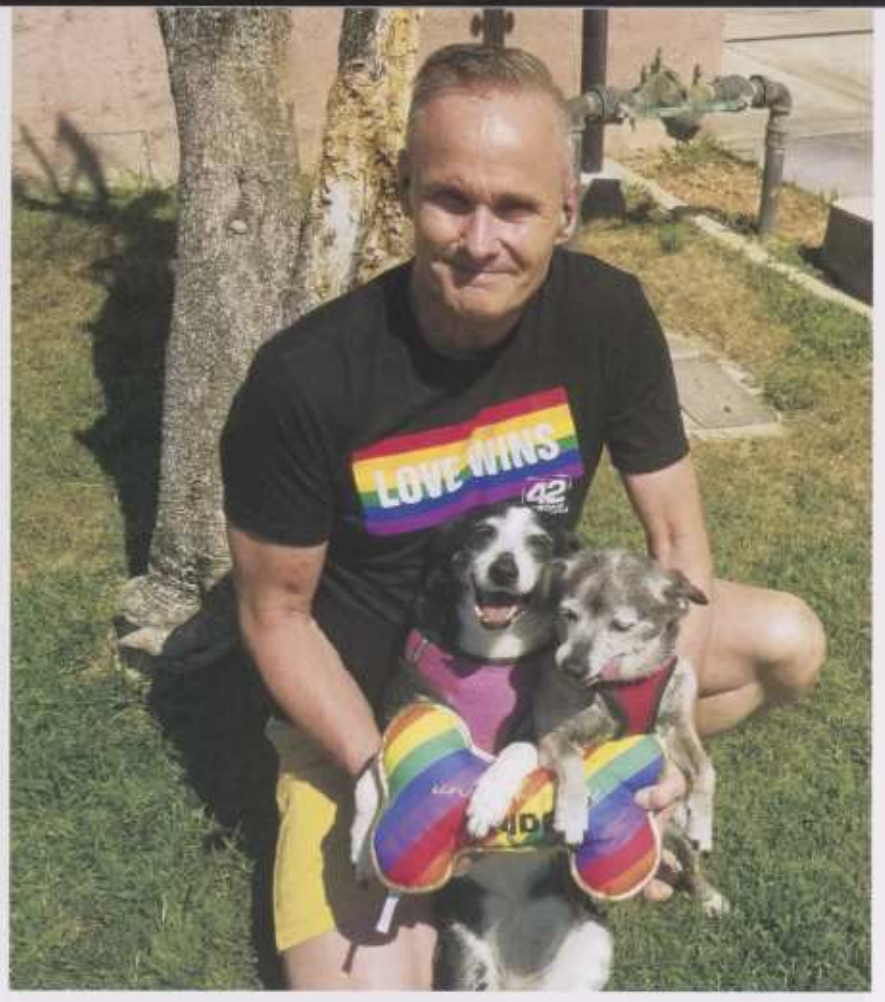
Pass the pompoms and form a human pyramid... emphasis on the human part.

"My fun 30-year marriage to Lori Howes has lasted longer than most straight people's marriages and I celebrate that," Jaffie announces. "I'm an unrepentantly joyful human being who is happy to bridge communities. My motto in life is 'I'm here to help!' Whether it's something as big as queers feeling comfortable in nature, or even bigger – all us queers having fun playing dress up together to relieve the tension of being queer in America and beyond. My drag friends and family have always let me be me in a world where not everyone gets that actual personal freedom. I am honored to repay that kindness to the world."

Payment secured, legacy assured. Thank you, Karin/Kat/King/Kween!

MITCHELL BATTERSBY

COMMUNITY IS SERVED



They say time is money, but they're wrong. Time is so much more valuable than money. Think about it: what would you pay for one more day with a loved one you've lost? Answer: there aren't enough dollars in the damn world.

So, when people donate their time, they are expressing the ultimate act of generosity.

"These volunteers aren't just handing out wristbands or pouring drinks; they're creating safe spaces, building connections, and shaping memories for over 200,000 people who come to Palm Springs to feel seen, heard, and celebrated."

These are the heartfelt words of Mitchell Battersby, the Director of Volunteers for PS Pride and a celebrity chef with a taste for inclusion.

"Cooking, to me, has always been about more than food; it's about nourishment, connection, and love." Battersby's benevolence boils over as he continues, "Here's my recipe for LGBTQ+ empowerment:

- 1 cup of Courage – the bravery to live authentically and unapologetically, even when it's hard.
- 2 heaping tablespoons of Community, because empowerment isn't built alone; it's built together.
- A dash of Radical Love for us, for one another, and for those still finding their way.
- A pinch of Resilience to keep rising when the world tries to push us down.
- Garnished with Hope because our movement is about creating something better for the generations to come."

And those generations are in peril, but they're not cooked just yet.

"We are living in a moment where progress is being challenged," notes Battersby. "Across the country, LGBTQ+ rights are under attack, from bans on rainbow crosswalks and healthcare to policies that attempt to erase our identities. We've fought too hard, for too long, to stay silent. Pride today is more than a celebration; it's again an act of defiance. It's about standing up for our trans siblings, protecting our queer youth, honoring our elders, and ensuring that every single member of our community can live freely and authentically."

Battersby spends so much time thinking of others that it's rare when he turns the spotlight on himself.

"Pride, for me, is deeply personal. I'm a long-term HIV survivor, and there was a time, just 10 years ago, when I didn't know if I'd live to see another Pride, let alone be part of creating one. Every parade, every flag waving in the wind, and every voice singing in the streets is a reminder that we made it here. We survived. We fought for this space, and we continue to fight so others don't have to."

Savoring this year's theme, Chef Mitch grows pensive. "Be Heard feels especially close to my heart," he reveals. "During the height of the HIV/AIDS crisis, I spent years in silence — carrying shame, fear, and stigma. I didn't always believe my voice mattered. But finding that voice, and learning to use it, has transformed my life."

Now he's sharing his insights outwardly, and we're all the better for his bravery.

"To everyone reading this: you are enough, exactly as you are. You don't have to change, shrink, or hide who you are to be worthy of love, respect, and belonging. You already are."

Punctuating his point passionately, Battersby concludes, "Your voice matters. Your story matters. Whether you whisper it, shout it, write it, sing it, or dance it down Arenas Road, you are part of something bigger than yourself… Palm Springs Pride is a reflection of us. It's a celebration of survival, of love, of authenticity. But it's also a promise that the generations who come after us will inherit a world where they don't just get to exist; they get to thrive. So, if you take nothing else from my story, take this: You are enough. You are worthy. You belong.

There's always a seat at the table, courtesy of Chef Mitch. Inclusion has never been so fulfilling.

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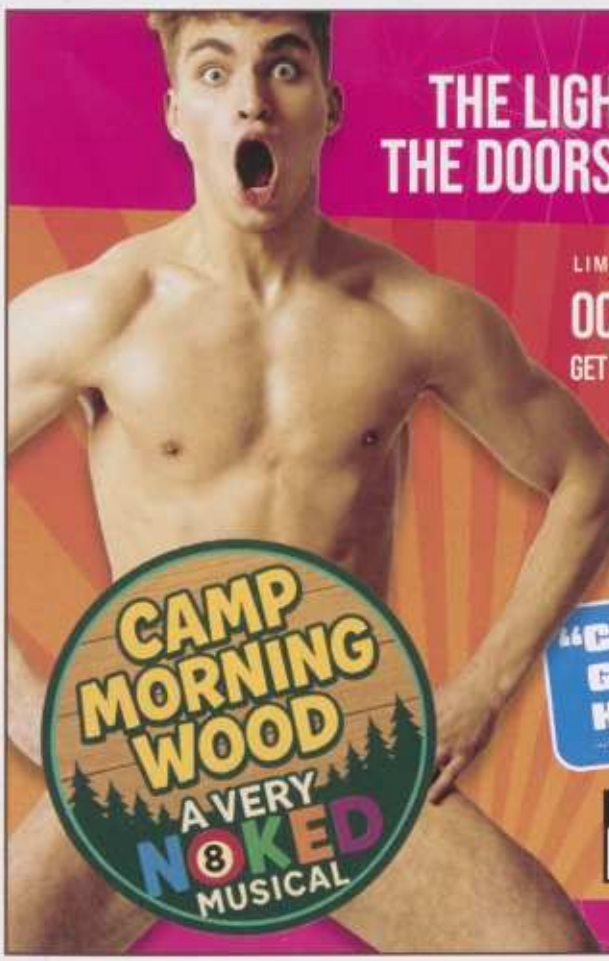
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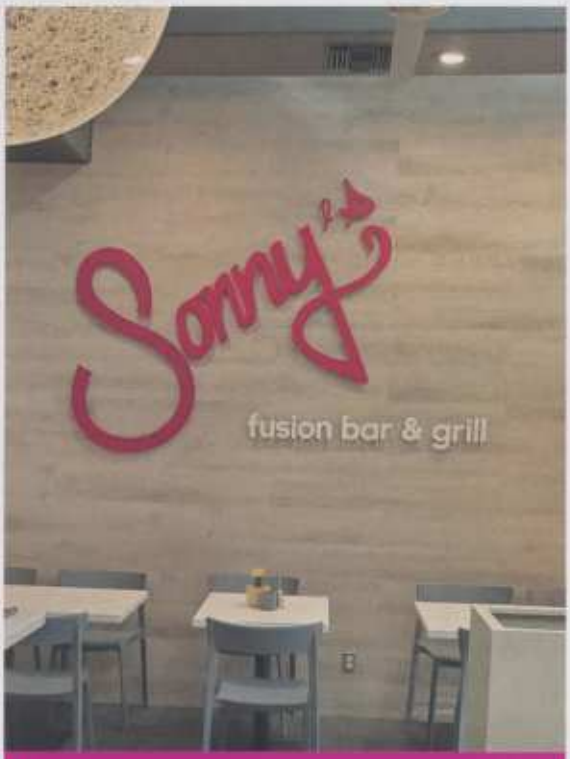
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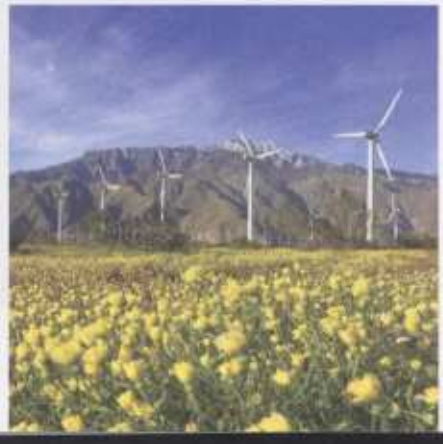
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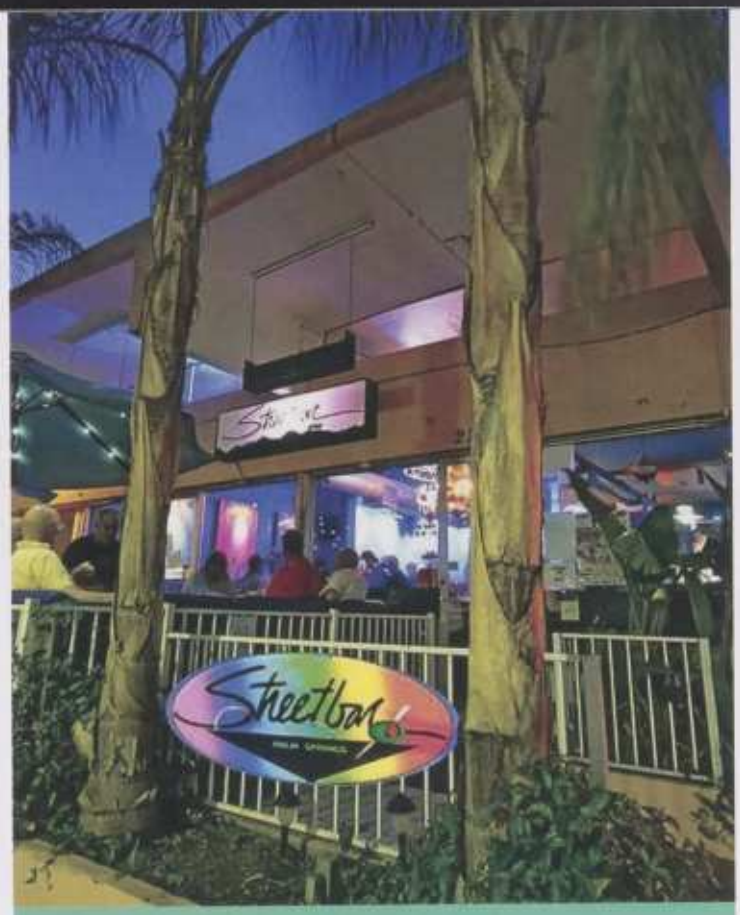
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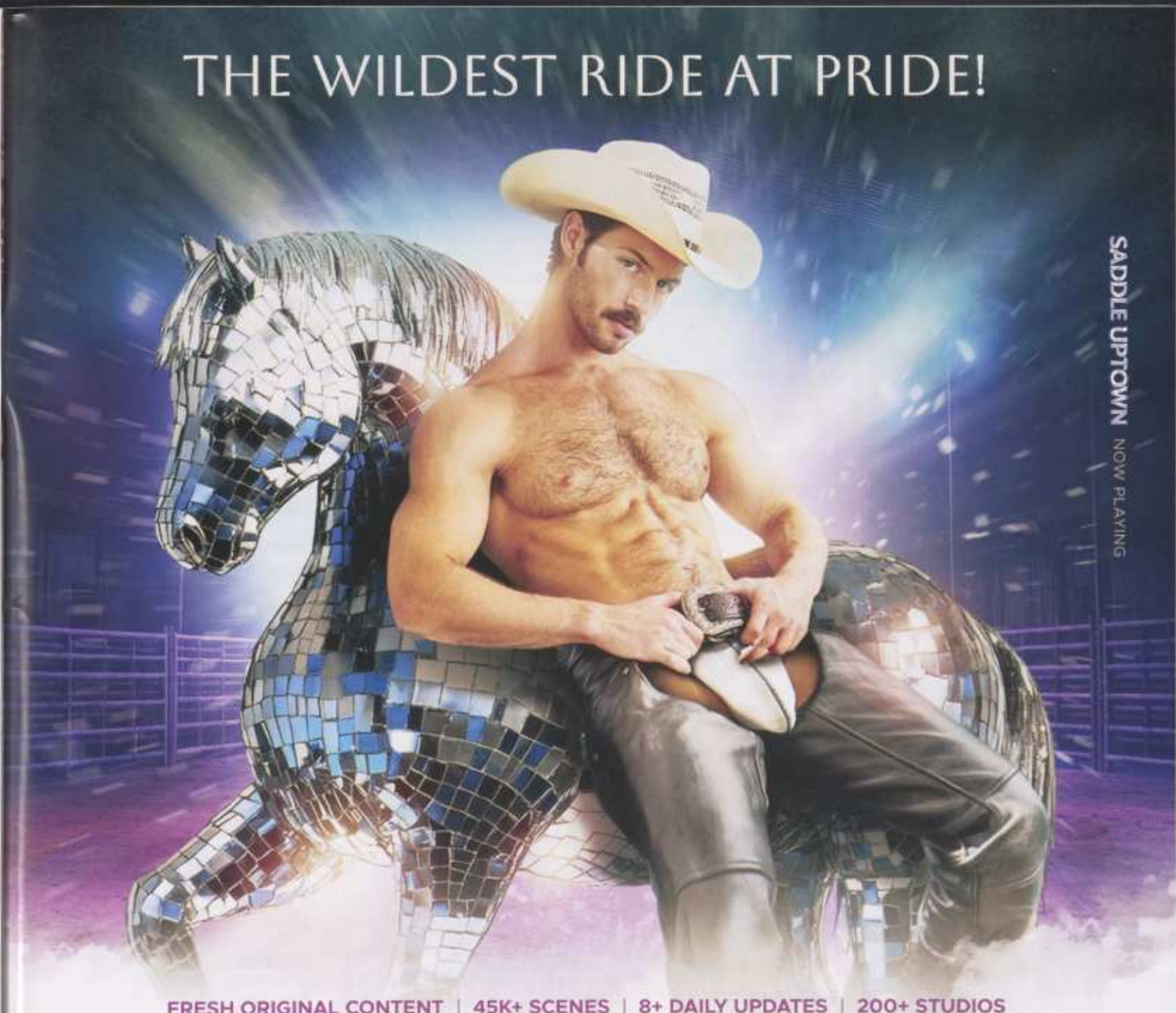
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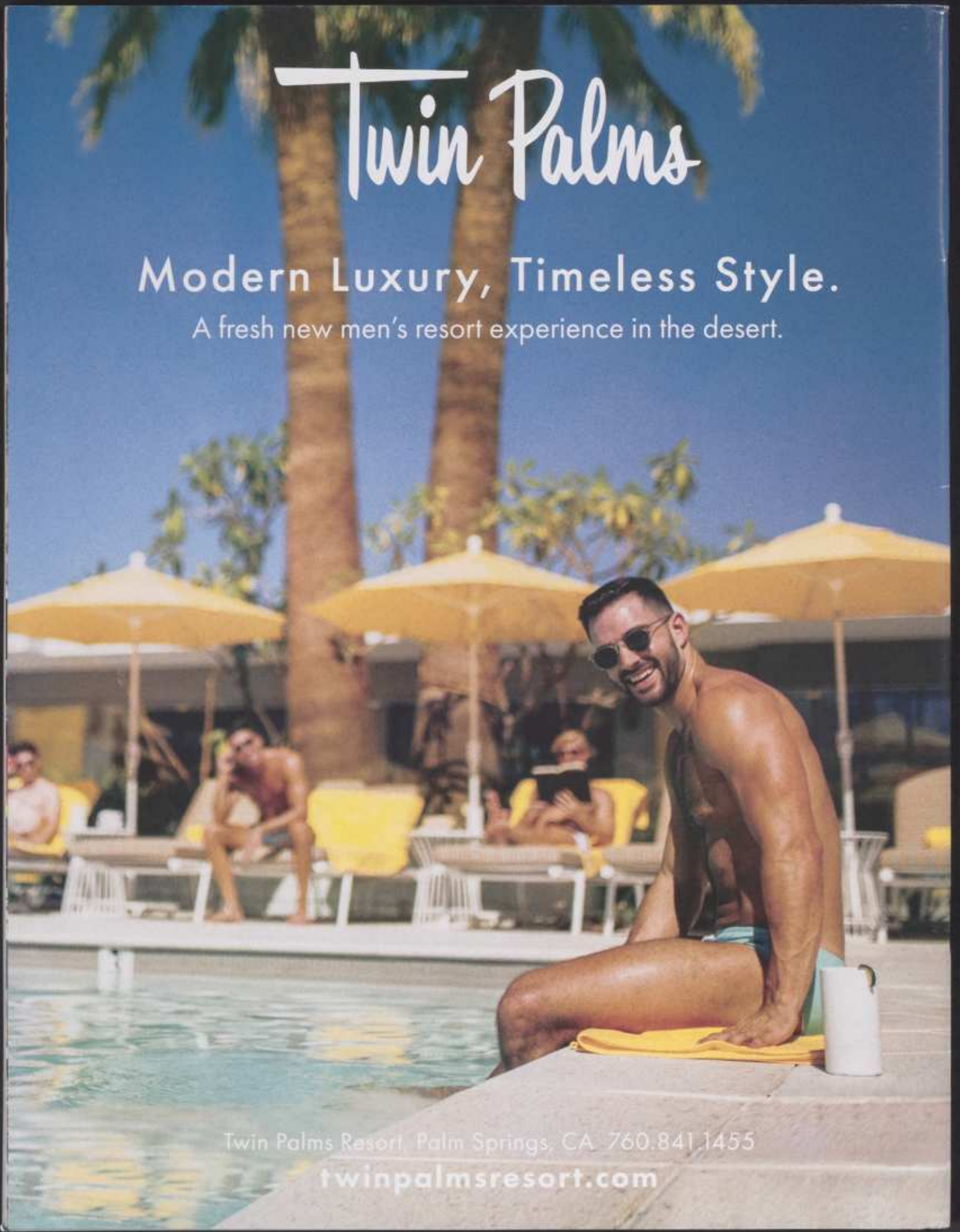
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