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I would like to urge all to come out and join us for this year's march on May 20th. This year's march is as crucial as that first march in 1990. We, as a community, face a very hateful amendment to our state constitution, and we need to come out in strong numbers to show our legislators that they can not discriminate against our families.

Contact your friends and your families and have them join you in this historical march. We need to show the same commitment to our rights that other minority groups have done throughout history. If we do this, we can make a change. If you can not march, line up on the streets to support those that can.

This event could be the defining moment in the gays rights challenge in this state. Make a difference, take a walk, and fight for your right to exist in this state. Be Loud, and be Proud.

To learn how you can make a difference, go to [www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio](http://www.scglpm.org/rainbowradio), and listen to the stories of the first march and how it changed lives in South Carolina.

## Volunteers Needed

Of course, we all want to enjoy the activities of Pride 2006, but those activities cannot happen without your help. We need more volunteers to donate 1 or 2 hours of your time to help make all the events fun for everyone. **To volunteer to help with Pride 2006 activities, contact [scpridecenter@aol.com](mailto:scpridecenter@aol.com).**

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## This Week and Next Week

### 2006 Pride Film Festival -- Nickelodeon (Columbia) May 18-20, 2006

Starting May 18th and running thru May 22nd, The Pride Film Festival will be held at the Nickelodeon Theatre, 937 Main Street, in Columbia. A full list of films will be included in the Pride Guide, which is now available in bars around the state and at the Harriet Hancock Community Center.

On May 18th, with both films having only this one showing, **Same Sex America** followed by **Out in the Heartland** will begin at 6:30 pm.

Other films to be shown during the Pride Film Festival will be **Adam and Steve**, **Imagine Me and You**, and **Unveiled**. There will also be a one-showing only of **Screaming Queens: The Riot at the Compton's Café**. That will be at 11:00 p.m., on Friday, May 19th.

Several of these films are being presented in partnership with South Carolina Pride and the South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Pride Movement. For more information, see the Nickelodeon's website [www.nickelodeon.org](http://www.nickelodeon.org).

ANNUAL "WE ARE FAMILY" GALA  
Friday, May 19  
Columbia

The South Carolina Gay and Lesbian Business Guild will hold its annual "We Are Family" gala, at the Capital City Club, which is on the 25th floor, 1201 Main Street, Columbia. Complimentary parking in the garage adjacent to the building is available.

Reception begins at 6:00 p.m.; dinner at 7:00 p.m.

The **Trailblazer Award** will be presented to **Linda Ketner**, and the **Community Partner of the Year** will be presented to **Trustus Theatre**. Join us as we honor them!

Admission for members of the Guild will be \$45.00, and for non-members, \$55.00. Seating is limited so buy your tickets now! Dress is business attire.

To reserve your seats or for more information, contact the Guild at [info@scglbg.org](mailto:info@scglbg.org) or (803) 771-0411.

To **purchase tickets**, send payment to:  
SCG+LBG Gala, PO Box 7913, Columbia, SC 29202.

### **SC Pride March & Celebration** **Saturday, May 20     Columbia**

The 15th Annual Statewide South Carolina 2006 Parade and Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 20th. **For updates and more information, check out [www.scpride.org](http://www.scpride.org)**. Contact [scpridecenter@aol.com](mailto:scpridecenter@aol.com) for more information.

### **March -- Dreher High School to Martin Luther King Memorial Park** **Saturday, May 20     11:00 a.m.**

Gathering for the Parade will be at 11:00 a.m. at Dreher High School, which is at the corner of Millwood and Devine Streets in Columbia. The parade starts at noon, and will move west on Devine Street to Harden Street, then north on Harden thru Five Points to Greene Street, where it will turn into Martin Luther King Park.

From 10:30 to 11:30, a shuttle van will transport people who park at the Lee parking garage and 5 points area to the parade site.

### **Celebration -- Martin Luther King Memorial Park** **Saturday, May 20     1:00-6:00 p.m.**

The Celebration this year moves to the Martin Luther King Memorial Park near the Five Points entertainment district from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

There will be several national entertainment acts, such as Pepper MaShay, Frederick Ford, Jenn Kelly, and Elaine Townsend. Local entertainers will include Nik Evans - Pride Idol winner in 2005, Rachel Flowers and Almost F.I.N.E - Pride Idol winner in 2006, The Marching Pride, The Party Time Gals, reBELLEious, Southern Country Charlotte, and the Cabaret Kings and Company.

There will be speakers, such as Mandy Carter from SONG, Southerners on New Ground, and Brett Burse, Activist and Director of the South Carolina Progressive Network. There will even be an appearance by Columbia Mayor, Bob Coble. There will also be food, and of course, the highlight of this event will be your Rainbow Radio hosts who will be the emcees.

**After Pride Party – PT's Cabaret**  
**Saturday, May 20**  
**Doors open at 3:00 p.m.**

When the Pride Celebration is over, PT's Cabaret will host an After Pride Party. PT's Cabaret is located at 1101 Harden Street, just three blocks down from MLK Park. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. Cool down and be entertained by your favorite female impersonators. For more information, go to the website [www.ptscabaret.com](http://www.ptscabaret.com).

**OutSmart's Youth Prom -- Rising High Building, Main St.**  
**Saturday, May 20**  
**7:30 - 10:30 p.m.**

After the Parade and Celebration, OutSmart will host the Midland's first prom for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning youth. The event, for those ages 16- to 22-years of age, will be held in the Rising High Building, 1508 Main Street, in Columbia, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

All GLBTQ youth and their friends are invited. Formal attire is not required. Popular local DJ Jason Wilson from Club Fusion will provide the music, and Rising High will provide refreshments and food.

Admission is free, but the group will be distributing tickets earlier at the Pride Celebration in MLK Park.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to donate to this important event and help support local youth, contact OutSmart at [OutSmartColaSC@aol.com](mailto:OutSmartColaSC@aol.com).

**Pride Worship Service -- Garden of Grace United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**11:00 a.m.**

There will be a Pride Worship Service, at 11:00 a.m. at the Garden of Grace United Church of Christ, 1020 Atlas Road, in Columbia. For more information, go to the website [www.goguucc.com](http://www.goguucc.com).

**SC Community Picnic -- Earlewood Park**  
**Sunday, May 21**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The South Carolina Community Picnic will be held at Earlewood Park, which is off North Main Street in Columbia. The potluck picnic begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be no media or speeches; just bring food and drink to share. There will also be volleyball.

What a great way to unwind from all of the Pride activities, and enjoy a little time with friends and family at Earlewood Park.

## Save This Date

### *Lesbian & Gay Stitch-n-Bitch (Columbia)*

*May 25*

*Harriet Hancock Community Center*

*7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

Columbia's Lesbian & Gay Stitch-n-Bitch for knitters and crocheters meets every two weeks (next meeting is 25 May) at the Harriet Hancock Gay & Lesbian Community Center from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone welcome, from beginners to experts. For more information, contact: Bob Ellis, [ellis29205@aol.com](mailto:ellis29205@aol.com), 803.920.3323.

### *A Beautiful Night -- Opening and Performance Party (Charleston)*

**Wednesday, June 7**

**8:00 p.m.**

This Theatrical Performance is presented by Spoleto Festival USA. The Opening Night Party is hosted by Alliance for Full Acceptance.

On Wednesday, June 7 at 8 p.m. the curtain goes up. The party immediately follows the performance at 5 Atlantic Street in Charleston.

Tickets are \$75 per person, and include the Performance and Opening Night Party. For tickets, please make the check payable to **Alliance For Full Acceptance and mail it to P.O. Box 22088, Charleston, SC 29413**

### *USCA Unity Alliance Members and Friends (USC - Aiken)*

*Thursday, September 7, 2006*

*12:15 to 1:15 p.m.*

*201 H&SS Building*

The Director of the USCA Counseling Center, Ms. Cindy Gelinas, will discuss USCA resources for gay/lesbian/bisexual students/faculty/staff on our campus.

Please encourage all GLBT students that you know on our campus to attend this important meeting. We need students to step forward for leadership positions, so that we can maintain the momentum of our six-year-old organization. All are welcome.

## South Carolina News

### *Miss/Mr SC Pride Awarded*

**Our new Pride Queen is Patti O'Furniture, and Pride King is Zeke. Congratulations to Patti and Zeke.**

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## Helping Out the Community

### Rainbow Radio Needs Sponsors and Donations

Rainbow Radio needs your help. We have just received a matching grant from the Freeman Foundation. One of its provisions is that this grant will give us \$1.00 for every \$3.00 we receive from new donors and sponsors between now and November 1st. The key word here is "new" donors and sponsors.

Our shows are supported by our donor listeners and sponsors – **Listeners Like You**. And now this is your chance to really help make a difference, and keep Rainbow Radio on the air. To sponsor an entire show is \$200, but donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted. We have had donors from New York, Alabama, South Dakota and of course, from South Carolina. If you have never given to Rainbow Radio, now is the time.

If you believe in what we are doing here, getting our voices out with the truth about what gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people are really all about, then sponsor a show or donate today. Just make out your check to Rainbow Radio and in the memo section, write Rainbow Radio Donation/Sponsorship. Send your checks to: SCGLPM, P.O. Box 12648, Columbia, SC 29211.

If you want to help keep this show on the air, then join this matching grant campaign and send in your donations and sponsorships today.

**Have a fun and safe 2006 Pride,**

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