

2019 Pride Guide

EVENTS

International Family Equality Day at the Zoo

Celebrate the beauty and importance of family diversity at the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute. Enjoy family-focused activities including field games with prizes, special animal enrichment demonstrations, and live entertainment.

May 5, 2019 | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm | Free
National Zoo | nationalzoo.si.edu

IDENTIFY: Performance Art as Portraiture

Jeffrey Gibson: To Name An Other

Artist Jeffrey Gibson, a half-Cherokee member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, will choreograph performers who self-identify as Indigenous, Native American, LGBTQ+, or as people of color, to explore the relationship between injustice, marginalization, and identity. This performance will include garments printed with texts that name significant acts and recent events.

May 22, 2019 | 5:00 pm | Free
National Portrait Gallery | npg.si.edu

I Have Thought of You:

An Epistolary Poetry Writing Workshop with Regie Cabico

Inspired by Walt Whitman's love letter to Peter Doyle, we will look at the art and form of epistolary poems, which are poems written in the form of a letter. Like Whitman, we will seize objects in nature and those that are man made to write where we are and commune with a lost lover, pal and object. Bring a notebook to write in. This workshop is open to all adults 18 and up for all levels.

May 30, 2019 | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Free
National Postal Museum | postalmuseum.si.edu

Dearest Queerest Body Electric:

A Reading of Epistolary Poems by Poems from Capturing Fire

We will celebrate the arrival of National Pride Month with readings by National and Local queer poets writing to awkward loves, to gender and the erotic body. In celebration of Whitman's 200th Birthday, the National Postal Museum welcomes slam poets Mia Willis (2018 Capturing Fire Slam Champion), Tyler French (author of He Told Me) and Micah Powell (Stoked Feature Poet) to deliver their fiercest love poems in letter forms. Hosted by Nuyorican Poetry Slam Champion, Regie Cabico.

May 30, 2019 | 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Free
National Postal Museum | postalmuseum.si.edu

Countdown! Pride Celebration Kick-Off Party

It's a countdown to Pride! Join SAAM, BYT, and the Capital Pride Alliance on the eve of Pride as we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, celebrate our LGBTQ+ community, honor our outstanding leaders and activists, and launch the 2019 Capital Pride Celebration. Enjoy music, dancing, art activities, and other surprises as you learn more about LGBTQ+ artists in SAAM's collection. You can't miss the rainbow lights on the outside of the museum for the perfect Pride pic with your friends. 21 +.

May 31, 2019 | 8:30 pm - 1:00 am

VIP Honors 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm (additional ticket required)

Tickets \$50-\$65

Smithsonian American Art Museum | americanart.si.edu

Storytime

Love You, Love Me

Can an artwork depict love? Join us as we look at the large photo print *Untitled (for Jeff)* by Felix Gonzalez-Torres and read *Love* by Matt de la Peña. Following the story, we'll create our own works for a friend or loved one.

June 5, 2019 | 10:00 am

June 9, 2019 | 11:00 am

Free, meet in lobby

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden | hirshhorn.si.edu

Pride @ SAAM

Celebrate Pride with a day full of LGBTQ+ inspired art, from performance and music to painting and video.

- **Brendan Fernandes's** dance-based performance *Free Fall 49*, responding to the 2016 Pulse Nightclub shooting in Orlando. The work commemorates life, community, and strength in the face of adversity. (Kogod Courtyard, 3-6 p.m.)
- Back-to-back screenings of feminist Pride video art and playable video games. (MacMillan Education Center, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.)
- Engaging discussions about artworks in the galleries.
- Oral histories from DC's LGBTQ+ communities with **American University's Humanities Truck**. (F street)

Festive food, beverages, a rainbow drink, and the wine tap wall in the Courtyard Café or recharge at the Pop-up bar on the Portico.

June 9, 2019 | 11:30 am to 7:00 pm | Free

Smithsonian American Art Museum | americanart.si.edu

Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon:

LGBTQ+ Edition

Join SAAM for a Wikipedia-Edit-A-Thon highlighting LGBTQ+ artists. All levels of technological proficiency welcome. A special tour of works in SAAM's collection by LGBTQ+ artists begins the program.

June 15, 2019 | 10:30 am to 3:00 pm | Free, registration required
Smithsonian American Art Museum | americanart.si.edu

Storytime

Julián is a Mermaid + Mermaid Parade

Join us for an exploration of how we express who we are. We will examine the sculpture *For Gordon Bunshaft* by Dan Graham, read *Julián Is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love, participate in our own playful art-making, dress up, and go on a mermaid parade!

June 19, 2019 | 10:00 am

June 23, 2019 | 11:00 am

Free, meet in lobby

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden | hirshhorn.si.edu

Gallery Experience

Silence + Death: Machineries of Repudiation

Pink triangles, stockades, slaughterhouses: These symbols and systems might seem disparate but intertwine for an important discussion about rights and persons. Join Dr. Ed Ingebretsen for a journey through artworks on view at the Hirshhorn Museum. Ingebretsen will trace the history of the Pink Triangle icon -- once used as a badge of shame in Nazi concentration camps -- before being embraced as an icon of pride and survival.

June 21, 2019 | 12:30 pm | Free, meet in lobby

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden | hirshhorn.si.edu

NMAAHC Live: Big Freedia!

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, Big Freedia, celebrated "Queen of Bounce," comes to the National Museum of African American History and Culture to discuss her life and music through the lens of her autobiography, *God Save The Queen*. The discussion will be followed by a brief performance by Freedia and a short dance party.

June 22, 2019 | 7 pm | Free

National Museum of African American History and Culture

nmaahc.si.edu

Cocktails at Cooper Hewitt

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum's summer performance series returns to the Arthur Ross Terrace and Garden Thursday evenings from June 13 to Aug. 15, 2019. The nine-week series (skipping July 4) activates one of the largest enclosed museum gardens in New York City with live music, DJ sets and performances from a talented roster of artists. Join us on June 27th for our special Pride celebration. Horrorchata, cofounder of the celebrated annual Brooklyn drag festival Bushwig, will team up with friends to electrify the Upper East Side with DJ sets and performances!

June 27, 2019 | 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Tickets \$13-\$15

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum | cooperhewitt.org

ON VIEW

Rainbow Lighting @ SAAM

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is celebrating Pride with a rainbow lighting display on their historic F and G Streets NW building facades. The lighting will be displayed the evening of Friday, May 31, 2019, through the evening of Sunday, June 9, as part of the larger Pride Celebration in and around Washington, D.C..

Smithsonian American Art Museum

May 31, 2019 to June 9, 2019 | Nightly

americanart.si.edu

Illegal to Be You: Gay History Beyond Stonewall

In June 1969, LGBTQ+ community members spontaneously demonstrated in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a bar in lower Manhattan. The museum will mark this 50th anniversary with a display featuring objects from its collections that put the history of that memorable event within a larger and longer experience of being gay.

Opening June 21, 2019

National Museum of American History

Of Note Case, Second Floor Center

Free

Open 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, every day except December 25

americanhistory.si.edu

ONLINE

A Day in the Queer Life of Asian Pacific America

Digital exhibition features short video, photography, and other media documenting the lives of LGBTQ+ Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Ongoing | Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

smithsonianapa.org/day-queer-life/

ABOUT SMITHSONIAN PRIDE ALLIANCE



Smithsonian Pride Alliance (formerly GLOBE) was formed in 1988, in the midst of the AIDS crisis, "to ensure adequate and appropriate representation" of LGBTQ+ employees in Smithsonian policies and programs. From the beginning, the Pride Alliance has been "part of a broader human rights and equity approach to management and scholarship." While the mission of Pride Alliance is to provide support to LGBTQ+ staff, the goals have expanded to push the Institution ensure recognition of LGBTQ+ people in our exhibits, our programming, and our strategic vision. In 2018, the Institution founded a NY Pride Alliance chapter. Founded more than 30 years ago, the Pride Alliance is the oldest LGBTQ+ employee resource group in the Federal Government. **#SmithsonianPride**