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LEGENDARY SUPER STAR ICON OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN SHINES ONSTAGE AT LOS ANGELES LGBT PRIDE

LOS ANGELES (APRIL 23, 2008) Legendary Super Star Icon **Olivia Newton-John** will appear on the WaMu® Main Stage at the Christopher Street West PRIDE Festival on Sunday, June 8, 2008. The final day of the LA PRIDE Festival will feature over eight hours of live entertainment. **Olivia Newton-John** will be making her **only American appearance** at the Los Angeles LGBT PRIDE Festival this year.



"We are ecstatic, delighted and honored to have Olivia perform on our stage", said Gaye Ann Bruno, Vice President of Entertainment for the Christopher Street West. "Her amazing career spans over four decades, and having someone who has sold over 50 million albums perform for us is magical."

Olivia Newton-John's singing career began as a teenager in her home country of Australia. While winning talent contests, making numerous appearances on local television shows, she cut her first single for Decca Records in 1966. In 1971, she recorded a cover of Bob Dylan's "If Not For You".

Olivia's U.S. album debut, "Let Me Be There", produced her first top ten single of the same name, with Olivia being honored by the Academy Of Country Music as Most Promising Female Vocalist and a Grammy Award as Best Country Vocalist. Olivia's career blossomed with more Grammys, numerous awards and ten #1 hits including "Physical", which topped the charts for ten consecutive weeks.

In 1978, Olivia's career rocketed to super-stardom when she appeared in "Grease", opposite John Travolta. Thirty years later, "Grease" is the most successful movie musical in history. Now a global phenomenon, **Olivia Newton-John** has become an ambassador for many health-related charities.

It was her own successful battle with breast cancer in the 90's that galvanized her mission to increase health and wellness awareness around the world. Her personal

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victory against cancer led her to announce her partnership with the Austin & Repatriation Medical Centre and the creation of the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Centre in her hometown of Melbourne, Australia.

Singer, actress, entrepreneur, health advocate and beloved around the world, **Olivia Newton-John's** appearance at LA PRIDE is a must-see event for everyone.

Leading off the day's entertainment on the WaMu® Main Stage will be emcees **Ami Cusack** (*Survivor*), **Marcellas Reynolds** (*Big Brother*), and noted novelist, narrator and fitness model **Ben Patrick Johnson**. The elusive transgendered performer, **Aelius** will start the day off, followed by the charms of the adorable **Switchblade Kittens** and their girl-centric "small colorful punk rock amusement park" all-bass band.

Goth-centric **Molly Zenobia** swirls her whirlpools of multi-dimensional sounds next, then **Audra Hardt** rocks the stage with tales of her hard fought life. Sexy East Coast beauty, **Lori Michaels** and her girls bring a smooth, fluid voice to a set of dance music, then handsome and talented, **Matt Zarley** shows up to display his talents with pop, rock, and R&B originals.

Long Beach natives **Century Blue Project** raise the energy even more with their alternative house-techno-punk craziness. Freestyle diva, **Shannon** will "Let The Music Play" to round out the first half of the day's musical entertainment.

The rest of the day gets wild as emcees **MOMMA** and gossip columnist **Billy Masters** take over. It's anyone's guess what these two madcap comics will say to the crowd and who will pop by to say hi.

The evening set begins with Gretchen Bonaduce (yes that is Danny's ex) and her band the **Mudflapps** rock the house punk style, then the glamorous **Abby Travis** seduces everyone as the singer/songwriter plays from her amalgam of glam-rock, trip-hop, soul and cabaret creations.

The gorgeously plain desert rock of **Smith & Pyle** gives us a moment in the country as actresses Shawnee Smith and Missy Pyle take us under the moonlit skies of their music. Pretenders-inspired **Michelle Penn** kicks up a storm as the singer/songwriter/guitarist/producer shouts out her indie rock music with silky grace. "Sexy Sounds for Sexy People" is the motto for electronica/pop/trip hop ultimate martini band **Supreme Beings Of Leisure**, the suave group leading up to **Olivia Newton-John**.

Headliner **Olivia Newton-John** thrills the thousands of LGBT community members and supporters with her shining super-star presence.

The night closes with the rising star of *American Idol 2*, **Kimberley Locke**. A Curb Records recording artist and Lane Bryant model, Kimberley Locke is a multi-dimensional performer and entrepreneur.

On the final day of Christopher Street West's LA PRIDE Festival, June 8, 2008, beloved super star **Olivia Newton-John** will headline a full day of musical entertainment on the WaMu® Main Stage. Performers from near and far will give their hearts and talents to the thousands of LGBT fans and supporters in West Hollywood, California. With her current and ongoing projects and philanthropic endeavors, Olivia's worldwide popularity is as strong as ever! For additional information visit www.OliviaNewton-John.com.

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The 2008 LA PRIDE Celebration will be June 6-8 in West Hollywood. Please visit the LAPRIDE.org website for more information. Our Agenda: Love. Equality. Pride.

A non-profit organization, Christopher Street West, is a leading partner in the advancement of rights and equality of the LGBT community. Led by professionally driven, volunteer based board members, Christopher Street West produces one of the largest Pride Celebrations in the United States with an expanding global presence reaching millions of people every year.

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