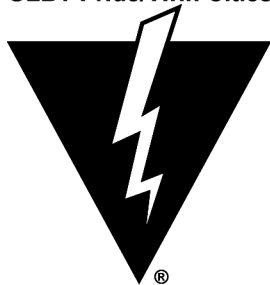


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## **Battle of the Bands Cancelled**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities today announced that it has cancelled it's upcoming Battle of the Bands event, which was scheduled to take place on March 13 at the new local nightclub "Empire."

The management of Empire recently informed Pride that the club would be unable to obtain their liquor license in time for our Battle of the Bands event and would, therefore, be unable to open in time.

Pride CEO Jim Kelley said, "We were very excited about being able to involve the community in selecting a local band to perform on the same stage as Cyndi Lauper for the Pride Block Party. Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, that is not going to happen. However, Ed Leaf, the Block Party Coordinator, is working on scheduling two local bands, Astronaut Wife and Faux Jean, to perform at the Block Party. We look forward to working with Empire on other events."

The Official Pride Block Party will be held on Friday, June 27, 2003 and will be headlined by Cyndi Lauper. Tickets will be available in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing all our music fans at this great outdoor event Pride Weekend.

All entry fees already paid by bands participating in the Battle of the Bands will be fully refunded.

Celebrating it's 31<sup>st</sup> year in 2003, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) Pride Celebration, began in 1972 with a small group of activists meeting for a picnic in Minneapolis' Loring Park and a short march down Nicollet Mall. Over the intervening years, the Twin Cities Pride Celebration has grown to be the largest GLBT Pride in the region and 4<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States, with an estimated 2002 attendance in excess of 280,000 people. GLBT Pride/Twin Cities is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization.

It is the mission of GLBT Pride/Twin Cities to commemorate and celebrate our diverse heritage, to inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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