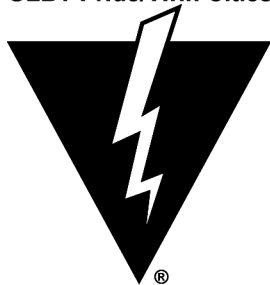


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Deja's Love Boat Pride Boat Cruise and Pageant Finals June 25 Tickets Now On Sale

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - Tickets for the Deja's Love Boat, the 2003 Pride Boat Cruise and GLBT Pride Pageant, are now on sale at Rainbow Road and online through ticketweb.com. Tickets are \$25. The Boat Cruise sets sail on Friday June 25, boarding at 6:30 and departing at 7pm for a three-hour scenic cruise on the Mississippi River

All aboard for the second annual Pride Boat Cruise and Pageant! The Cruise will feature entertainment, food and dancing, all on the three decks of the Harriet Bishop, the largest of the Jonathan Paddleford Fleet.

The cruise will depart from Saint Paul's Harriet Island at 7pm on Wednesday, June 25. The first deck will feature the final round of the GLBT Pride Pageant. Contestants have been participating in preliminary rounds throughout May and June at various local businesses and nightclubs for the right to compete in the final round aboard the cruise. The four pageant categories are Mr. GLBT Pride (female drag); Mister GLBT Pride (male performer); Miss GLBT Pride (male drag) and Ms. GLBT Pride (female performer). The winning contestants will be crowned onboard as the Pride Royalty for 2003 and ride in the Parade with their new titles.

The second deck will offer dancing, cocktails and fun for everyone, while the promenade deck will offer a more relaxing environment for socializing with friends – or making new ones.

The cruise will last approximately three hours, following a scenic route on the Mississippi River.

Celebrating its 31st 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 4th 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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