

GLBT Pride/Twin Cities



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Global Gay Pride Conference Set for Minneapolis Oct 13-16

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, the organizer of the Twin Cities' Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender Pride Celebration will host the annual InterPride Conference and Annual General Meeting next week at the downtown Minneapolis Marriott City Center hotel. The gathering of over 185 attendees representing 12 countries, 57 cities, 23 US States and five Canadian Provinces will take place October 13 through the 16.

InterPride is the international association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Organizers. Each year, InterPride holds a global conference of Pride organizers for several days of workshops, meetings, social activities and the organizations Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year, Minneapolis will follow the fine tradition set by cities such as Reykjavik, Iceland, San Francisco and Auckland New Zealand by playing host to the conference.

The event is being produced by the local Gay Pride organization, GLBT Pride/Twin Cities, by an all-volunteer staff that has been working and preparing for the conference for nearly two years.

Pride President Jim Kelley, one of the conference co-chairs, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for Pride organizers from different countries and regions to discover our similarities and share our strengths. At the same time they get to see a bit of Minnesota culture and learn how diverse the US can be."

Kelley continued, "Each delegate brings the experiences, failures and successes from their events. It is this wealth of information that makes the conference so valuable. Each time I've attended an InterPride conference, I've come away with tons of information and ideas and a new sense of energy."

Celebrating its 34th year in 2006, 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 3rd largest in the United States, with an estimated combined attendance in excess of 400,000 people at five events. 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, inspire the achievement of equality and challenge discrimination.

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