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MARGARITAS AND MUSIC AND MERRY! OH MY!

5th Annual Pride Party Jump Starts Pride Week on June 19th With Margaritas on the Deck, Four Floors of Entertainment, Visual Arts Lounge, and More at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center

SAN FRANCISCO -- Academy of Art University (www.academyart.edu) presents the San Francisco LGBT Center's 5th Annual Pride Party to benefit the Center's direct services for low-income members of our community. This building-wide celebration will be held on Saturday, June 19th from 1pm – 4pm PDT at the Center, 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now at <http://sfcenterprideparty.eventbrite.com>. 100% of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Center's direct services including hot meals for homeless youth, career counseling for unemployed individuals, and connecting city newcomers with critical resources.

Guests this year will enjoy a Center-wide arts and entertainment celebration, including:

- Margaritas on the Deck with DJ Christopher B
- Visual Arts Lounge and Wine Bar showcasing National Queer Arts Festival Exhibit, Chronotopia: the Past, Present, and Future of Queer Histories
- Homo A Go Go stage with music by the Hard French DJs and special live performances to be announced!
- Activities for children and families alongside a community resource center
- Open bars on each floor with a selection of food from local restaurants
- A raffle with chances to win travel packages and hotel stays

Rebecca Rolfe, Executive Director of the Center, said, "Celebrating our culture and diversity helps ensure LGBT voices are heard. It is critically important San Francisco's LGBT community serve as a beacon to LGBT people who are still facing ostracism and entrenched discrimination in their communities. We welcome everyone to join us at our annual Pride event that shows our community spirit and shared commitment to equality for all."

This is a 21+ event, although the first floor will have an alcohol-free area designated for children and families. All tickets are will-call. For more information contact Devon Nandagiri via e-mail at devonn@sfcenter.org or via phone at 415-865-5617. Complete event information is available at <http://prideparty.sfcenter.com/>

The 5th Annual Pride Party is presented by Academy of Art University, and is generously supported by California Pacific Medical Center, Brown & Toland Physicians, Curve Magazine, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Absolut, PaQuí, Taylor's Tonics, Ted Baker, Whole Foods, Homo A Go Go, Joie de Vivre Hospitality, and Southwest Airlines.

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ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO LGBT CENTER

The Center is the nexus for the diverse San Francisco Bay Area lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community, providing community building and leadership development opportunities. It's critical safety net of programs serve the most vulnerable members of the community, while providing a welcoming gathering place for all LGBT and allied people. Our vision for the future is a LGBT community united by common purpose, celebrating our history, culture and diversity, while ensuring that no one is left behind. Each month, The Center serves over 9,000 visitors and hosts more than 400 events. The Center is located at 1800 Market Street in San Francisco. Visit the Center at www.sfcenter.org, or call us at (415) 865-5555, to learn more.

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