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**STONEWALL DAY 2023 ADDS MORE PERFORMANCES AND
SPECIAL APPEARANCES FOR JUNE 23 CONCERT AT HUDSON
YARDS IN NYC**

Headliner Christina Aguilera joined by additional performances and special appearances including Johnny Manuel, Kellen Stancil, Alok Vaid-Menon, Julie J, Chelsea Clinton, and others

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For the first time, this year's Stonewall Day will take place at Hudson Yards on Manhattan's West Side

New York, NY, June 6, 2023 – [Pride Live](#), a social advocacy and community engagement organization for the LGBTQ+ community, today announced additional names to its lineup for Stonewall Day 2023, taking place at Hudson Yards on Manhattan's West Side on Friday, June 23.

Johnny Manuel and Kellen Stancil will perform, joined by headliner Christina Aguilera, host Angelica Ross, and resident DJ Lina Bradford, among others. Special remarks will be given by writer and health advocate Chelsea Clinton, poet and comedian Alok Vaid-Menon, award-winning activist and author Raquel Willis, two-time SAG award-winning actress Dale Soules, model, actress and activist Valentina Sampaio, and drag artist Julie J, followed by a viewing of the inaugural [Stonewall Day 2023 Visual Campaign](#) presented by art director and producer Mike Ruiz.

Stonewall Day will be livestreamed on YouTube and is powered by Google, lead partner Hudson Yards, and Equinox Hotel NY. Of note, Hudson Yards will be home to Stonewall Day 2023 and 2024 to accommodate a bigger audience and encourage all generations to continue the Stonewall legacy.

“We’re honored to have such incredible talent and organizations join us for this historic event,” said Ann Marie Gothard, President of the Pride Live Board. “As we reach the one-year mark for the opening of the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center, which is scheduled to open to the public on June 28, 2024, their support helps further our goal of raising funds and visibility, and creating a space for a more inclusive future, where every person can find inspiration and a sense of belonging.”

“We’re thrilled to be back as a presenting and streaming sponsor to support Stonewall Day and help elevate awareness for the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center,” said William Floyd, Senior Director of Public Policy, Google. “The event takes place in New York, but we want to make sure Stonewall Day is globally accessible for all audiences to enjoy, which is why this incredible lineup of performers and speakers will air on our exclusive YouTube livestream.” The concert will be free to stream from 6-8PM ET on the [Pride Live YouTube channel](#).

This year’s theme for Stonewall Day celebrates the everyday heroes, spotlighting a community full of trailblazers, trend setters, and fierce advocates that make history every day, even if it’s just by showing up. With the goal to gather as large and diverse of a crowd as possible, Pride Live is setting aside 200 tickets that will be donated to local LGBTQ+ youth groups.

Launched in 2018, Stonewall Day is a national day of awareness to commemorate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion. The event also serves as an official fundraiser for the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center (SNMVC), which will be the first LGBTQ+ visitor center within the National Park System.

Pride Live has produced Stonewall Day for the last six years, elevating awareness for the Stonewall legacy and the ongoing fight for full LGBTQ+ equality. Stonewall Day Ambassadors have included Andy Cohen, Chelsea Clinton, Angelica Ross, Christian Siriano, Anna Wintour, Ryan Jamaal Swain, Donatella Versace, Dustin Lance Black, George Takei, Madonna, and Whoopi Goldberg, among many other influential luminaries. In addition to remarks from President Joe Biden, former President Barack Obama, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, and Taylor Swift, Stonewall Day has previously featured a star-studded lineup of performers, including Kesha, Cynthia Erivo, Kim Petras, Adam Lambert, Alicia Keys, Hayley Kiyoko, and Mila Jam. StonewallDay trended sixth globally on social (2019), was voted the #1 Pride event by Cosmopolitan Magazine (2020), and had over 1.3M unique views on Twitch (2021).

Follow Pride Live and the performers’ social media channels for more updates, and join the conversation on social by using the hashtag #StonewallDay and tag Pride Live: Instagram [@prideliveofficial](#); Facebook [@PrideLiveOfficial](#); Twitter [@REALPRIDELIVE](#).

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ABOUT PRIDE LIVE

Founded in 2012, Pride Live is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to accelerating awareness and support for the LGBTQ+ community via social advocacy and community engagement to advance the fight for full equality. From working with the most marginalized and underrepresented organizations, to supporting the effort leading up to the declaration of Stonewall National Monument, and to conceptualizing and developing Stonewall Day, a

benefit concert to elevate and boost awareness of the Stonewall rebellion and LGBTQ+ activism – Pride Live works in service of the LGBTQ+ community. To learn more about Pride Live visit www.pridelive.org.

ABOUT HUDSON YARDS

Hudson Yards is the newest neighborhood on Manhattan's West Side developed by Related Companies and Oxford Properties Group. A template for the future of cities, Hudson Yards is Manhattan's first LEED Gold Certified Neighborhood; home to leading retail brands in every category from luxury to fast fashion, and first-ever stores from popular online retailers; restaurants and food experiences by world-renowned chefs and restaurateurs; dynamic cultural institutions and attractions including Edge, Vessel and The Shed; modern residences offering unparalleled amenities; more than five acres of public plazas, gardens and groves; the world's first Equinox Hotel; state-of-the-art commercial office space for industry leaders including Meta, Warner Bros. Discovery, BlackRock and more; and eventually a new 750-seat public school. For more information on Hudson Yards, please visit www.hudsonyardsnewyork.com.

ABOUT EQUINOX HOTEL NY

Equinox Hotels is a hospitality brand built off the evolution of Equinox. With the successful adaptation of Equinox's founding principles from their experience defining approach, Equinox Hotels has envisioned, designed and revolutionized a new category of luxury within the hospitality sector. Centrally located in the vibrant Hudson Yards neighborhood, Equinox Hotel New York provides guests with a safe, clean, and convenient experience. The unrivaled on-site amenities include The Spa by Equinox Hotels, Electric Lemon restaurant, bar, and terrace, as well as private dining and events areas. Additionally, Equinox Hudson Yards allows guests and members alike to access over 60,000 square feet of club space with state-of-the-art equipment, group fitness classes, personal training, indoor + outdoor pools, hot and cold plunges, outdoor barrel saunas and a wraparound terrace providing breathtaking 360-degree views of Manhattan and the Hudson River. Indulge in Electric Lemon, a culinary destination created by renowned restaurateur Stephen Starr and STARR Group, offering an enticing menu that seamlessly blends indulgence and health-consciousness. Equinox Hotel New York rooms offer an incomparable high-performance experience, scientifically designed to optimize your sleep with features such as RoomBar, AM/PM rituals, yoga equipment, Grown Alchemist custom-made bath products, and more.

ABOUT JOHNNY MANUEL

Singer-songwriter and powerhouse vocalist Johnny Manuel released his latest EP, "Younger Skin," last year and 2023 sees Johnny poised to continue showcasing his multifaceted range with the release of his uplifting dance project, "The Hyups," as well as his current collaboration, "The Blower's Daughter" with world-renowned jazz pianist Jeff Neve, out now on all platforms. Just in time for Pride season and his appearance at Stonewall Day 2023 – Johnny is set to release his incredible new single "End Of The Night," a true dance-pop anthem in the classic sense of the phrase.

ABOUT KELLEN STANCIL

Kellen Stancil is a NYC based Dancer & Director/Choreographer. Currently the Dance Captain of Disney's *The Lion King*. Other Credits include Cirque Du Soleil's *Viva Elvis*, Franco Dragone's *Le Reve*, Victoria Secret Fashion Show, *Beauty & The Beast*, BARE Dance Company and so much more. He has worked with artists such as Billy Porter (Met Gala), Nicole "Coco" Austin (*The Vanity Vixens*) & Kristin Chenoweth (*Live at the Met*). He will also be taking on the role as Director of Broadway Bares for Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids. In addition, Kellen is also the audition choreographer and casting associate for Celebrity Cruises, Disney Cruise Line, Walt Disney World and other reputable companies. Kellen has performed in the open sea with Holland America Cruises & MSC Cruises. Please visit www.kellenstancil.com for all of his latest creations!

ABOUT CHELSEA CLINTON

Chelsea Clinton is a #1 New York Times bestselling author, advocate and public health expert. As vice chair of the Clinton Foundation, Chelsea works alongside the Foundation's leadership and partners to improve global health and wellness, increase opportunity for girls and women, create economic opportunity and growth, and inspire emerging leaders across the United States and around the world. A longtime public health advocate, Chelsea also serves as vice chair of the Clinton Health Access Initiative and uses her platform to increase awareness around issues such as vaccine hesitancy, childhood obesity, and health equity. In addition to her Foundation work, Chelsea teaches at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and has written several books for young adults and readers including the bestselling picture book series, *She Persisted*. Chelsea holds a Bachelor of Arts from Stanford, a Master of Public Health from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health, and both a Master of Philosophy and a Doctorate in international relations from Oxford University. She lives in New York with her husband and their children.

ABOUT ALOK VAID-MENON

ALOK (they/them) is an internationally acclaimed author, poet, comedian, and public speaker. As a mixed-media artist their work explores themes of trauma, belonging, and the human condition. They are the author of *Femme in Public* (2017), *Beyond the Gender Binary* (2020), and *Your Wound/My Garden* (2021) and the creator of #DeGenderFashion: an initiative to degender fashion and beauty industries. In recognition of their work, they have been honored as the inaugural LGBTQ Scholar in Residence at the University of Pennsylvania and awarded a GLAAD Media Award and Stonewall Foundation Visionary Award. Over the past decade, they have toured in more than 40 countries, most recently selling out their runs at the Soho Theatre in London, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and the Kennedy Performing Arts Center. Their show has been described as "provocative and powerful" ([CHORTLE](#)), a "potent combination of comedy and poetry" ([THE SCOTSMAN](#)), and a "Jaw-dropping celestial event" ([TO DO LIST LONDON](#)). On screen, they will make their feature film debut in *Absolute Dominion* opposite Patton Oswalt and just wrapped Emmie Lichtenberg's film *Complicated Order* opposite Midori Francis. On television, they will next be seen in

season 3 of Max's critically acclaimed series SORT OF opposite Bilal Baig. They have also appeared on Hulu's Planet Sex with Cara Delevingne, ABC's PRIDE: To Be Seen – A Soul of A Nation, Netflix's Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness, HBO's Random Acts of Flyness and The Trans List.

ABOUT RAQUEL WILLIS

Raquel Willis is an award-winning author, activist, and media strategist dedicated to Black transgender liberation. She has held groundbreaking posts, including director of communications for Ms. Foundation for Women, executive editor of *Out Magazine*, and national organizer for Transgender Law Center. She co-founded [Transgender Week of Visibility and Action](#) and currently serves as an executive producer for iHeartMedia's [Outspoken](#), the president of the [Solutions Not Punishments Collaborative](#)'s executive board, and is a WNBA Social Justice Council member. Her debut memoir, [The Risk It Takes to Bloom: On Life and Liberation](#), will be released in November 2023 via St.Martin's Press.

ABOUT DALE SOULES

Dale Soules is a prolific performer. On stage and screen there is hardly a job she has not done in her decade and genre spanning career; from stage manager to starring roles. In 2013 she began a 6-year run with her portrayal of Freida Berlin on the ground breaking Netflix series "Orange is the New Black", becoming a fan favorite and series regular, and winning 3 SAG Awards in 2015, '16 and '17, with her stellar cast mates for Best Ensemble in a comedy/dramatic series. Recently, she was heard as Darby Steel in Disney/Pixar's animated feature film, LIGHTYEAR, starring Chris Evans. She can currently be heard voicing the role of Agatha in Andy Samberg's Digman! on Comedy Central. Broadway credits include Hands On A Hardbody, Grey Gardens, The Crucible, Sarah Good, Whose Life Is It Anyway, Hair, and The Magic Show, where she introduced Stephen Schwartz's songs "West End Avenue" and "Lion Tamer." She's also appeared in many off-Broadway, regional and international productions. Ms. Soules is a teacher, oral historian, and currently writing about her rough and tumble, lifesaving career. www.dalesoules.com.

ABOUT VALENTINA SAMPAIO

Valentina Sampiao is a model, actor, and activist who took to the scene in 2017 by appearing on the cover of Vogue Paris. Entitled "Transgender Beauty", it was the first Vogue cover worldwide to ever feature a transgender model. Since then she has also appeared on many other magazine covers such as Vogue Brasil, Vogue Germany, Vogue Taiwan, Harper's Bazaar Spain, Out Magazine, Vanity Fair Italia, and Elle France, to name a few. In 2020, Valentina made her debut in Sports Illustrated's Swimsuit Issue, becoming the first transgender model to appear in the issue. Most recently, Valentina was appointed as an exclusive Ambassador to the VS Collective by Victoria's Secret and was announced as a Beauty Ambassador to Armani Beauty – both accomplishments marking her as the first transgender model to ever sign a contract with either brand. A committed activist and an active partner to GLAAD and Pride Live, Valentina is vocal about the challenges facing

the trans community. She has lent her voice and platform as a Stone Wall Day Ambassador, and to Starbucks Brazil's "I AM" Campaign Video, which was featured during the 2021 Cannes Film Festival. Making NFT history, Valentina, in partnership with The Lions and blockchain company LUKSO, dropped a special charity NFT the night of the MET Gala in 2021 which sold for a historic \$300K; the largest sale of a charitable NFT. Valentina is represented by The Lions Talent Management.

ABOUT JULIE J

Julie J (she/her) is a Black trans, Brooklyn-based drag performer, producer, community organizer & advocate, and performance artist. She is the co-producer of Stand Up NYC, a nightlife initiative bringing together performers, DJs, and nightlife community members to raise funds for organizations protecting and uplifting LGBTQIA+ individuals across the country. Her created work has been performed across NYC, Prague, Berlin, and various cities in Italy. In May 2019, she was named one of La Mama's Next Generation Artists and received a residency through the Centro Umbro Residenze Artistiche. She produces a monthly all-Black drag variety show called Sylvester with her drag siblings Paris Alexander and Voxigma Lo. Her new show series PROJECT premiered in March 2023 at 3 Dollar Bill in Brooklyn, NY. PROJECT TWO premieres July 18th.

ABOUT MIKE RUIZ

Mike Ruiz's mark on pop culture is undeniable. Mike is an autodidact having taught himself photography, film making, publishing, production, marketing and public relations. He is one of the most prolific photographers of his generation. His massive list of celebrity clients include Jared Leto, Anne Hathaway, Billy Porter, Billy Idol, Neil Patrick Harris, Chance the Rapper, French Montana, Cardi B, Ruby Rose, Katy Perry, Prince, Taraji P Henson, Justin Theroux, Anthony Mackie, Kelly Clarkson, Jim Parsons, Queen Latifah, Beyonce, Betty White and literally thousands of others. Mike was named creative director and principal photographer for L'Officiel Fashion Book Australia, L'Officiel Fashion Book Monte Carlo taking them all out of obscurity and making them highly desirable titles. Mike also co-owns Photobook Magazine which he is also the creative director of. Mike is most proud of his community service having supported such organizations as The Ali Forney Center, GMHC, The Trevor Project, Housing Works, It Gets Better Campaign, Live Out Loud, Project Angel Food, and GLAAD. He is also on the honorary board of the "Let There Be Hope" research foundation.