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More entertainment news for Games Week and some party clarifications

Did you know more than 150 entertainment-related events are scheduled during Games Week? That doesn't even include all the fun happening at the 35+ sports.

Today's email outlines the events hosted by our sponsors and partners at the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. We also have clarified some official party info. We should have told you yesterday that the Black Party and the Gold Party go until 2 a.m. We also should have just mentioned Robin S and DJ Citizen Jane as the performers entertaining at the Official Female Pride Victory Party.

Want to check out all the events happening in Cleveland and Akron? Wisit the **Event Week Schedule** and check back for frequent updates.

On Monday, we will send an email highlighting the Gay Games <u>Festival Village</u>, and Gay Games-ticketed events including <u>Band</u>, <u>Choral</u>, <u>Bodybuilding</u>, <u>DanceSport</u>, <u>Figure Skating</u>, <u>Pink Flamingo</u> plus <u>Opening</u> Ceremony and Closing Ceremony.

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FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST

Night Before 9 - Out in Art

8 p.m.-midnight

Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd., Cleveland

World-class entertainment featuring music by Escort headlines this night dedicated to celebration, culture and camaraderie before the Games officially begin. Private access to galleries, food, drink and more.

Tickets: \$25 general admission; \$100 VIP; online or at door (if available)

Click here to order your tickets today.

To Be Takei Documentary

9:30-11 p.m. (repeating Saturday, 9 August)

The Nightlight, 30 N. High St., Akron

In this film, George Takei discusses living in a Japanese-American internment camp during World War II, his early acting career playing Asian stereotypes, making his long-term gay relationship public and his time on the Enterprise. Funding for the exhibition has been provided by the Gay Community Endowment Fund.

Tickets: \$8.50 at door

SATURDAY, 9 AUGUST

The Power of Embracing Difference with Greg Louganis

Noon-1:30 p.m.

City Club, 850 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

Gold medalist diver Greg Louganis broke ground when he came out publicly at Gay Games IV in 1994 and published his best-selling memoir Breaking the Surface. Before he appears at Opening Ceremony, Louganis and Cleveland Foundation President and CEO Ronn Richard will talk about the power of embracing difference and diversity.

Tickets: \$15 members/\$25 nonmembers Click here to order your tickets today.

Drinks & Dazzle, State Theatre, Playhouse Square

3-6 p.m.

State Theatre, Playhouse Square, 1519 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

Check out the largest performing arts center in the country outside of New York City as Playhouse Square and the North Coast Men's Chorus sponsor a pre-opening ceremony celebration. Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne to kick off Games Week!

Admission: Free

Opening Ceremony After-Party - Gay Games Champions

9 p.m.-2:30 a.m.

200 Euclid Ave. Cleveland

Celebrate like a CHAMPION to the amazing sounds of International DJ/Producer Erez Ben Ishay after Opening Ceremony with this Stereo Entertainment production.

Tickets: \$30 advance (save another \$10 using code GG9CLE - limited number available), \$40 at door Click here to purchase tickets today.

SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST

The HRC Official Gay Games Brunch

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Red Space, 2400 Superior Ave., Cleveland

Brunch will feature bold, vibrant and delicious fare of Central & South America, Cuba & the Caribbean courtesy of Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar.

Tickets: \$25 general admssion; \$40 VIP Click here to purchase tickets today.

Dancin' at Festival Village

2 p.m.-midnight

Festival Village, Mall C, Cleveland

Dancin', a 10-hour dance party, feature internationally known, New York City-based DJ/producer Joe Gauthreaux with local DJs Saint and Glisten, plus surprise performances, produced in in conjunction with the AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland, an affiliate of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

Tickets: Admission is free; donations encouraged

My Mother's Lesbian Jewish Wicca Wedding

2 p.m. (shows also 8 p.m. Monday through Friday)

Actors' Summit, Greystone Hall, 103 S. High St., Akron

Two love stories. Two weddings. Lots of laughter and music. And it's all true. This play's run is made possible by Gay Community Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation.

Tickets: \$10-\$33; call +1.330.374.7568

Hot in Cleveland Horseshoe Casino Party

8 p.m.-midnight

Horseshoe Casino, 100 Public Square, Cleveland

The casino will be on fire with a DJ, Chippendale-style models and Las Vegas-style showgirls on the second floor. Cool down with the casino's special Gay Game 9 drink "Taste the Rainbow." This delicious \$5 drink comes in a commemorative glass that you can take home.

Tickets: Admission is free; no tickets required

Renaissance Cleveland Late Night DJ

9 p.m.-3 a.m. (also happening same time Monday through Friday)

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, 24 Public Square

Tickets: Admission is free to all; no tickets required

Regarding Susan Sontag Documentary

9:30-11 p.m. (repeating Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

The Nightlight, 30 N. High St., Akron

From Susan Sontag's early infatuation with books and a first experience in a gay bar to her adolescent marriage and her last lover, this film is a fascinating look at a towering cultural critic whose works on photography, war, illness, and terrorism resonate deeply today. Funding for the exhibition has been provided by the Gay Community Endowment Fund.

Tickets: \$8.50 at door

MONDAY, 11 AUGUST

Renaissance Cleveland Happy Hour & Entertainment

5:30-8:30 p.m. (happening same time through Friday)

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, 24 Public Square

Tickets: Admission is free to all; no tickets required

The Official White Party

7 p.m.-midnight

Jacobs Pavillion at Nautica, 2014 Sycamore St. Cleveland

Boy George headlines the premier official Gay Games White Party with a DJ set. He will be joined by internationally-known **DJ Marc Vedo** and Cleveland-based **DJ/producer Evan Evolution.**

Tickets: \$50, \$65 (White Carpet entrance), \$250 VIP White Carpet Nautica Queen Cruise (limited availability); online or at gate (if available)

Click here to purchase tickets today.

TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST

Cruise Cleveland on Goodtime III

7-10 p.m.

East Ninth Street Pier, Cleveland

Take an evening cruise down the Cuyahoga River with perfect photo opportunities, beautiful skyline views and the sun setting over Lake Erie. Sit and relax, or dance as a DJ spins throughout the cruise.

Tickets: \$25

Click here to order your tickets today.

Gay Games Night at Cleveland Indians

7:05 p.m.

Progressive Field, 2401 Ontario, Cleveland

Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians take on the Arizona Diamondbacks with a special salute to the Gay Games.

Tickets: \$57 Terrace Club in exclusive area with food and beverage; other game tickets available <u>here</u> Click <u>here</u> to order your Terrace Club tickets. Use special code GG9 to access.

Rock the Block Party

7 p.m.-midnight

West Sixth Street, Cleveland

It's time to shut down the road for the Rock the Block Party presented by Tru Events. Featuring **The Chainsmokers** (Let Me Take a Selfie), the block party also includes **Corporate Slackrs** and **Mimo and Donkis**.

Tickets: \$15 online or at gate (if available)

Click here to purchase your tickets today.

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST

Music in the Meadow Concert

5:30 activities; 6:30 p.m. concert

Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Riverview Road, Peninsula

Enjoy the folk, pop, fun and blues of Tylan & Ingrid, and The Laura Love Duo.

Tickets: Not required; click <u>here</u> for more information.

Official Female Pride Victory Party

8 p.m.-midnight

Velvet Dog, 1280 W. Sixth St. Cleveland

The Official Female Pride "Victory" Party presented by Club Skirt The Dinah Features a live performance by Robin S singing her hit, "Show Me Love." The party also features the talents of DJ Citizen Jane over three floors and an exclusive rooftop patio.

Tickets: \$25 general admission; \$50 VIP Click here to purchase your tickets today.

Official Black Party

9 p.m.-2 a.m. (NOTE: Party does go until 2 a.m.)

House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

It's Gay Games at its naughtiest as partiers show their darker side at The Official Black Party. Honey Dijon headlines with DJ Saint opening.

Tickets: \$28 (\$35 for ticket to Black and Gold parties) online; at door (if available)

Gay Games participants can save \$5 on single party or \$10 on both parties by using code: GG9.

Click here to order your tickets today.

To order two-day party ticket (Black and Gold), click here.

THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST

Official Gold Party

9 p.m.-2 a.m. (NOTE: Party does go until 2 a.m.)

House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

When the prism dims at night, it's time to go gold when New Yorker Tony Moran brings the thunderous beats. DJ Robin Harris opens the evening.

Tickets: \$28 (\$35 for ticket to Black and Gold parties) online; at door (if available)

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FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST

Summers@Severance: Beethoven

7 p.m.

Severance Hall, 11001 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

The Cleveland Orchestra makes a rare summer appearance at its beautiful Severance Hall home, featuring Jahja Ling conducting.

Tickets: \$23-\$85 (GG9 discounts available)

Click here to order your tickets today.

Official Hot Time in Cleveland Womyn's Dance Party

8 p.m.-midnight

Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

Oven Productions, Cleveland's 40-year-old lesbian feminist, community-based production company hosts a womyn-only Dance Party, including cash bar, sober support and snacks available.

Tickets: \$25 at door (cash only) or online; womyn only.

Order your tickets here today.

SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST

Seven Deadly Sins - Closing Ceremony After- Party

10 p.m.-2 a.m.

House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

End the week and go deadly. The Closing Ceremony After-Party brings to life the seven deadly sins with unique staging, music in distinct areas to celebrate wrath, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy and gluttony. Join international DJ Scotty Thomson, Andrew Christian models, Real Housewives of New York's Carole Radziwill and bombshell Amanda LePore for a night of sins by Tru Productions.

Tickets (includes food and open bar first three hours): \$60 (advance); \$75 at door; \$95 VIP (all access) Order your tickets here today.

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