



THE OFFICIAL
EVENTS GUIDE

FOR

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pride
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**"The 2nd Annual
Celebration
of Black Lesbian, Gay,
Transgender, Bisexual, and
Two-Spirit PRIDE!"**



Tuesday, July 27, 1999

Black Pride New York City 1999 -- The Dream Continues

Last year, Black Pride New York City was born. We dubbed that event "A Beginning" and promised that there would be future Pride celebrations and a continuation of the community organizing work started by the founding committee. Through our determination and desire, we have managed to meet that commitment.

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In late September 1998, the Black Pride organizing committee began the work of building not only an annual event, but an institution. It was decided that one representative from each of the five founding organizations would be selected to continue on what would become a thirteen-member board of elected directors. These representatives from African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change (AALUSC), Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD), U-Men Entertainment, Colours Magazine and Other Countries: Black Gay Expression became the foundation on which the current board was built. Unlike the founding committee, the current Black Pride NYC Board of Directors is a body of individuals representing aspects of our diverse community, rather than specific organizations or concerns.

Black Pride NYC is committed to building and strengthening our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and two-spirit community across barriers of gender, age, class and religion. Our mission is to provide spiritual, cultural, educational and social events to enlighten, unite and empower LGBTTS people of African descent. As such, we are committed to producing an annual celebration of Black pride, as well as organizing a variety of activities through the year in New York City that promote and advocate for the spiritual, emotional and intellectual health and well-being of our related communities.

Black Pride NYC '99 builds on the spirit of last year's celebration by providing similar events, but with broader and deeper content, inclusion and focus. This year's event begins on Wednesday with a pre-Pride screening of Robert E. Penn's and James Scruggs' film documentary on the making of Black Pride '98 and ends with parties on Sunday night. In between there is cultural celebration, community forums, a yacht cruise, workshops, an interfaith service and much, much more.

We hope that you enjoy this year's activities and that you leave more in love with yourself and your community than when you arrived. We are energized and moving forward. Please mark your calendars for August 3rd through the 6th of the millennium. See you then!