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MEDIA ALERT

LGBTQ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony and Kick off Reception.

Albany, NY –

Join us on Monday June 1st at 11:00AM for the annual **Pride Flag Raising event**, marking the official kick-off of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month for the State of New York and the Capital Region. Several elected officials and community leaders including Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Albany Executive Liaison for the LGBTQ Community Richard Conti, Albany Council President Corey Ellis, Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy, Assembly Member Patricia Fahy, Assembly Member John McDonald, and Senator Neil Breslin will speak. Additionally, hear from Pride Center Board President John Daniels, and In Our Own Voices Chief Executive Director Tandra R. LaGrone.

What: LGBTQ Pride Month Flag Raising

Where: Albany City Hall, 24 Eagle St, Albany, NY 12207

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Time: 11:00 AM

June 1st at 5:30pm- 8pm, Join us for the 2021 Pride Kick off Reception at the Palace Theater. Celebrating the kick-off of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. Presented by the Pride Center of the Capital Region and In Our Own Voices, our 2021 Capital Pride Kickoff event at the Palace Theater will start out pride month in a glorious style. Join us for a live performance (Erin Harks and a second act TBA) at the Palace Theater for this free reception event. Enjoy cocktails and lite fare through the evening. Join us to kick-off Pride 2021 following a challenging year, we are all excited to finally be able to start Pride month as we emerge from the worse of the pandemic. The City of Albany will record the band for a Virtual Pride Alive at 5, aired on June 10. Guests are reminded recording will be taking place. Please check the City Alive at 5 websites for details. **This is a Limited Capacity event.**

A Special thanks to the Palace Theater, City of Albany, Mr. Bumbles Café, Yono's and dp, An American Brasserie. We are seeking additional sponsors for this free event! Please contact the Pride Center.

To learn more here about this event and all the June Pride Events in the Capital Region:
<https://fb.me/e/27clrFiu5> or at www.518capitalpride.com.

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The Pride Center of the Capital Region is the oldest continuously operating LGBTQ community center in the country 1970 to 2021. Located at 332 Hudson Avenue in Albany, the Pride Center serves LGBTQ people of all ages. For more information: www.capitalpridecenter.org (518) 462-6138, or <https://www.facebook.com/CapitalPrideCenter1>.

In Our Own Voices mission is to work and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual, political, cultural and economic survival and growth of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of color communities. IOOV is located at 245 Lark St. in Albany.
For more information: www.inourownvoices.org (518) 432-4188