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# Chicago Pride Fest 2017: Full entertainment schedule

Chicago Pride Fest returns to Boystown Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18, for another weekend filled with sun, fun and world-class entertainment.

This year's headliners are '80s pop diva Taylor Dayne and dance pioneer Kristine W.

The festival takes place on North Halsted St. from Addison St. to Grace St. There will be a \$10 suggested donation.

Pride Fest is produced by Northalsted Business Alliance. For more info, see <https://www.northalsted.com/chicago-pride-fest/>.

Here is a full schedule of entertainment:

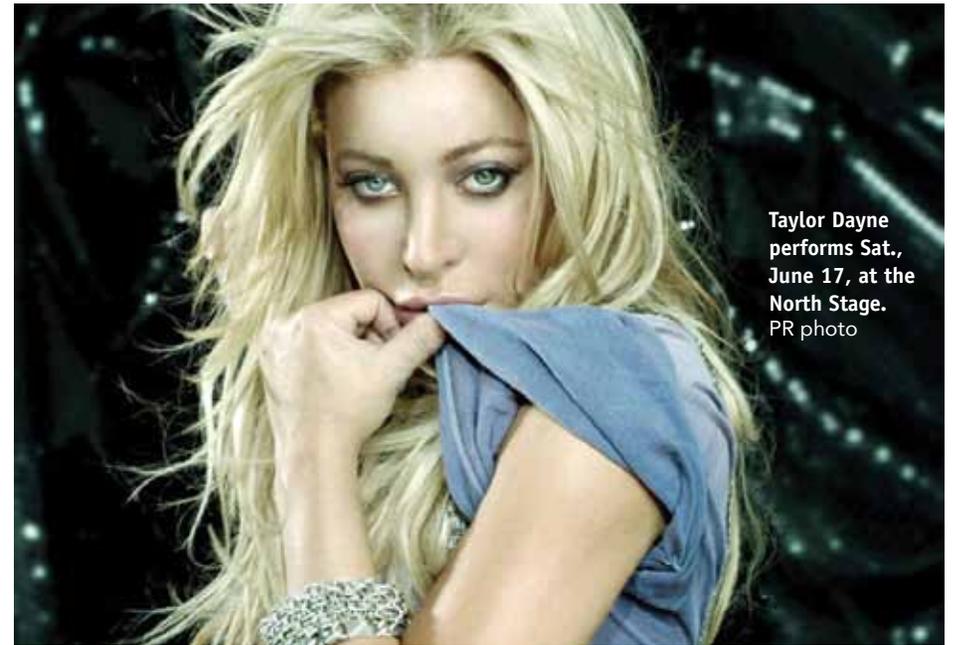
## Saturday, June 17

### North Stage

12:30 p.m.: Drag Show  
2:30 p.m.: Thelma Houston  
3:30 p.m.: Drag Show  
5:30 p.m.: Vassy  
6 p.m.: Drag Show  
7:30 p.m.: David Hernandez  
8:30 p.m.: Taylor Dayne

### South Stage

1 p.m.: Gay Men's Chorus  
2 p.m.: Catfight  
4 p.m.: One Night Band  
6 p.m.: Girl Power Band  
8 p.m.: Boy Band Review



Taylor Dayne performs Sat., June 17, at the North Stage. PR photo

 A large poster for the Pride Kickoff event. The background features a close-up of a person with long white hair and a black hat, smiling. Text on the poster includes:
 

- Logos for Center on Halsted and PNC.
- PRIDE KICKOFF** in large, colorful letters.
- Celebrating 10 Years!*
- Featuring performance "Breakout Star" of RuPaul's Drag Race, **CoCo Montrese**.
- JUNE 23 | 5:30 - 9PM | \$20** (ticket includes 1 drink + food)
- Ice Cream from *Jeni's* and *Crystal Head* VODKA.
- DJ BILLY BROWN vs. DJ GEMINI JONES**
- CENTER ON HALSTED | 3656 N. HALSTED**
- tickets - community.centeronhalsted.org/PrideKickoff | 21+**

## Sunday, June 18

### North Stage

Noon: Pet Parade  
12:30 p.m.: Drag Show  
2:30 p.m.: Carlito Olivero  
3:30 p.m.: Drag Show  
5:30 p.m.: Well-Strung  
6:30 p.m.: Pride Talent Show  
8 p.m.: Symon  
8:30 p.m.: Kristine W.



### Well-Strung.

Photo by Scott Henrichsen

### South Stage

1 p.m.: Pet Parade  
1:30p.m.: 2 the 9s  
3:30 p.m.: Rod Tuffcurls & The Bench Press  
6 p.m.: ABBA Salute  
7:30 p.m.: 16 Candles



From Chicago Pride Fest 2016.

Photo by Jerry Nunn

# Midsommarfest sizzles in June

On June 9-11, the 52nd annual Andersonville Mid-sommarfest was held in weather that had a heat index that climbed toward 90 degrees.

The well-attended festival—which traditionally spans five blocks on North Clark Street—featured craft vendors, live rock bands, DJs, drag acts, a glee crew, a jazz band and a wide array of food selections from local restaurants. One of the standout events was the Chicago Equality Rally (more info in this week's issue on page 12).

Highlights of the festival included several acrobatic and glee performances from The Chicago Spirit Brigade, a well-received set by Heart cover band Little Queen, a quieter set from members of the Lakeside Pride Jazz Band, and a rowdy set from rock bands The Waco Brothers and The Right Now. The festival benefited the Andersonville Chamber of Commerce.

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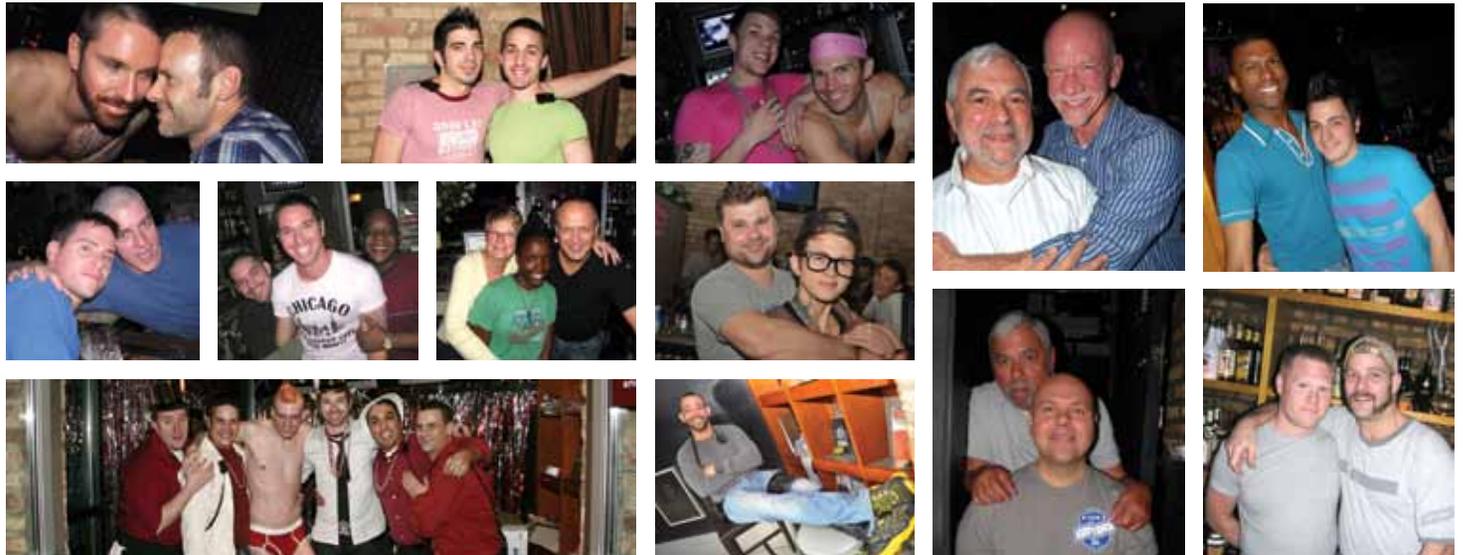
# HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY, SIDETRACK!

Windy City Times congratulates Sidetrack on 35 amazing years. Please enjoy this photo spread, which includes a few classic black-and-whites from Windy City Media Group archives, as well as a selection of photos of Sidetrack staff from the Nightspots archive going back to 2005. Check out Windy City Times' Facebook page this week for more staff photos.

Photos by Kirk Williamson, Anthony Meade, Jerry Nunn, Dave Ouano, Kat Fitzgerald and more



Sports page from the Sept. 7, 1983, issue of Gay Life, announcing Sidetrack as winner of that year's Gay World Series.



Sidetrack's softball team, circa late 1980s.



Chuck Hyde, Art Johnston and Pepe Pena at Sidetrack's 14th anniversary party, 1996.





## BILLY Masters

"I'm coming out...no, wait...I'm going into makeup."—Kevin Spacey sings from Sunset Boulevard during his Tony Awards opening number. There were quite a few "coming out" jokes. P.S. He didn't.

As cities around the country are poised to celebrate Gay Pride, Los Angeles eschewed the traditional parade to join in the nationwide Resist March. While I can appreciate the sentiment, why did this march have to start at 8 a.m.? Couldn't I resist just as easily at noon? Perhaps it was a traffic issue, in which case might I suggest something more reasonable—like 5 a.m., when I'm just about to doze off. Given that this was inspired by the Women's March, I suspect the early starting time was the work of some industrious lesbians. I'm a proud gay man, but I must draw the line somewhere, and resisted getting up at such an ungodly hour. But I did manage to join the throng as it petered out. I even sponged down a few of the hotter resisters.

And now, a Billy Masters exclusive! As you know, I like to keep you abreast of fun things to do in Provincetown. Well, you should be there on August 21. Why? Because hunky **Rick Murray** tells me that the Crown and Anchor will be hosting a very special evening with two-time Oscar winner—drum roll, please—**Sally Field!** None of this has been officially announced, but keep checking [OnlyAtTheCrown.com](http://OnlyAtTheCrown.com) and grab your tickets FAST! And while you're there, check out the rest of their summer line-up.

Picture it—Provincetown, 1986. While your beloved Billy is still in a Boston-area high school, a soon-to-be-legendary diva is making a splash at Pilgrim House in Ptown. That person was **Jimmy James**—renowned for his eerie Marilyn Monroe. It's been a while, but he's coming back ... and to the same venue. The Pilgrim House is now called Sage, but it takes more than a coat of paint to fool me! We're told Jimmy will be performing all season (July 4th through Labor Day). I'm sure there will soon be more information on [SageInPtown.com](http://SageInPtown.com).

This column went out in the middle of the Tony Awards. The sight of **Andrew Rannells'** HD-enhanced basket reminded me how much my readers enjoy the theater—and all the charming people in it. With the success of Kinky Boots, **Cyndi Lauper** is ready to tackle her next show. And she's certainly picked a doozy. **Working Girl** told the story of a young girl with big dreams and big hair trying to make it out of the secretarial pool and into corporate America. Since the movie came out in 1988—Cyndi's heyday—it sounds like a match made in heaven.

Last week, **Zac Efron** was in the UK and appeared on **The Graham Norton Show** alongside **Tom Cruise**. (Side note: since when is Tom taking **Brendan Fraser's** rejects?) After Zac orgasmically gushed over being in the presence of Mr. Cruise, Norton asked him about a certain photo where Efron appears shirtless (quelle surprise) and uses a parking meter as a stripper pole. Tom looked



**Zac Efron (right, with Dwayne Johnson) put on an amazing physical display recently, Billy says.**

Photo from Instagram

intrigued, too. When presented with an actual pole, Zac good-naturedly acquiesced and exhibited a display of upper body strength rarely seen on TV—or on BillyMasters.com.

The Tonys may be history, but another awards show is coming back from the dead. The long-dormant GayVNs are back! These awards were given out as part of the popular Adult Video News Awards. Eventually, the GayVNs got their own show, and what a show it was. They were the premier gay-porn awards, sporting not only the top (and bottom) names in gay porn, but also people like **Kathy Griffin**, **Bruce Vilanch**, **Margaret Cho** and even moi. The last show took place eight years ago, but AVN is saying it will return next January in Las Vegas.

Speaking of gay porn, a legendary star is off the market. According to Instagram (which is the gay-porn equivalent of the Associated Press), **Brent Corrigan** is engaged. Once again, I feel like I've reported this story before. And yet, the person he's engaged to is a name I know I've never typed—**JJ Knight**. One gay-porn website called them "two of the biggest gay porn stars in the industry"—so there! JJ posted a photo of them together saying, "It's true we don't have it as easy as ordinary couples. But I can promise you that this is no ordinary love!! (He is the man of my dreams and I am proud to call him my fiancé!)" You can tell it's the real thing. At the HustlaBall in Las Vegas earlier this year, JJ had sex with Brent in public. Awww, it's almost like *Pretty Woman*—but without the thigh-high boots! Of course, you can watch the video on our website. Of course, we wish them the best.

Our "Ask Billy" question required a bit of research. George in Fort Lauderdale writes, "Do you remember **Jon Fleming**? He appeared on an episode of *Will & Grace* as a really hot shirtless guy in Jack's acting class. There is a gay-porn video circulating and people say it's him. Is it?"

Many of my readers will remember Fleming from *Dante's Cove*, where he replaced original cast member **Stephen Amell**. He also turned up on *CSI: NY*, *Medium* and other shows—usually as corpse number two! The porn video was allegedly filmed March 5. The guy calls himself "Luke" and claims to be 27 years old—those were 27

hard years! Fleming, on the other hand, is 36—and for that age, he looks OK. "Luke" says he's six feet tall, as is Fleming. With the stats out of the way, I did more research. Turns out, I wrote about him in 2011 when he played a male stripper on *Femme Fatales*. It's not a HUGE leap from full-frontal on Cinemax to gay porn. Except this time, his full-frontal has been fully fluffed—and there's a whole lot more of him to see now on BillyMasters.com.

When CSI could stand for "Cock Scene Investigation," it's definitely time to end yet another column. Here's a Tony Award question—was I the only one rooting for **Patti LuPone** to win? Sure, she didn't have a chance opposite **Bette Midler**, but how delicious it would have been to see Patti accept an award from **Glenn Close!** Moving along, be sure to check out BillyMasters.com—the site where no bulge goes unturned. If you have a question for me, send it to [Billy@BillyMasters.com](mailto:Billy@BillyMasters.com) and I promise to get back to you before Bette finishes her acceptance speech! Until next time, remember: One man's filth is another man's bible.