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LOVE WINS: A VARIETY SHOW

Downtown Berkeley Association Teams Up with locals *OmNomNom Productions* to Presents Annual Pride on the Plaza Event: A Celebration of Diversity, Drag Performances, and Community Unity

Berkeley, CA – May 31, 2023, The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) and OmNomNom Productions is delighted to announce the highly anticipated annual *Pride on the Plaza* event, <u>LOVE WINS! A Variety Show!</u> is a vibrant celebration of LGBTQ+ culture, diversity, and acceptance. This free event is open to all ages and will take place on **Thursday, June 29th, from 4 pm to 7 pm**, at the iconic Downtown Berkeley Plaza. This extravaganza will feature a spectacular lineup of music, local vendors, and mesmerizing drag performances by some of the Bay Area's finest artists including:

- Amoura Teese: Miss Gay Pride 2019 and host of the monthly show "Wednesdays Are a Drag" at the Port Bar in Oakland.
- **Beaux Bella Badass:** A regular performer at Circus of Sin in San Jose and a fashion designer for their brand, Enby Fae Creations.
- **The Dragon King:** A gender-neutral lizard ready to thrill audiences with outlandish costuming and largerthan-life props, creating an unforgettable spectacle.
- Helixir Jynder Bentwell: Winner of the 2022 San Francisco Drag King Contest, known as the local Sad Boi and Emo Daddy of Dreams.
- Interrobang the Dragon: A drag entity that embodies both excitement and confusion, representing the SF Bay Area Drag Muppet using puppetry in their art.
- **Katori Knight:** A Northern CA Producer, Performer, and Director, who uses humor and humanization to connect people through their art.
- **LOL McFiercen:** A drag performer exploring queer identity and drag culture, presenting their art in various Bay Area establishments and national festivals.
- Luke Modelo: A Latinx Drag King known as "the human embodiment of a thirst trap" by fellow drag performers.
- **Obsidienne Obsurd:** A drag alien from the depths of imagination, using visual media and performance art to push the boundaries of gender, genre, and convention.
- Sally Limon: A Latinx Drag Queen, Community Organizer, and crowd-pleaser extraordinaire, using comedy and high energy to engage and uplift the audience.

The festivities will be hosted by **Papi Churro**, 2017 Mr. Gay Austin for Life and Co-Producer for OmNomNom Productions and **Kai Kai Bee Michaels**, the reigning 2023 High Princx Pageant Winner and cosplayer extraordinaire.

According to Matthew Jervis, Director of Vitality, DBA, "We are so excited to be teaming up with this incredible group of talented performers for this year's Pride on n the Plaza! We are also excited to welcome our event sponsors **MIXT**, Kaiser Permanente, and Residence Inn by Marriott!

About the Downtown Berkeley Association

The DBA is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing and promoting Downtown Berkeley as a vibrant and inclusive urban center. Through initiatives, events, and partnerships, the DBA strives to create a welcoming and engaging community that celebrates diversity, supports local businesses, and fosters a thriving cultural scene.

Om Nom Nom Productions

Om Nom Non-Binary is a 4-year-old performance troupe run by gender non-conforming and genderqueer folk with members across the SF Bay Area and is growing with members across the country. We focus on showing the vast reaches of what art and gender expression can be! Get ready for Burlesque, Drag, Circus, and Sideshow and more!