

ASTORIA PRIDE RETURNS FOR SIXTH YEAR

Weekend to include several events

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It's time to celebrate — Astoria's sixth annual Astoria Pride event is here.

The festival, organized by the Lower Columbia Q Center, will take place this weekend throughout Astoria. This year's event theme is "We are here. We are there. We are everywhere."

Dida DeAngelis, chair of the Lower Columbia Q Center, will emcee the entertainment portion of the weekend. The weekend's events include a reception on Friday; a party on Saturday; and a barbecue on Sunday.

The Pride Reception will kick off on Friday as a ticketed 21+ event.

Turnback Boyz, a queer musical group who call themselves a "time traveling queer boy band," will make their first performance since 2019. The Oregon-based collaborative theater ensemble was created as a spin-off of "Homomentum the Musical."

"It's our first performance since the pandemic ... Our last show was at the Hoffman Center in Manzanita, June 2019, so it kind of feels like we're jumping back in where we left off, with another performance on the North Coast," said Max Voltage, one of the band's members.

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If You Go

Astoria Pride

Friday to Sunday

Pride Reception, 21+ (limited tickets)

7 to 10 p.m., Friday (Purchase tickets on Astoria Pride's Facebook page)

Pride Treasure Hunt

Noon to 5 p.m., Saturday

Downtown Astoria

Pride Party

2 to 7 p.m., Saturday

Buoy Beer Co., Fort George Brewery beer gardens

Pride Drive In

9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday (limited parking)

Enter off 22nd St.

Pride BBQ

1 to 3 p.m., Sunday

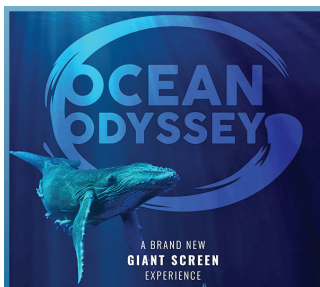
Charlene Larsen Center for the Performing Arts,
588 16th St.

People pose during a previous Astoria Pride event.



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People smile during the 2020 Astoria Pride celebration.

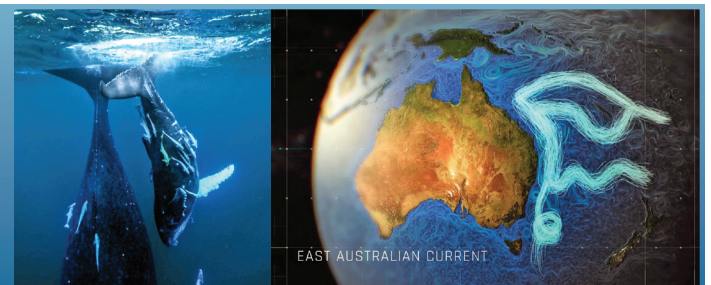


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