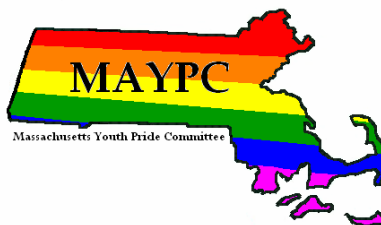




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“MAKE A STATEMENT!”

MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH PRIDE COMMITTEE TO MAKE THEIR STATEMENT HEARD ON BOSTON COMMON FOR THE 13TH ANNUAL YOUTH PRIDE CELEBRATION.

Boston, April 25, 2007 – In celebration of their lives and diversity, gay, lesbian,

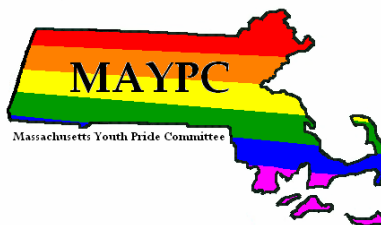
Bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth and their supporters will gather by the hundreds to kick off Massachusetts’ 13th Annual Youth Pride on Saturday, May 12th at noon on Boston Common.

“This year’s theme is about the youth of Massachusetts making a statement, their own personal statement, and making it heard through art,” says Massachusetts Youth Pride Committee (MAYPC) member James Beggan. Scheduled events-hosted by Raquel Blake-include a rally at the Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common featuring three awards to those the youth feel have made a valuable statement to the GLBT community.

Award winners this year include GLSEN Boston, Amanda Palmer, and Governor Deval Patrick/ Following the rally the youth of Massachusetts will march the streets of Boston lead by ‘South End Sara’ the rainbow duck boat and motorcycles courtesy of Moving Violations The celebration will conclude back at the Boston Common with live music and a resource fair. The festival will feature interactive games and activities, clothing drive, the first ever MAYPC fashion show as well as a chance to purchase goods from various vendors. Performing this year is DJ JST, the Brookline Academy of Dance, Fly Upright Kite and Medicated Kisses. Admission to the event is free.



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Massachusetts Youth Pride is the oldest and largest event for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and their supporters in the nation. A youth driven and youth organized event, this year's Youth Pride theme—"Make a Statement."-was chosen by the Massachusetts Youth Pride Committee of the Friends of the MA Commission on GLBT Youth to celebrate the diverse artistic outlets GLBT use to express themselves. The MAYPC invites everyone to come and support GLBT on their very special day!

For more information please contact Kelly Lydon at klydon@friendsofglbtyouth.org or visit the website for updates at www.massyouthpride.org.

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