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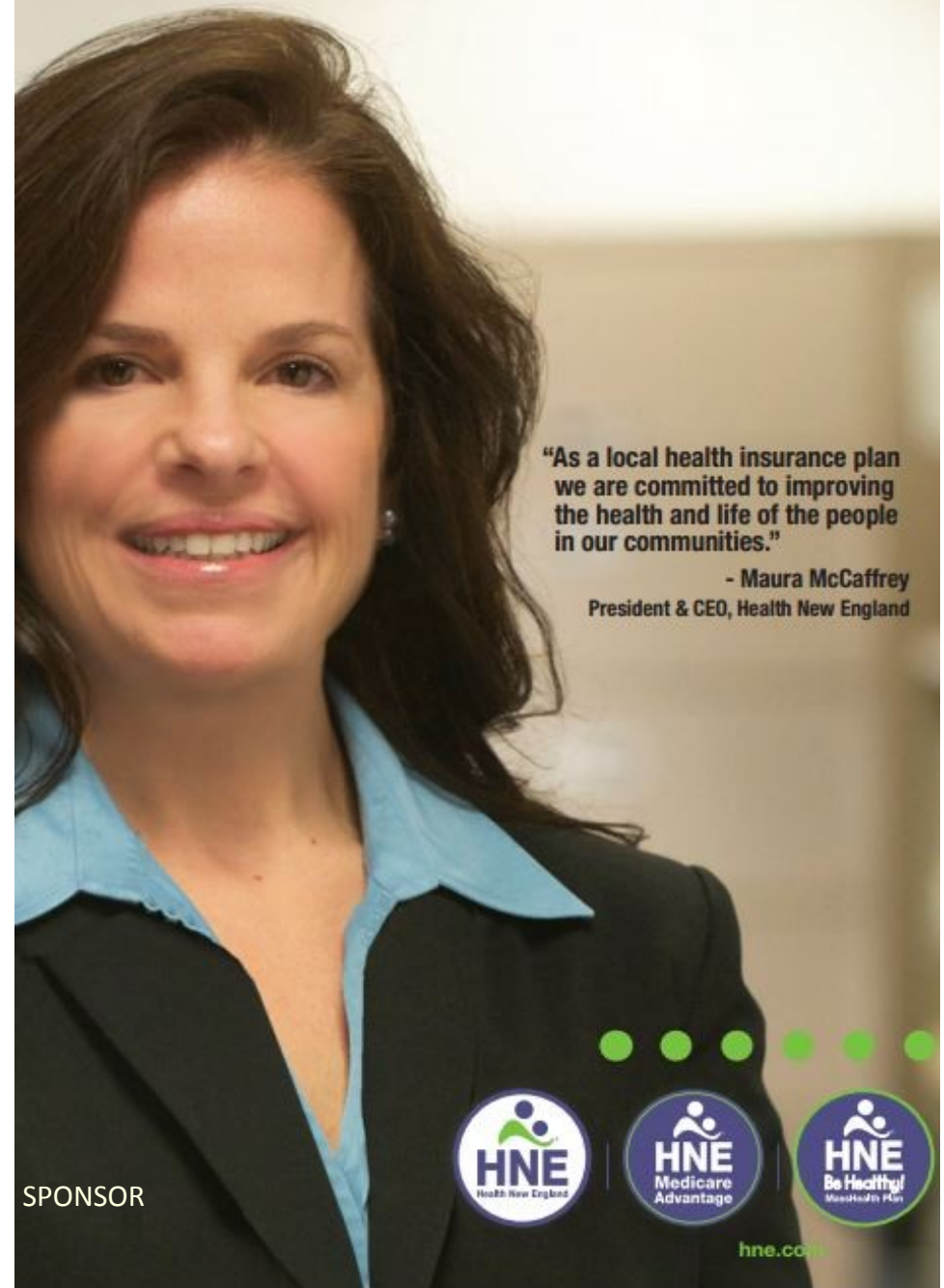


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In 1982 Northampton held its first liberation Pride march despite the overwhelmingly homophobic and discriminatory realities facing LGBT people nation-wide. Our Pride event, annually held in May, now draws thousands of people from New England and beyond. Our Pride parade and rally has evolved from people marching with bags on their heads into a day that brings diverse communities together to celebrate the freedom of being who we are. Through the long-lasting efforts of local community members and the leadership of Noho Pride, in 2011 we celebrated our 30th anniversary of



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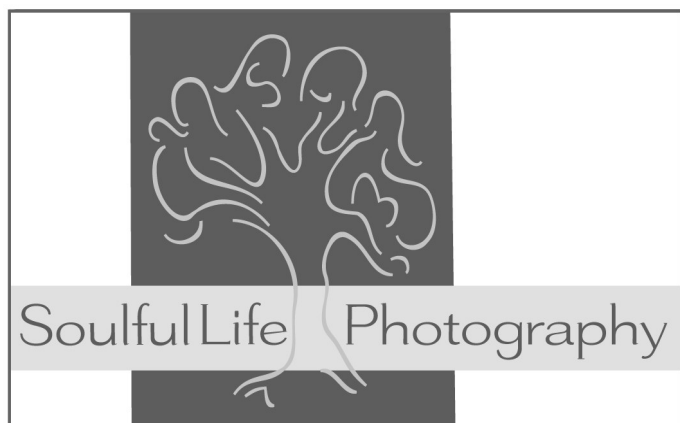
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By Jenn Donnelly

Noho Pride's theme for our 2014 Pride Parade and Rally is "Unity in Diversity." Our vision and mission has always been to foster events that honor the integrity, history and diversity of our community and to focus on education, awareness, and unity among LGBT and allied communities.

With our widely diverse community of gender expressions and sexual orientations, unity is important to show that we stand together for everyone in our community outside of our own individual identities. Our Pride parade and rally, since our first liberation Pride march in 1982, has evolved into a day that brings people together to celebrate the freedom of being who we are.

Through the long-lasting efforts of volunteers and local community members, our annual pride event now draws thousands of people from New England and beyond. With understanding and appreciating our differences, we can celebrate another wonderful day of LGBT Pride bringing us all together for this extraordinary occasion.



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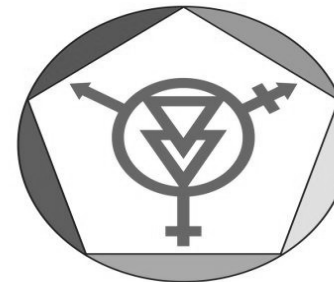


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### William Urich

Billy has served as Vice President of Operations, InterPride, the International Association of GLBTI Pride Coordinators and Chair of the Inter-Pride Committee on International GLBTI Human and Civil Rights. He now travels the world speaking about Equal and Civil Rights for all.



### JM Sorrell



J. Mary (JM) Sorrell is a long-time social justice activist, most recently as a director of a regional organization that provides advocacy, services and programming for LGBT older adults and allies. She believes in working as part of a diverse team to help those in need and to empower people to advocate for themselves.

J.M. has served as a Justice of the Peace, and she greatly appreciates the distinct pleasure of officiating at weddings for nearly 700 couples from all walks of life during the last 10 years. "Unity in Diversity" is a principle J.M. holds dear.

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In future years, the Noho Pride committee plans to increase the award amount as well as the scope of the scholarship to include students already attending college, as well as nontraditional students returning to college as adults. Each year, the scholarship application will be posted on the Noho Pride website as well as with popular scholarship search engines.

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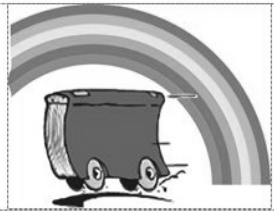
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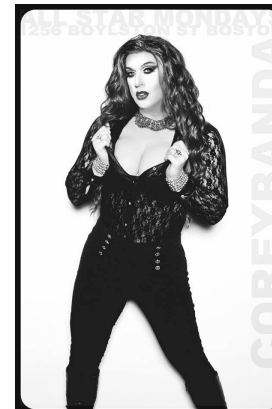
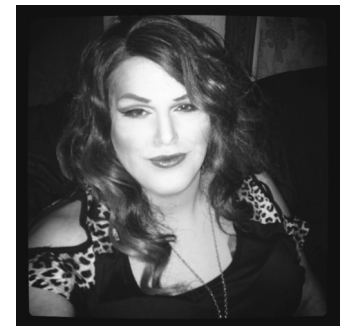
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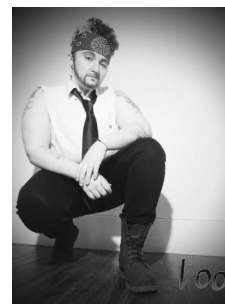
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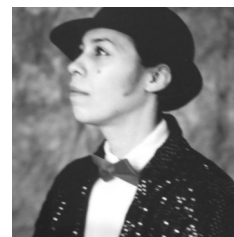
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Crys Matthews just released her sophomore album, *A Lesson Learned*, as well as an EP called *The Izzle Ballads*. In the September issue of *Curvemagazine*, Rachel Shatto wrote: "*A Lesson Learned* sounds like how a glass of iced tea tastes: familiar, comfortable and refreshing...Fans of Tracy Chapman and Ani DiFranco will find plenty to love with this album, as Matthews shares their gifts of telling simultaneously intimate and relatable stories, all while continuing to refine her own unique brand of R&B folk."

Crys' music is available on iTunes, Amazon, CDBaby, and at various retailers. It is in rotation on Pandora; and it is being played on various broadcasts from Harrisonburg, VA (WMRA's Acoustic Cafe) to Portland, OR (KBOO Radio).





## CINDY FOSTER

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Kit's poetry has been reviewed in New York Magazine, Bitch, Curve, and Hyphen. His poetry has been taught all over the world and he has been seen on the SF Pride mainstage, National Equality March stage, the Department of Justice, and numerous international slam poetry stages. Kit's poetry has been commissioned by the Census Bureau and national queer visibility campaigns such as OUTmedia and Campus Pride's joint "Be Queer Buy Queer" and "Queer It Up" campaigns. Kit has toured internationally with Sister Spit, The Tranny Roadshow, and Good Asian Drivers. He is on both the Advocate and Campus Pride's lists of recognized LGBT speakers. Some fun facts: Kit is the first ever Mr. Transman, and when he isn't performing he is eating ramen, playing ukulele, and talking story.

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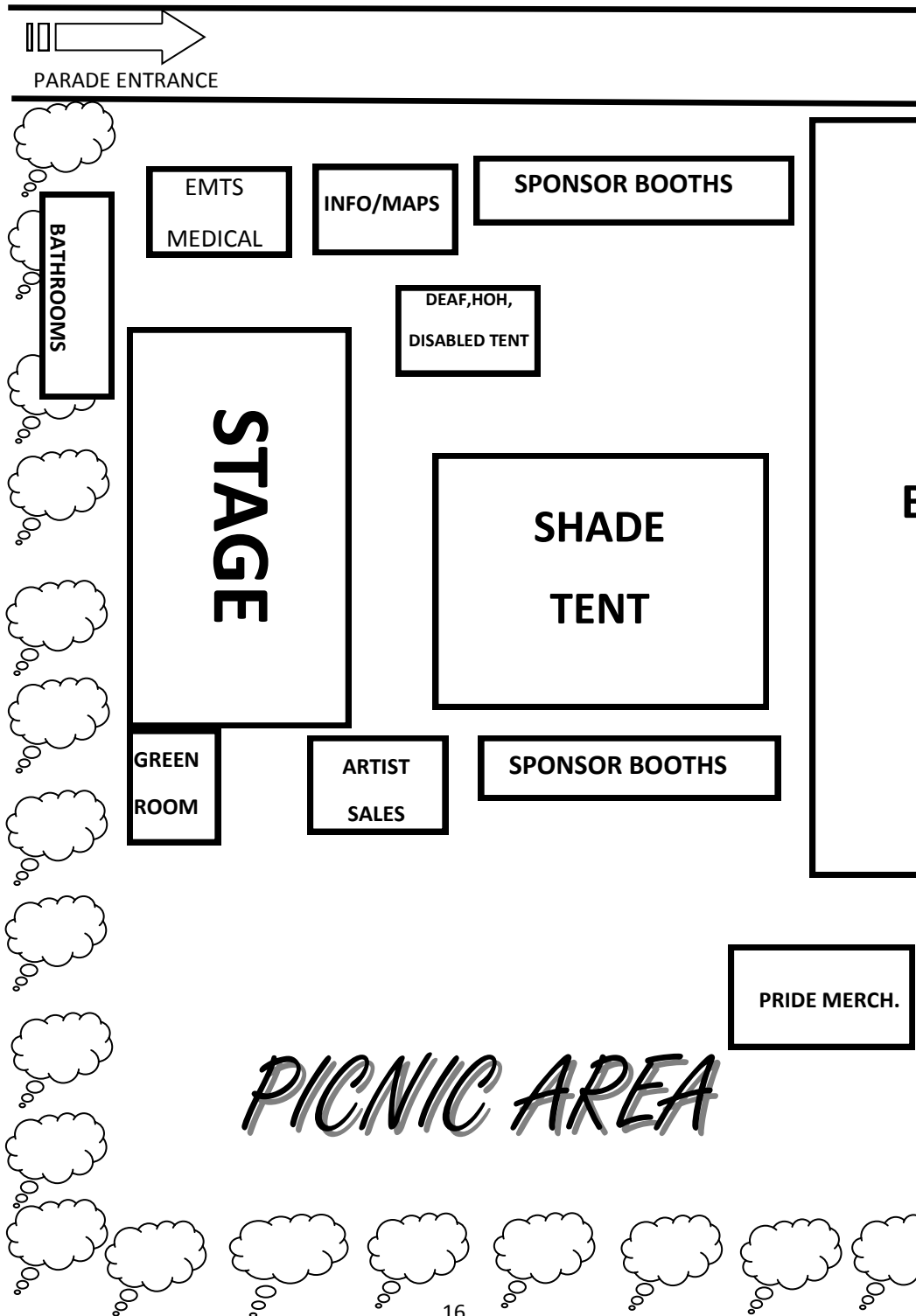
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## KRISTEN FORD

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Kristen Ford was born in April 1987 in Ohio. She has since lived in 6 states, most recently in Chicago, Illinois and Boston, Massachusetts. Playing out and about for the past 5 years, Kristen has written slews of songs, performed across the globe and released 3 full length records, Most Recently "The Grindstone" self produced and released September 2011, "Alone, Together" 2010 produced by the one woman band phenom, Together" 2010 produced by the one woman band phenom, Audrey Ryan. Her debut "Filthy Nasty" in 2008 on Many Doors Records, produced by June Millington and Lee Madeloni.

## Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus

The Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus (PVGMC) has, since the early 1980s, presented a positive image of gay men to the community and provided a warm, accepting environment for gay men to create music. Photo Credit: Lawrence McFarland





Parade kicks off at Noon sharp followed by the Pride event entertainment which will begin at approximately 1:15 pm and run until 5-5:30 pm. Performers and speakers will be on stage in the order they are listed below.

**Pride Parade**  
**Welcome by Emcee Cindy Foster**  
**Proclamation by Northampton Mayor David Narkewicz**  
**DRAG**  
**Pioneer Valley Gay Men's Chorus**  
**Crys Matthews**  
**Billy Urich**  
**Kristen Ford**  
**JM Sorrell**  
**Kit Yan**  
**Drag Finale**

\*\*\* please note times and lineup are subject to change

**CRAFT  
BOOTHS**

**NON-PROFIT  
TENT**

**BEER  
WINE**

**BEVERAGES**

**FOOD**

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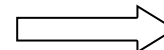
**BEVERAGES**

**FOOD**

**YOUTH  
AREA**

**TO YOUTH AREA**

PORTA POTTIES



# FACES OF PRIDE



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VENDORS

KATHY SILVA  
PARADE



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MEDIA

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