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BEVERLY HILLS PRIDE NIGHT TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 2 **City's First Ever Pride Event and Festivities Kick Off Pride Month**

Beverly Hills, CA. – The City of Beverly Hills' Community Services Department, in partnership with the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, the City's Arts and Culture and Human Relation Commissions and Next Beverly Hills Committee, will be launching its first outdoor Pride celebration in honor of the LGBTQIA+ community with a number of signature events during June as part of Pride Month.

All events can be found at beverlyhills.org/pridebh.

The 2022 Beverly Hills Pride celebration will include:

- **Pride Lighting of City Hall and Civic Center – June 1 - June 12:** To kick off Pride Month, the City of Beverly Hills will be adding some dramatic Pride lighting to the front of City Hall which states "Happy Beverly Hills Pride." Also, the 14 iconic palm trees flanking City Hall will be decorated with twinkling Pride lights. The lights will be best viewed in the evening hours.
- **Beverly Hills Pride Night – Thursday, June 2, 7pm – Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts (Outdoor Promenade Terrace):** To welcome, honor and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community in Beverly Hills, *Beverly Hills Pride Night* will kick off Pride Month with a special outdoor event featuring live entertainment and more at the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts. This is the first time the City has held a Pride Event and activities throughout the City. The celebratory Pride event is in partnership between the City of Beverly Hills' Community Services Department, the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and the City's *Embrace and Celebrate Culture Initiative*, an inter-commission program of the Arts and Culture and Human Relations Commissions and Next Beverly Hills Committee.

The event will be hosted by noted musician Tolliver and KCRW host Novena Carmel. With the theme of "celebrating diverse families and community," event producers have helped select a roster of the region's leading LGBTQIA+ performers including San Cha, Bri Giger, Theytee, Jeshua, Miss Barbie Q, Zee

Machine and Polartropica. To RSVP for the free event and learn more, visit beverlyhills.org/pridebh.

- **Beverly Hills Pride at Greystone Mansion: Gina Young's SORORITY Salon = Wednesday, June 8, 6-9pm - Greystone Mansion and Theatre - Tickets \$15 with advance registration for Beverly Hills residents**

Celebrating the rich history of Beverly Hills and 1920s art salons, theater director Gina Young and musician Vanessa Wheeler will reimagine the newly restored Greystone Theatre for this special one-night only event. Founded by Gina Young in 2016, SORORITY is the Los Angeles hub for new short works by female-identified performers (women, trans and queer) spanning artforms from theatre, music, dance and more. This special SORORITY Salon will feature Jul Wiggins & Casey Shea, Cameron Esposito, Celisse, Kamala Pugliganda, Chani Nicholas, VAVA, Maija Knapp and Sundeep Morrison.

The City of Beverly Hills' inaugural Pride celebration is part of the City's *Embrace & Celebrate Culture Initiative*, an inter-commission collaboration of the City of Beverly Hills' Arts and Culture and Human Relations Commissions, Next Beverly Hills Committee and the Community Services Department. This year, festivities will expand on this initial effort bringing special lighting to City Hall, and events and activities to the City. Beverly Hills Pride 2022 festivities are a natural progression of the City's commitment to, and support for, embracing and celebrating cultural diversity, equity, inclusion and providing greater visibility and recognition of LGBTQIA+ community members and visitors as part of this celebration.

"The City of Beverly Hills has been home to many important LGBTQIA+ citizens since the City's early days including prominent artists, celebrities, activists, authors, choreographers, composers, actors and allies," said Jenny Rogers, Director of Community Services. "I am excited that Beverly Hills will be celebrating these incredible individuals who helped define arts, culture and creative industries that make Beverly Hills a world-class destination."

For general information about Beverly Hills Pride 2022, please visit: beverlyhills.org/pridebh or call (310) 285-6830.

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