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## Pride Month Events at The Franklin Institute: Science After Hours: Summer Ball + Family Pride Day

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**Philadelphia, PA May 25, 2023**—The Franklin Institute celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month with two special events—**Science After Hours: Summer Ball** on Friday, June 16, and **Family Pride Day** on Saturday, June 17.

### Science After Hours: Summer Ball

**Friday, June 16 | 7:30 pm-11:30 pm**

*Science After Hours* returns with its popular *Summer Ball* event featuring music, dancing, live performances, flash talks, rooftop stargazing, and more for adults 21+. For year two of Summer Ball, the category is... ‘Self Reflect(ive)’ as we celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride month with an event for everyone that focuses on mental health and feeling good about yourself.

#### Featured Programming:

- Drag performances by some of Philadelphia’s best, curated by local drag queen and show producer **The Eric Jaffe**.
- Attendees can learn the elements of Vogueing and Runway during two separate lessons by Director and Choreographer **Kemar Jewel**, along with performances by **Dayla Mizani** and **Hayden West**.
- Guided mobility and mindfulness session with fitness professional and dancer **Tiel Guarino**.
- Line dancing lesson with **DJ Hugo Max** from Giddy UP Philly.
- Music and performance by **DJ Lili St. Queer**.
- The Dancefloor in the Fels Planetarium features club classics and Top 40 remixes with **DJ Drootrax** under Full Dome visuals by **Liquid Light Lab**.
- Drag Bingo for prizes.
- Screen print with **Second State Press**, an exclusive design made for the event.
- Performances by the LGBTQIA+ Volunteer Cheerleading Organization, **Philly Cheer Elite**.
- Local party photographer **UV Lucas** returns to capture every dip, pose, and strut.
- **So Curious! Stage** features a series of flash talks by local professionals who were given the prompt “Mental Health is Health.” Moderated by The Franklin Institute’s Chief Bioscientist, **Jayatri Das**, and in partnership with **Radio KISMET**, the *So Curious!* Stage gets its name from The Franklin Institute’s podcast, [So Curious!](#)

#### Ticket includes:

- Featured Programming
- Evening access to TFI’s core exhibits and galleries.
- Limited edition lapel pin created exclusively for Summer Ball.
- Roof deck access for guided stargazing and spectacular views of the city (weather permitting).
- Food and drink for purchase at stations throughout the museum.

Adults 21+; \$40 per person in advance at [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu); \$45 at the door

## Family Pride Day

**Saturday, June 17 | 12 pm-4 pm**

A community celebration for all designed to highlight the contributions of some of the amazing Philadelphia organizations that help uplift, educate, and nourish our LGBTQ+ community. Guests of all ages are invited to celebrate with whimsical shows and demonstrations that blur the line between science and performance.

### **Featured Programming:**

- Demonstrations that combine science and drag, with performances curated by **The Eric Jaffe**.
- Screen print a coloring book page with **Second State Press**.
- Dress up and walk the runway photo-op.
- Strike and pose and learn to express yourself with an all-ages introduction to voguing and ballroom with choreographer **Kemar Jewel**.
- Explore microbes and where they come from with **Janssen Pharmaceuticals**.

**Included with museum admission.**

**Presented by Braskem, Official Diversity & Inclusion Partner of The Franklin Institute.**

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