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

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; $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.

Images are available for download: Press Kit

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