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### CHRISTOPHER STREET WEST ANNOUNCES ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP FOR THE 2007 LOS ANGELES LGBT PRIDE CELEBRATION

LOS ANGELES (May 1, 2007) – Christopher Street West is thrilled to bring a blend of rock, pop, dance, and indie music to the 2007 Los Angeles LGBT Pride Celebration WaMu Main Stage.

Joining our headliner **JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS** and back by popular demand are **TERRI NUNN** of **BERLIN** and **TIFFANY**.

Before alternative music became mainstream in the 90's, New Wave bands like **BERLIN** swept the airwaves and Billboard charts. Known for honest and sensual lyrics, Berlin never missed an opportunity to titillate or seduce with songs like *Sex...I'm A, Metro, Masquerade, No More Words* and *Take My Breathe Away*. Berlin's new album *4play* includes an acoustic version of *No More Words*, original tracks like *Scream* and *Big Time* plus amazing covers from the likes of Marilyn Manson, Prince, and Peter Gabriel.

Female solo pop stars of the 80's paved the way to stardom for current pop icons. **TIFFANY** struck pop star gold at the tender age of sixteen after releasing her self entitled album *Tiffany*, which she promoted by touring shopping malls across America. Her cover of *I Think We're Alone Now*, became a number one smash hit on the Billboard chart, propelling Tiffany to international fame. Billboard magazine recently noted only six solo female artists have been able to pull two or more Hot 100 No. 1 singles from a debut album in the last 20 years. The list includes Tiffany, Paula Abdul, Mariah Carey, Christina Aguilera, and Beyonce. Tiffany will be releasing a new album on June 5, 2007, titled *Just Me*, and she has re-recorded an updated version of *I Think We're Alone Now* for a new album of cover material released in early April 2007. You can also see Tiffany on the hit show on VH1, *Celebrity Fit Club*. Tiffany's new single *Feels Like Love* releases today!

Comedian **ANT** will bring his hyper, irreverent and downright fabulous act to Main Stage this year. ANT is the only comedian to appear on all four seasons of NBC's hit series *Last Comic Standing* and is a regular guest on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *The Tyra Banks Show*. Currently, he is the host of VH1's juggernaut *Celebrity Fit Club* (which stars Tiffany) and he also stars in the LOGO hit series *U.S. of ANT*. His hit stand-up DVD, *ANT: America's Ready* and comedy CD *Follow my ass!* are available in stores now.

Transgressive music icon and open lesbian, **CAROLE POPE**, will grace the WaMu Main Stage with her original bandmate Kevan Staples (who is coming direct from Toronto, Canada), from the band **ROUGH TRADE**. They have garnered three Juno Awards (The Canadian equivalent of the Grammys), a Genie Award, and four Gold and two Platinum records, plus last month they were inducted into the Canadian Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Her latest album *Transcend* has drawn rave reviews and *Transcend the remix* album on Play Records is charting on college and dance radio. She has contributed songs to Showtime's gay-dramas *The L Word* and *Queer As Folk*. Pope authored her best selling autobiography entitled *Anti Diva*.

After graduating from Howard University and appearing on American Idol as a finalist, **FRENCHIE DAVIS** found vindication on Broadway as a cast member of *RENT* and the West Coast touring company of *DREAMGIRLS*. She went on to work as a "Grammy" correspondent for Entertainment Tonight and performed the song *And I Am Telling You* on the set of ET for the show as well. She is moving back to Los Angeles to finally start recording her debut album, which will be a combination of classics, Broadway and a few new original songs.

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**JOSIE COTTON** gained instant notoriety in the early '80's with the controversial hit *Johnny are you Queer?* Fed up with music politics, Josie walked away from the industry at the height of her career. Now she's back with a new band and album, *Movie Disaster Music*, which released in 2005. She also contributed to the *Jackass 2* soundtrack. Josie will be debuting new songs from her upcoming album.

**THE MOTELS** featuring **MARTHA DAVIS**, a New Wave band originally formed in Los Angeles in the '80's, are best known for their hits *Only the Lonely* and *Suddenly, Last Summer*, both of which peaked at #9 on the Billboard Hot 100. After making six albums and having two top 10 hit singles, Martha says she left the music business to find her sense of humor. She has reunited with The Motels and a new album entitled *Beautiful Life* is coming out Summer 2007. The Motels featuring Martha Davis appeared on the U.S. version of *Hit Me Baby One More* and a 2007 U.S. tour is already inked, including a stop with Los Angeles Pride.

Cuban-American singer, **MARTIKA**, is kicking off her new tour at LA PRIDE. Martika started acting before launching a recording career, appearing in the film version of *Annie* and on the TV series *Kids Incorporated*. In 1988, her first top 40 single, *More Than You Know*, landed on the American charts as did the remake of *I Feel The Earth Move*; a year later, its follow-up, *Toy Soldiers (the anti-drug song)*, was number one in the U.S. for two weeks from her self-titled debut album. On her second LP, *Martika's Kitchen*, she received songwriting assistance from Prince. This album garnered the radio hit *Love... Thy Will Be Done*, her second U.S. Top 10 single. In 2003 Martika joined forces with her musician husband, Michael Mozart to form the band *Oppera*. Changing her sound to goth-pop, she and Mozart released *Oppera's* debut album *Violince* in 2004. Also in the same year, Eminem used a sample of her *Toy Soldiers* song for a track on his album, called *Like Toy Soldiers*, which entered the UK Singles chart at No. 1. In response, Martika's UK Greatest Hits album was repackaged with title altered to *Toy Soldiers: The Best of Martika*. This reflected the fact that the song was her biggest hit in the U.S. *Oppera* released self-titled second album, *Oppera* in 2005. *Oppera* is currently working on its third album with a dancier sound and with an expected release in 2007.

**ANN MAGNUSON** is an actress, singer, writer and part-time performance artist who has performed at MoMA, Lincoln Center, and The Public Theater. As an actress, Ann Magnuson's film credits include *The Hunger*, *Desperately Seeking Susan* and *Panic Room* as well as numerous independent films. She was a series regular on the ABC-TV sitcom *Anything But Love* starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Richard Lewis. Ann was the lead singer and lyricist for the psycho-psychedelic band *Bongwater* with whom she released five albums. Her first solo album, *The Luv Show*, was released on Geffen Records. She will perform songs from her latest album *Pretty Songs & Ugly Stories*.

You can hear **DEBBY HOLIDAY** every week on F/X as she recorded the theme song for *Dirt*. A singer, songwriter, producer, and dance diva, Debby Holiday is currently working on two new dance singles for release in 2007 on her Nebula 9 label, and is featured on an upcoming dance track from producer Jake Benson. She burst onto the dance music scene with her huge hit song *Dive* (which was featured in the TV show *Queer As Folk*) and easily proved that she has voice and talent! This musically trained diva (with a live rock band background) then released the follow-up hit called *Half a Mile Away*. The future looks as bright as ever for this talented songstress as her newest hit called *Bring It On*, recently topped the Billboard Dance Charts.

Carol Burnett isn't the only talent in the family. **ERIN HAMILTON**, known for her dance grooves *Dream Weaver*, *Satisfied* and *The Flame*, is making her re-debut into the dance music scene at Los Angeles Pride. This energetic talent will be performing new music for the crowd.

Disco and dance diva **MARTHA WASH** originally from The Weather Girls, C&C Music Factory and Blackbox will bring her own style of club music to the dance floor. She is the legendary diva that brought you some of the most recognizable pop and dance hits of the 80's and 90's. Her hits include *It's Raining Men*, *Everybody, Everybody*, *Strike It Up*. and *Sweat (Everybody Dance Now)* which sold over 6 million copies worldwide.

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**BEBE BUELL** hit the New York music scene in the '80's and reincarnated herself in several bands such as The B-Sides and The Gargoyles. As large record companies were showing interest, she withdrew from the public eye to manage her daughter Liv Tyler, helping to launch her career as a model and actress. She is known for her balls to the wall raw attitude and rock'n'roll pride and she will not disappoint. In 2001, she wrote an autobiography entitled *Rebel Heart: An American Rock and Roll Journey*. It hit the New York Times Bestseller list and the paperback was issued in 2002. She is currently working on a second book and another record with her new band **THE BEBE BUELL BAND**. Residing in NY since 1998, LA PRIDE is proud to bring Bebe and her band out to LA after a 20 year hiatus.

Featured on KCRW's Sounds Eclectic Evening at the Greek, *The Devil Wears Prada* soundtrack, *Grey's Anatomy* TV campaign and also placed on MSN's list for "Ones to Watch" **BITTER:SWEET**'s debut album *The Mating Game* introduces the two artists intoxicating and playful creation bourne from a fateful fairytale connection. A Los Angeles original, BITTER:SWEET are an electronic/trip-hop duo with jazz-like qualities. They are often compared to, or appeal to, fans of Zero 7, Bjork and Portishead.

Also performing and joining our headliner **JOAN JETT & THE BLACKHEARTS** throughout the weekend at LA PRIDE are new hot bubbling under independent touring bands such as **CORDAY** (Pride favorite), **THE DOLLYROTS** (Warped Tour 2007), **GIRL IN A COMA** (direct from Arizona – Warped Tour 2007), **JUSTIN LANNING** (MySpace favorite), **LEVI KREIS** (XM and Sirius Radio darling), **LISA DEWEY & THE LOTUS LIFE** (from San Francisco), **NANCY RANCOURT** (direct from Canada), **SHITTING GLITTER** (local favorite), **TAXI DOLL** (*Rolling Stone* magazine choice), **THE RANDIES** (Warped Tour 2007 – Coachella 2006), and **THE START** (Coachella 2007). Check out their websites to see their CD release dates.

*The 2007 LA PRIDE Celebration will be June 8-10 in West Hollywood. Please visit the LA PRIDE website ([www.LAPRIDE.org](http://www.LAPRIDE.org)) for more information. Our Agenda: Love. Equality. Pride.*

*A non-profit organization, Christopher Street West, is a leading partner in the advancement of rights and equality of the LGBT community. Led by professionally driven, volunteer based board members, Christopher Street West produces one of the largest Pride Celebrations in the United States with an expanding global presence reaching millions of people every year.*

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