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Our Center Announces Drag Story Hour “Coming Out (Into the Community)” event at Northern Nevada Pride

Reno, NV – Our Center is excited to announce its special “Coming Out (Into the Community)” Drag Story Hour event at Northern Nevada Pride on September 7, 2024. This vibrant free event will take place at 11 am on the 1st Street stage, celebrating community, inclusivity, and the joy of storytelling in drag. Ginger Devine will read to the children of pride from the 1st Street Stage at 11 am.

Drag Story Hour, known for its dynamic and engaging performances that bring literature to life with a flair of fabulousness, is coming out into the community after having been hosted at Washoe County Libraries for six years. The “Coming Out (Into the Community)” event is a heartfelt tribute to the LGBTQ+ community and its allies, marking a joyful celebration of self-expression and unity.

Northern Nevada Pride, a program of Our Center, is renowned for its commitment to celebrating LGBTQ+ culture and promoting inclusivity, provides the perfect backdrop for this special event. Drag Story Hour’s participation highlights the importance of community support and the celebration of diverse voices.

Community Partners Voice Support:

"Storytelling is one of the oldest artforms and universal to the human experience. Stories, shared, read or told in a memorable and entertaining way can connect us to other worlds, journeys and cultures. Bruka Theatre believes in the art of storytelling and shared experiences, and we are proud to be a partner to Our Center to create a safe space for Drag Story Hour and other opportunities to lift up artists alongside families and community," said Mary Bennett, Producing Artistic Director of Bruka Theatre.

“The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada (UUFNN) is thrilled and honored to be one of the communities to host Drag Queen Story Hour! As a local faith community that has a legacy and commitment to LGBTQ+ liberation and joy in Northern Nevada, we understand how necessary events like Drag Queen Story Hour are for children, families, and communities to cultivate empathy, creative self-expression, and moments of joy,” said Nathan Bakken (they/them), Director of Congregational Life at UUFNN.

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“Reno Little Theater's mission aims to strengthen our community through artistic engagement and collaboration & so we could not be more proud to collaborate with Our Center to offer our venue for Drag Story Hour. It's an incredibly fun, educational, inclusive event that directly aligns with our goals to connect our community through the power of storytelling and we can't wait to host it!” said Melissa Taylor, Executive Director of Reno Little Theater.

Community Schedule for Drag Story Hours In Reno:

9/7/24 Northern Nevada Pride 1st Street Stage 11 am.

11/9/24 UUFNN 780 Del Monte Ln, Reno 11 am.

12/14/24 11 am Bruka Theater 99 N Virginia St, Reno

1/18/25 Reno Little Theater 147 Pueblo St, Reno 11 am

2/15/25 Our Center 1745 S Wells Ave, Reno 11 am

5/17/25 UUFNN 780 Del Monte Ln, Reno 11 am

Other dates and community partners will be announced in the coming months.

Drag Story Hour is a national organization dedicated to providing children and families with engaging and imaginative storytelling through the art of drag performance. Through vibrant and interactive events, Drag Story Hour aims to foster a love of reading, promote inclusivity, and build bridges across communities.

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Our Center provides northern Nevada’s LGBTQIA2S+ community with access to advocacy, support, educational programs, services and resources. Our mission focuses on programming in support of our youth, senior and trans communities. Our Center routinely hosts community organizations for meetings at their 1745 South Wells Avenue Reno facility.

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