

## **Virtual Arizona Pride 2020**

### **#VirtualAZPride**

In June of 1981, the city of Phoenix held its first Pride Parade, organized by legendary local activists Kirk Baxter and BJ Budd. In 2004, the Phoenix Pride Parade and Festival was moved to the first weekend of April and for the past 16 years, this time of year has been a hallowed time for the LGBTQ+ community of the Greater Phoenix area. And so it was with great disappointment that we recently learned that this year's 40th Anniversary Phoenix Pride was postponed until November due to the current coronavirus outbreak.

But while we cannot physically be together this April, this is a time when our community needs to come together and support one another even more than ever. And that is why LGBTQ+ organizations across Arizona are coming together to present the first-ever Virtual Arizona Pride on April 4-5, 2020, which will include livestreamed online events such as online drag performances, musician and DJ sets, educational discussions, activist trainings, LGBTQ+ history events, or anything else which is promoting the spirit of Pride. We want to tap into the vitality and creativity of our community to think of new ways for us to come together to celebrate, learn, and support each other during this time.

If you or your organization is interested in participating, please fill out the accompanying Google Form and tell us about the event you would like to host. Organizations and individuals will present events on their chosen platforms and they will cross-promoted across our channels and on our website [www.virtualazpride.org](http://www.virtualazpride.org). Presenters and performers are encouraged to include information to allow audience members to donate to support your work via Venmo, PayPal, or any other cash app service.

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