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**One Institute, Stripper Worker Center, and The Los Angeles
LGBT Center Launch Inaugural International Whores' Day
Celebration**

LOS ANGELES, May 20, 2026 — One Institute has announced it will host the inaugural International Whores' Day (IWD) Celebration at the Los Angeles LGBT Center on June 2, 2026. This event is a partnership with Antonia Crane and Kayla Tange (Coco Ono), two LA-based sex worker rights advocates, the Los Angeles LGBT Center, and Stripper Worker Center. IWD intentionally centers sex workers within Pride 2026 programming.

International Whores' Day commemorates the 1975 occupation of Saint-Nizier Church in Lyon, France by 100 sex workers protesting police violence and criminalization. Each year it's observed globally through gatherings, protests, performances, education, art and other community events that center sex worker voices and organizing.

"As sex workers and advocates, we want to kick off the legendary WeHo Pride celebrations while also educating the public about sex work, resistance to oppression, and our vital place in LGBTQ+ liberation," said Antonia Crane, one of IWD's lead organizers.

The event will feature keynote speaker Sydney Rogers, MC Sydney Baloue, performances by drag performer Mylique E. Fawcett, pole performer FARRAH, and a panel moderated by One

Institute Executive Director, Tony Valenzuela, who will discuss the alignment of queer and sex worker movements. The celebration will also include a DJ set by Mz Neon, special performances, resource tables, a dance party, and more.

“We invite our community to come out to IWD 2026 to celebrate and also to learn about how strongly aligned queer and sex worker rights movements have always been,” said Tony Valenzuela, One Institute’s Executive Director.

Event Details and Tickets: [International Whores’ Day 2026](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oneinstitute/2155816) or <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oneinstitute/2155816>

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Doors Open: 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM

Location: Los Angeles LGBT Center – Renberg Theater & Courtyard
1125 N McCadden Place, Los Angeles, CA 90038

This event is organized by One Institute and the Stripper Worker Center with sponsorship support from the Los Angeles LGBT Center, ACLU SoCal, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and Stripper Worker Center, and is supported in part by an arts grant from the City of West Hollywood.

ABOUT ONE INSTITUTE:

Founded in 1952, One Institute is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the United States. One Institute elevates queer, trans, and HIV/AIDS histories and embraces emerging stories through collaborative education, arts, and cultural programs. Through K-12 teacher trainings, lesson plans, and youth mentorship programs, One Institute empowers teachers and students to bring queer and trans history into classrooms and communities. As the independent community partner of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, we promote the largest collection of LGBTQ+ materials in the world. In 2026, One Institute became stewards of STORIES: The AIDS Monument, in partnership with the City of West Hollywood.

The curatorial and educational choices made by One Institute are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ+ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional and authentic narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gender-nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes. Learn more at oneinstitute.org, and connect with us on Facebook and Instagram @oneinstitutela.

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