

Independent Perspective 1862 with Sophia Roberts & Holly Nidell on the Disability Pride Festival Entertainment Stage

Transcript

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Welcome to Independent Perspective, a public affairs presentation of Western New York Independent Living (WNYIL). Our guests today are Holly Nidell and Sophia Roberts, co-chairs of entertainment at the Disability Pride Festival, and I'm your host Ernie Churchwell. While welcome to the program, ladies.

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Hi Ernie.

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I'm delighted to have you and you're going to tell us about the most interesting aspect of the Disability Pride Festival, which is entertainment. What all do you have to offer those who come to the Disability Pride Festival?

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So as far as the arts and entertainment stage, we have a lot of performers. We have about 10 performers, we've got music, we've got poetry, we've got dance, and we even have painting. So, our mistress of ceremonies, Bianca McGraw. She's a poet and a painter. We'll be doing coffee paintings.

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Very interesting, very beautiful. You'll have to learn about that by coming. And we have all different kinds of music from, like, familiar songs that, you know, like folk songs.

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Or different kinds of cover hits to original music, singer songwriters, rock'n'roll with the Stress Dolls, Mike Farrow, Jack Silletto and April Mazzone. And then Chloe Lewandowski, who many people know from her performances around as a singer. And poetry. So, we've got JB Stone.

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Eric Snyder, Legendary and then Mahatma Maho has been working with Starlight Studios artists, and they are doing a dance performance on the stage.

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Well, that sounds like a wealth of different, exciting experiences that people can come to the Disability Pride Festival for. While I think to ask it, could you give us the date, time and location of the event?

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Sure, this year's Disability Pride Festival will be held on Saturday, July 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It'll be held at Riverworks on Ganson St. in Buffalo.

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And this year's features a day of fun and entertainment. Like what Sophia has mentioned for people of all ages and all abilities. And those live performances that Sophia talked about will be held on our Evergreen Health Stage, and also this year we have the I Love New York.

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Which will be bringing their exhibit highlighting New York accessible tourism attractions.

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We have our children's tent that will have activities from our partners at Epic and Explore & More Children's Museum and the Parent Network. We'll have balloon and airbrush tattoo artists, superheroes and the AKG Art Truck. We'll also have a speakers tent as well, where people like Todd Vaarwerk,

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Angelique Everett will be there also, Army Veterans Infantry Specialist Matt Daniels. He'll be there also sharing his story as well.

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So, we have so many great opportunities for people of all ages, all abilities, so we really hope that people take that opportunity to come and see us at the Disability Pride Festival on Saturday, July 26th.

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Do people need to pre-register to participate?

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No.

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It's free and open to the public. You don't have to register ahead of time. Just come on down.

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Alrighty, sounds delightful.

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I'm sure people will have some questions. How can they get more information?

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Sure. We have a Disability Pride Festival Facebook page that people can reach out to with questions. Also, they can contact Christine Hulton at WNYIL as well

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Or myself or Sophia, if they can find us on Facebook.

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Wonderful.

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I thank you all very much for enlightening our audiences with all these exciting developments and we very much appreciate all that you're bringing to the Disability Pride Festival.

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Thank you so much, Ernie.

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Thank you, Ernie.

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You're welcome. And we're delighted to have you.

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