

2017 San Francisco Dyke March

2017 Theme Announcement: Calling All Dykes: Take Up Your Space

"When LGBTQ+ rights are under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

"When trans* lives are under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

"When Indigenous lives are under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

"When Indigenous land is under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

"When black and brown lives are under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

"When disabled queers are under attack, what do we do?"

"Show up, fight back!"

Our community's history is rich with protest. Our bodies have come to the front lines for battles rooted in multiple oppressions, aimed at every piece of our identities. Today is no different. The San Francisco Dyke March has marched the streets of this city 24 times and for the 25th, the political landscape of our nation more closely resembles the first time we marched rather than the last.

We are being erased from U.S. history - unable to access healthcare, unable to use the bathroom, unable to walk the streets without fear of deportation, incarceration, police murder, or hate crimes. We are no longer included in the US Census and every day looms with the threat of further roll backs of our rights under the guise of religious freedoms. The intersections of our Dyke identity are threatened more and more as the days pass.

This year, the San Francisco Dyke March is a call to action. Do not mistake it for something else. We're calling all Dykes. To show up. To take up your space. To fight against our erasure by being visible in a nation that says there's no place for us. To be visible in our community. To be visible in our love for one another.

This city - built on indigenous land, a sanctuary to the undocumented, to the queers, to those challenging societal norms, to those seeking refuge from hate - is taking a day to focus on us. On Dykes. We're visible. We're together. We're strong. We're organized. We're loud. We do not fight oppression alone. We show up en masse. When one of our intersections fall, we show up. We fight back.

March number 25 reminds us that complacency is not an option. Our community with cracks in the foundation but no options for division - we must uplift voices who have been deprioritized over & over again.

Dyke is not just a sexual orientation. It's a political identity. It stands for community. It stands for solidarity. It stands for radical fight. It stands for trans*, black, brown, queer, lesbian, bisexual, disabled, chronically ill, fat, femme, butch, indigenous, gender expansive love. It does not stand by erasure. By displacement. By appropriation. By hate.

The 25th San Francisco Dyke March is a call to action. We're calling all dykes. Each and every one of you - to take up your space and hold it close to you as we hold on for our lives. As we hold on to each other.

Say it with me. Dyke. One More Time. Dyke. Calling All Dykes: Take Up Your Space. June 24th. 11:00 AM Rally. 5:00 PM March. Dolores Park, San Francisco.

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Press Release

For Immediate Release:

San Francisco Dyke March 2017 Calls On All Dykes to “TAKE UP YOUR SPACE”

Calling all dykes: TAKE UP YOUR SPACE! The history of the San Francisco dyke community is built on protest. In the Dyke March's 25th year, the political landscape resembles the first March more than ever. The San Francisco Dyke March calls community members, their families, and their allies to take a stand with us.

Saturday, June 24th, at Dolores Park in San Francisco, the San Francisco Dyke March will hold an 11am rally, and a 5pm March. We welcome all respectful allies to attend the rally and cheer us on from the march sidelines as we urge all dykes to come and TAKE UP YOUR SPACE. The March aims to fight against erasure by giving dykes a place to be visible in a nation that says there's no place for them. We are being erased from U.S. history: unable to access healthcare, unable to use the bathroom, unable to walk the streets without fear of deportation, incarceration, police murder, or hate crimes. LGBT people are no longer included in the US Census and every day looms with threats of further roll backs of rights under the guise of religious freedoms.

We must TAKE UP OUR SPACE, the space that is ours by right. We will not be rendered invisible, silent, divided. Dyke is not just a sexual orientation. It's a political identity. It stands for community. It stands for solidarity. It stands for radical fight. It stands for trans*, black, brown, queer, lesbian, bisexual, disabled, chronically ill, fat, femme, butch, indigenous, gender expansive love. It does not stand by erasure. By displacement. by appropriation. by hate. This 25th March means to uplift those voices too often left out or shouted over in our community, to rebuild foundations, to band together in a time when unity is needed more than ever.

San Francisco Dyke March believes that dykes and their allies are strong. That we stand together, that we are visible. We are organized, and we are loud.

Most importantly, we do not fight alone.

Show up, fight back. TAKE UP YOUR SPACE.

June 24th, Dolores Park, SF, 11 am Rally, 5pm March, FREE ADMISSION

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