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The Squeeze

OC PULP ARTS COLLECTIVE



OC PRIDE 6/24/2023
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"OC Pride is a 501(c)(3) non-profit LGBTQ+ Pride Festival and parade. Committed to funding community projects, hosting events, raising awareness, and understanding in our incredible LGBTQ+ family."

JUNE EVENTS & EXHIBITIONS

Pride Month Orange County has pride events happening all month long across the county! Celebrate LGBTQ+ arts and culture this month! Some notable events are:

- Motion Fitness, Irvine Pride Celebration - 6/17 // 9-10am
- Brunch to the Future Rainbow Road Pride Kickoff at Mission Control Bar in Santa Ana - 6/18 // 10am
- OC Pride Parade and Festival - 6/24 // 10:30am - 10pm
- OC Pride Official After Party at Strut, Costa Mesa - 6/24 // 10pm
- Pride Worship Service: Remembering Queer Saints, First United Methodist Church, Costa Mesa - 6/25 // 10:00 am
- Strut Beach Club OC Pride Beach Party at Sahara Sand Bar, Huntington Beach - 6/25 at 12pm

Brain and Body Music and Soul on Fire Dance will be at Open Stage in Downtown Santa Ana on Saturday, May 17th. More information can be found on their instagram, @bb.musicstudio

"Two Spirit Artists Imagining Otherwise" Bowers Museum 6/17 // 1:30pm Presented by Damien Paul Montaña (Yoeme/Papago/Purepecha), This talk gives us a deeper insight into the artistic productions of various artists who identify as Queer Indigenous or Two Spirit Artists and their contributions to the world. The talk will cover a history of the term Two Spirit, and how Indigenous artists have played a part in imagining futures. They will discuss several images through a Queer Indigenous/Two Spirit Lens and their importance in assisting us in imagining otherwise.



Stonewall was a riot. OC Pulp rejects Rainbow Capitalism and promotes accessible LGBTQ+ arts and culture. We are here, Queer, and we are not going anywhere! We will not be erased or silenced! We stand together in solidarity while we celebrate our joy and we fight for visibility and unconditional acceptance!



LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

BOY BOWSER

Sherman (he/him, they/them), who goes by Boy Bowser professionally, is a hip-hop artist and burlesque dancer from Fullerton, California. Influenced by the likes of Childish Gambino, Chance the Rapper, Rico Nasty, and Linkin Park, Bowser combines his background in jazz composition with their interest in hip-hop to make their own music.

When songwriting, Bowser explains, “I usually like to start with an overarching idea. I like to have all my songs have a thematic idea to them. I’ll be like, ‘What kind of song do I want to write,’ and I’ll establish that before anything. It helps narrow down the sound of whatever I’m making.”

Bowser’s most popular song for the first year of his career was the queer anthem “Trans Rights!” The song, a militant rallying cry for trans folks, is fantastic, but it’s not the be-all end-all of Bowser’s discography. “Being trans isn’t the first thing I try to push when I talk about my music,” he says. “Obviously, it’s real important to me, and my identity is intertwined with my music, but I feel like I’ve gotten to the point where I can let my music stand for itself. You don’t need to be queer to listen to my music.”

**BOY BOWSER’S SONG OF THE SUMMER:
“ROCK YOUR BODY” BY JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE
OUR SONG OF THE SUMMER:
“YES MA’AM” BY BOY BOWSER**



Central to that accessibility is the earnest respect that Bowser has for the music he makes and the genres they explore. When branching out into a new sound, he will often spend weeks listening to influential artists in that genre, researching the history of that genre, and recalling the music history classes that they took in college. “My thing about genres is that, if I’m going to try out a new one, I want to do it with respect to the years and years of history that that genre has. I want to be respectful to the culture and the roots of the music I make--I have a real big respect for musical history. Any time I approach a new genre, I like to study up. I want to give these genres the respect they deserve.”

This reverent mentality to the music they make is self-evident when you put on a Boy Bowser track, or better yet, when you see him perform live. They have plenty of shows this month, including a burlesque show at Club Bleu, two festivals in Long Beach, and a performance at OC Pride. You can find Boy Bowser’s music on all major streaming platforms and all social media platforms as @boybowser. A brand new music video for his song “Yes Ma’am” was released on Friday, June 9th, featuring an all-queer, burlesque dancing cast and crew.

