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ARTISTS SHOW OFF THEIR TRUE COLORS
DURING HUMAN RIGHTS BENEFIT

By Heather Turk

Anyone who has ever been to a gay or lesbian nightclub knows that no one gets a party started better than someone who is proud of his or her "alternative" lifestyle. Therefore, it should be no surprise that the biggest concert event of the year is in honor of those who truly know how to celebrate.

Stopping by the MGM Grand Garden Arena June 8, the inaugural True Colors Tour—featuring Cyndi Lauper, Erasure, Debbie Harry, The Dresden Dolls, Indigo Girls and comedienne Margaret Cho, among others—will kick off its 15-city nationwide event in the Entertainment Capital of the World, a fitting place to get things started according to Erasure's Vince Clark.

"I think every festival should start there," Clark told *What's On*. "The audience is always so great."

Promoting the British pop duo's latest album, *Light at the End of the World*, Clark and Erasure frontman



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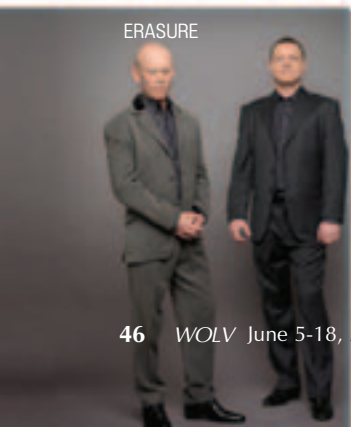
DEBBIE HARRY



THE DRESDEN DOLLS



MARGARET CHO



ERASURE

"I think the tour is a great idea," Margaret Cho told *What's On*. "I love all the artists in it. To be asked to host the tour was just so cool because this is a show I would really go see."

Andy Bell will take to the stage as part of five hours of nonstop music to support the Human Rights Campaign. One dollar from every ticket sold during the True Colors Tour will benefit the work of the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest organization working for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality.

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Conceived by Lauper and stemming from her desire to give back to a community that has provided her with love and support throughout her career (similar to Cho), the True Colors Tour hopes to raise public awareness about the issues facing the GLBT community. Several other notable celebrities, including Rosie O'Donnell, will appear on select dates throughout the tour.

"This really is an amazing tour," Cho said. "It showcases so many queer artists and really represents the queer community."

"It will definitely be a lot of fun," added Clark. "It gives us a chance to play for a different audience and gives the audience an opportunity to hear different types of music."

While both Clark and Cho are eager to perform inside a packed MGM Grand Garden Arena and showcase their new material (Cho says she's been working on material for a new stand-up act, which she hopes to tour with next year), both artists admit they will be attending the show as fans as well. Cho, who performed alongside The Dresden Dolls in London last year, is looking forward to seeing the music duo perform live again, while Clark says he's eager to see Harry once again take the stage ("She's just incredible live," he said). Of course, the real star of the night is True Colors' leading lady, Lauper.

"I've never seen Cyndi Lauper perform live before, so I'm really looking forward to it," Clark said.

A fixture in the gay community since her fifth album, *Sisters of Avalon*, Lauper is excited to be performing her music for such a great cause.

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"As an American, I was raised to believe that all people have the right to live with the same dignity, opportunity and safety. This should include everyone no matter what gender or sexual orientation," Lauper said in a statement announcing the tour. "This tour was created to celebrate our differences by raising awareness for liberty, fairness and dignity for everyone, not just some of us. Our fans can come out to celebrate a great cause while also hearing some great music."

The True Colors Tour is presented by Logo and kicks off Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. For more information visit the Web site truecolorstour.com.

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SHOW TIME: 8 p.m., June 8

SHOWROOM: MGM Grand Garden Arena

SHOW PRICE: \$50, \$70 & \$100, 702-474-4000