

WHY CELEBRATE

Pride



RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH AND
OTHER LGBTQIA+ DAYS OF
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE MARCHING ARTS

JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Pride month is an important time of year for LGBTQIA+ people. It is a time of joy, love, connection, and collective resistance.

If your ensemble runs during June, queer performers may miss out on meaningful Pride celebrations.

Integrating Pride month celebrations into your ensemble could be a way to show your queer students that they are supported for who they are.



PRIDE IS RESISTANCE

Queer people are a hot topic in the media right now. Queer people are inundated with messaging that they are unwell or perverted for who they are. Queer, especially trans people, are frequently being targeted for hate crimes and hateful legislation.

Celebrating Pride in your ensemble intentionally creates a space that rejects this. This kind of support is crucial for the well-being of your queer performers and staff.



SUGGESTIONS

- Giving students free time to participate in local Pride events
- Performing in a local Pride parade or other event as a corps
- Having a Pride day where people are encouraged to wear Pride gear ending with a celebration snack
- Inviting queer alumni to visit and share their experiences
- Celebrating queer students, staff, and alumni on social media
- Providing some sort of Pride wear such as shirts or pins



TAKE ACTION!

All celebrations should be backed up with action! There is nothing to celebrate if your ensemble is not actively supporting queer people in your community.

You could:

- Review your organization's policies to amend any homophobic or transphobic material
- Host an educational activity for allies
- Sell Pride merch to fundraise for a queer scholarship or local queer organization



PRIDE BEYOND JUNE

Ideally, your ensemble should be supporting queer people all year round! Consider recognizing some of the many other days of significance to LGBTQIA+ people such as:

- **March 31:** Trans Day of Visibility
- **April 26:** Lesbian Visibility Day
- **May 22:** Harvey Milk Day
- **July 14:** Non-Binary Peoples Day
- **September 23:** Bi Visibility Day
- **October:** LGBT History Month
- **November 30:** Trans Day of Remembrance



WE CAN HELP!

If you want assistance making your ensemble a queer-positive and supportive space, check out our resources at maasin.net/lgbtqia!

We also offer **workshops** on LGBTQIA+ allyship and trans safety at a sliding scale rate (including for free). If **one-on-one support** is more your thing, a knowledgeable core organizer can meet with you.

Reach out to us at info@maasin.net
Happy Pride Month!

