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MEANINGFUL LEGACY BRINGS WEHO'S SENSATIONAL LGBTQ HISTORY TO LIFE IN FUN FILLED LIVE ACTION TOUR!

WEST HOLLYWOOD, California -

Performance artists in colorful costumes take over the streets during "Stuart Timmons' City of West Hollywood LGBTQ History Tour" to deliver a rollicking perspective of its sexy, sordid, and surprising history on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 11am-1pm. Returning for its third year as part of The City of West Hollywood's One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival, this popular event takes on deeper relevance with the recent passing of its respected author and historian, Stuart Timmons. Past participants have praised the Tour as delivering the true meaning of Pride, by blending boisterous fun with thoughtful examinations of history, at a time when our culture needs it.

Think you know WeHo? Not quite like this! Multimedia artist Jason Jenn directs the Tour as an art happening, involving over a dozen performers, musicians, and dancers including, singer/songwriter Jane Cantillon, renowned Broadway playwright [Robert Patrick](#), drag artist extraordinaire Miss Barbie Q, and performance artist comedian [Kristina Wong](#).

Starting at 11 a.m. and ending around 1 p.m., wheelchair accessible shuttle buses will depart every 15 minutes from the West Hollywood Library. After a short ride around the city, participants will then be dropped off for an easy urban hike, encountering performers stationed along the route enacting the information about each location. The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

More info at stuarttimmons.com

Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Length: Approx. 90 minutes. Wheelchair Accessible

Time: Every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Location: [West Hollywood Library @ 625 N. San Vicente Blvd](#)

Parking: Free! West Hollywood Municipal Parking Structure II just south of the West Hollywood Library.

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MORE ABOUT THE TOUR

The tour was written by acclaimed author and historian, Stuart Timmons based on his research and his Lambda Literary Award-winning book “Gay L.A.” (Co-authored by Lillian Faderman and considered by many the quintessential tome on Los Angeles LGBTQ history). Stuart planned the West Hollywood tour as the third in a trio of walking tours along with Downtown LA and Silver Lake in 2007, but was unable to finish it when he suffered a severe cerebellar stroke in January 2008.

Stuart worked with a dedicated team, coordinated by Jason Jenn, to complete his unfinished tour in honor of West Hollywood for its 30th Anniversary in 2015. As a collaboration of community, the WeHo Tour has spun into many incarnations including the special event performance art production that takes place at various locations throughout the City of West Hollywood’s central core on June 3.

Stuart was enthusiastic about life and looking forward to the third outing of the tour this summer, but experienced a series of health problems that eventually led to his death on January 28, 2017 shortly after his 60th birthday. Experiencing the continued interest in his life’s work helped Stuart cope with the debilitating aspects of his stroke. He garnered acknowledgement for it in recent years, particularly from the City of West Hollywood. Notably in 2013, Stuart was presented the Rainbow Key Award and at the start of 2016’s Tour he was presented a Letter of Commendation by Mayor Lauren Meister.

“Working with Stuart on the tour and delving deeper into an appreciation of queer history has been one of the most profound experiences in my life, and it’s been equally as fun to work with such a stellar cast and crew,” says director Jason Jenn. “For several years now we’ve had a great time presenting important material and seeing audiences loving it. This year bringing Stuart’s words to life takes on even greater meaning. They are so infused with a combination of respectful knowledge and playful wit – just like he was. We’re in mourning for his loss and are going to miss him not being there, but we’re determined to honor Stuart’s legacy and deliver another festive celebration of WeHo’s fascinating history.”