

DISABLED AND PROUD 2007:

**Celebrating Worldwide
Disabled, Proud, Present, Diverse**

4th Annual Disability Pride Parade

**Saturday, July 21
Chicago, Illinois**



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Disabled and Proud 2007

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4th Annual Disability Pride Parade

Grand Marshal Kathy Martinez

Executive Director, World Institute on Disability
Activist

Recognizing Marca Bristo

President and CEO, Access Living

**Step-off at 11 a.m.
Plymouth & Van Buren to Daley Plaza
(55 W. Washington)**

**Entertainment by performers with disabilities
at Daley Plaza
Noon-2:30 p.m.**

Grand Marshal



Kathy Martinez, blind, since birth, is a renowned disability rights leader of Hispanic and American Indian heritage, fluent in English, Spanish and Braille. As the Executive Director of the World Institute on Disability, Ms. Martinez is responsible for the development and supervision of all of WID's international technical assistance, training and exchange projects.

She has extensive experience in disability services, policy and training, and particular expertise in designing programs that meet the needs of minority disability populations in the U.S. and disability communities in Latin America. She led WID's Central American Training Program, providing independent living skills training for rehabilitation specialists and newly disabled individuals from El Salvador and Honduras. She also initiated a WID community-based project designed to engage low-income minority women with HIV/AIDS in activating their own self-care programs.

Ms. Martinez also led the collaborative interagency team that produced the acclaimed 1997 International Leadership Forum for Women with Disabilities, which attracted more than 600 participants from 80 countries to Washington, D.C. Ms. Martinez serves as a member of the Technology Committee of the World Blind Union.

Honored Guest

Marca Bristo, President and CEO of Access Living of Metropolitan Chicago, is our own local activist, yet she is known around the world for her work on behalf of people with disabilities. Since 2001, Ms. Bristo participated in the international negotiations to draft the first-ever UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, for which we are honoring her today.



Program

Pre-program music by Wine-sky

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies

Carrole Mardis, Parade Co-Chair & Disability Rights Activist

Mayoral Proclamation and Welcome

Commissioner Karen Tamley, MOPD

Dancing Tonya – VSA Arts, New Mexico

Pretorium Signing Church

Grand Marshal

Kathy Martinez, Exec. Director, World Institute on Disabilities

Introduced by Earl Smith, Parade Co-chair

Sarah Triano, Rapper & Disability Rights Activist

Awards of Honor to

Kathy Martinez and Marca Bristo

Presented by Carrole Mardis

Miss Wheelchair Illinois and Dance Detour

Diane Coleman, Singer & Disability Rights Activist

Remarks by Jim Ward, ADA Watch

Music by Two Tough

Music by Wine-sky

Performers

Wine-sky — The smile of this blind singer, songwriter and guitar-slinger is contagious. He seems to look right into the heart of his audience creating a bond that goes beyond the music itself. He's played with such 1960s' legends as Janis Joplin, the Steve Miller band, and Jefferson Airplane, and he brings the power and magnitude of that generation's music to today's audiences with a sound that is modern and beyond genre.

Dancing Tonya — Alie Vidich has been learning dance under the choreographic force of Tonya Rivera. Tonya and Alie work together in the Buen Viaje ("good journey") Dance Company at VSA Arts of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. Alie is currently working at VSA Arts of New Mexico as an Americorps Volunteer assisting and teaching classes in the Performing Arts department. Tonya also dances with the Keshet Dance Company from Albuquerque.

Praetorium Signing Church — Pastor Carole Clemons leads a church and choir that lifts up the name of Jesus and spreads His Word in sign language, songs and voice. The church's goal is to empower people who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, and physically disabled to become leaders in the church, community, and the nation.

Sarah Triano — Co-founder of Chicago's Inaugural Disability Pride Parade in 2004, Sarah has become well known within the community for her raps about empowerment, equality and justice for people with disabilities

Dance Detour grounds its work in the diversity of its dancers, celebrating their physical, ethnic, generational, cultural, and artistic differences. The work includes elements of many forms of dance alongside acting, singing, writing, and other media.

Diane Coleman — Diane's folk music gives voice to the rights of people with severe disabilities whose lives have been taken or threatened by the right to die movement.

Jim Ward is founder and president of ADAWatch.org and the National Coalition for Disability Rights, a grassroots alliance of hundreds of national, state, and local disability, civil rights, and social justice organizations united to protect and strengthen the civil rights of people with disabilities. Working with leaders, advocates, and organizations in Washington, DC, and across the the nation, he works to advance the cause of disability rights—and the ADA in particular—and seeks to provide useful support to community members building bridges between people with disabilities, parents, providers, policymakers and the general public.

Two Tough — Joyce Walker is a Native of Chicago by way of Arkansas. Joyce started playing at the age of 8 and she started her professional career playing at a local church at the age of 11. She has a passion for all types of music and lives for the harmonic vocal stylings of a true artist. She has written numerous songs and is currently working on a new release featuring her latest musical arrangements, lyrics and soulful vocals. She is truly a musician you need to experience.

Patricia Hardy was born to sing. Singer and songwriter, Trish has collaborated and performed with many popular Chicago artists for years. She has proven truly dedicated to her craft and is currently collaborating with other artists on a new release that features her melodic and sensuous vocals. Her passion for life, love and music, is definitely demonstrated in her voice.

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2007 Disability Pride Parade Regulations

All parades in Chicago are required to adopt and abide by the City of Chicago Parade Ordinance

LINE-UP NUMBERS: According to the city parade ordinance, all city parade coordinators must compile a numbered line-up and placement for all entries. Therefore, all Disability Pride Parade entries will be assigned a line-up number and a placement location. The line-up number will be printed on an 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper that must be taped in a visible location in the front window of your vehicle, or placed in a prominent place on your lead sign/banner if marching.

LICENSED DRIVER/INSURED VEHICLE: Any entry that uses a motorized vehicle must make sure that their driver possesses the necessary operators' license required by law for the type of vehicle involved. All vehicles must be insured by the owner and be in good working order.

NUMBER OF VEHICLES AND DECORATING: Only one vehicle is allowed per entry and all vehicles must be decorated.

SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION: City rules forbid participants from tossing items because of potential injuries (and possible lawsuits resulting from spectators being injured). With city budget cutbacks, furthermore, the city is now charging all city parades for the cost of cleanup. Participants who ignore these rules can be removed from the parade or prevented from participating in future parades. Participants can distribute samples by hand, one at a time, to spectators as they proceed down the parade route, but no distribution is allowed in the line-up area.

STEP-OFF PROCEDURES: Line-up is at 10 a.m.; step-off is at 11 a.m. At step-off, entries will proceed down the street in numerical order. Marshals will be on hand to assist. Be ready to step off when it is your turn.

PARADE PROCESSION: Upon step-off, all parade entries must proceed in a constant, uniform, forward motion. All entries must drive in a safe and orderly fashion. Unsafe driving, such as sudden acceleration, swerving, speeding, and screeching of tires may result in immediate removal from the parade. All entries must follow preceding entries within 40 feet to eliminate any gaps. Jumping on and off vehicles can endanger participants and should not occur.

MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES: Motorized vehicles and wheelchairs that experience mechanical problems must be pushed to the side of the street in order to allow other entries to proceed around them.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: City ordinances and other laws prohibit the use of alcohol and drugs. No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed to operate a motor vehicle in the parade.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIONS: High-powered water rifles, "super soakers" or squirt guns that could cause injuries are not allowed, nor is tossing water or other liquids. All animals must be licensed and have had the appropriate vaccinations. Fireworks, firecrackers, or pyrotechnic acts of any kind are not allowed. Firearms are not allowed. No barbecuing along the parade line-up or on parade vehicles allowed. Helium or latex balloons may not be released into the air at any time in accordance with FAA regulations. Finally, garbage must be placed in cans along the line-up and parade route.

Parade Route & Parking

Parking

430 S. Clark St.

**Dearborn (west side)
between Van Buren &
Congress; \$10**

**711 S. Plymouth; \$6.25-
\$8**

Plymouth & Harrison; \$8

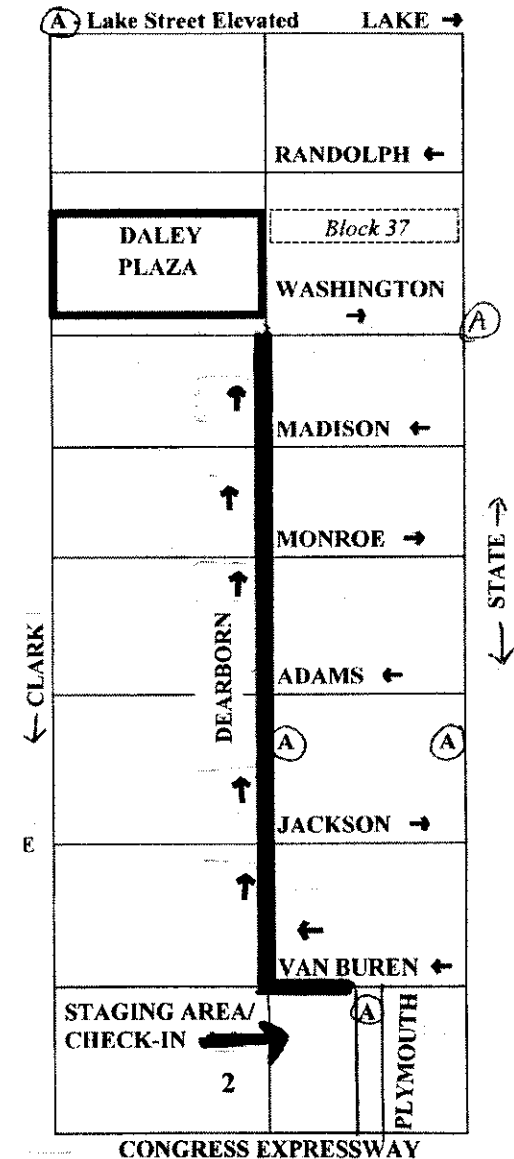
**Randolph, west of Wells;
\$10**

**Franklin, between
Randolph & Lake; \$9.25**

**Northwest corner of Lake
& Wells; \$10**

**West side of Wells,
between Randolph &
Washington; \$11**

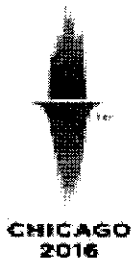
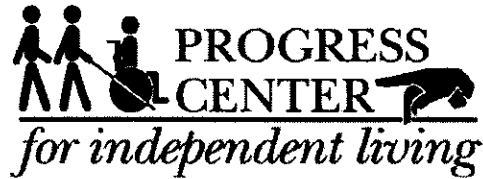
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- > To change the way people think about and define "disability"
- > To break down and end the internalized shame among people with Disabilities
- > To promote the belief in society that Disability is a natural and beautiful part of human diversity in which people living with Disabilities can take pride.

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