

## LA Unscripted | June 1st, 2023

From hot spots to hidden Gems This is your guide to all things local The L A unscripted way from Hotel Ziggy in West Hollywood June is here and we are beaming with pride because the first of the month marks the kick off of LGBT Q pride celebrations around the country Hi everyone I'm de and we are ready to rock and roll for all the local festivities starting right here at Hotel Z in West Hollywood Now why the Sunset Strip Highway should be on your rainbow radar Are you ready to get with it At the musically inspired Ziggy Hotel When you listen to a song certain certain artists with their music it'll take you back in time So we don't wanna be able to do that here So by playing different types of music different genres if you're you know 12 years old or if you're 30 years old or or you know 50 years old it's gonna take you back So it's like a time capsule So that's what we wanna um show the world Hotel Ziggy is a hotel where we allow artists to express themselves We have guests from all over the world That come here to vibe to enjoy the culture of ziggy We're not the typical hotel where you check in and it's a we're a little more laid back even though I'm wearing a suit we have tattoos We want everyone to to be free We're a boutique hotel So it means that we're a small hotel We have 100 and eight rooms We have rooms that are overlooking the pool which is considered a pool view We have rooms that are alongside the pool which has a door that opens up to the pool area So essentially if we're having a pool party on Saturday we rent those room out as cabana rooms So we have two major suites We call them the rock star suite So they're they're pretty much like studio studio suites and we have a media room for the artist that perform here Um We have regular studio rooms here on the fourth floor It's about five of them So we have different room types throughout the hotel Again that caters to a different vibe We want an activated space that has you know live music on Thursdays Fridays Saturdays and Sundays Um Pretty much we have a calendar on our website that displays all the live music that we're gonna have here Um We have artists that are up and coming artists that that are trying to make it in the business and we have some that are well known Um So you know we give a chance to to to to all artists and creators The food is great So the locals love our pizza Uh You have everything from Italian fusion to just like traditional American and then little twists of Asian fusion So it's a lot of mixtures Our pizzas are the most popular for sure I mean on on a given day we can sell up to like 20 to 30 pizzas We're here with Chance Reno he's the general manager of Hotel Ziggy So you guys

have been participating in pride activities for two years now why was it so important for you to be a part of this Well being in West Hollywood is very important for us to be a part of the you know the culture and everything that happens in West Hollywood Um For me it is very big on personalization being yourself and that's really what Ziggy is all about We want everybody to come here feel comfortable be yourself and be yourself in your own skin And that's one of the biggest things that we look for and we really appreciate about pride weekend That's such a good answer And you know everywhere you look in this hotel there's there's nods to music So obviously you guys are going to have some musical artists come in Yeah a lot of great acts always at Ziggy but especially this weekend it will all be LGBT Q Plus Forward acts Um And then that'll lead into some pool parties as well Um On Sundays we have pool parties Um Pearl pool party which is Lbgqtq plus as well And that is every other Sunday that we have happening with us Oh my God you guys have so much going on here I love it And from amplifying the local culture to amplifying the voices of LGBT Q owned businesses like this Next Find What is the name Vito So it's basically a play on carnivore So a carnivore eats meat an herbivore eats uh greens and a vivre drinks wine I didn't really think wine was really for me I mean of course I drank it but you know drink everything but I didn't really understand it I was blown away about how much goes into every single bottle and how unpretentious it is even though I thought it was and how much I needed to spread the gospel of cool wine to everyone after that How many wines do you have here It varies but usually around a couple 100 is a wine and goods and gift shop that specializes in all women winemakers and makers in general So one of the things that we wanted to do to make a little bit different and ultimately very user friendly is our V chart So the idea behind it is is you read through and you see what kind of Vinovo you are and then once you figure out read through and you go Oh I am definitely an orange tiger OK So then all you have to do is go over to where all of our wine is OK And read the labels And if you see an orange sticker then you know you're an orange tiger It's like animals Do you remember Wine is a business and I'm a woman in business and I like supporting other women in business So I thought if I carried just women winemakers and as many women makers as I could I would be supporting a lot of women in business all in one place Last time I checked there's less than 10% women winemakers out of the whole lot of winemakers So not great statistics That number is rising though So that is exciting and I hope we can support more and more women It will make my job a lot easier The more I

have to choose from Zesty lemonade clouds with green herb thunder and pineapple lightning Oh my God Like the descriptions are off the chart I am a queer person myself There's not a ton of you know queer winemakers out there for me to choose from But I sure try to get every single one that I can So we have theme boxes we have like a dog lover box and a cat lover box and you know a self love box with bath salts and things like that But also you know you can build your own box and just shop around and pick what your friend or your client or who you're gifting for You'd think they'd like every month is Pride Month around here Um I'm glad that there is a dedicated month for the queer community the LGBT Q community But you know this is something that I think should be celebrated year round all to to that and to learning more about the history of how Pride Month came to be Now our sponsor spotlight some local black queer voices I think pride um over the last few years has changed mainly because it's become commercialized It's become less of a protest and more of a just celebration of of life And I think there's a utility in all of that but pride always will be always was protests Pride actually started in around 1969 right around the time of the Stonewall riots It started with people being angry about the injustice they were facing And so what we find is that in black pride or black pride experiences a lot of that is kind of rooted and who were the folks that came before us What did they do when it comes to the pride movement I feel like black folks we've always been there even though folks may not know the names of us who have been present more and more We're seeing the broader LGBT Q movement recognize those names that we don't often hear about You know today you'll hear more of Sylvia Rivera or Marsha P Johnson or Miss Major But there's even so many more folks so many more names that we don't talk about A lot of the work that I do is led by folks like James Baldwin Audrey Lord I thinking about Polly Murray and all of the work that she did in her lived experience And I think in the same way that black culture at large drives culture at large black queer culture drives black culture and by association drives the broader culture right We're the reason you're talking about shade and tea and snacks that your way We are the ones who give you the vocabulary that you're now using All Willy nilly We're the ones behind your favorite celebrities looking the way that they do right But we don't always get that credit And that's something I'm interested in seeing more that credit being given to black queer community while we're celebrating One thing that we have to remember is that safety is relative for so many people especially folks in our community especially a lot of black trans women they

don't have the safety or the security that many other individuals have Just because you know we could walk down the street and see a rainbow flag you know on the street doesn't mean that we are at that promised land that a lot of folks think we are at I always like to tell people that because I'm Black Fat and Queer You know I'm everything in this world that people don't like And so when Pride Month comes around it's this notion of there's a history of people who fought to make my life a little bit easier And so now I'm here kind of doing the same thing And if you want to be a part of history don't forget to join KTL A on Sunday June 4th As we go off script to cover the pride parade right down there front and center starting at 1 p.m. But this pride party train is just getting started So don't go anywhere The art the food the Shred Shed Welcome back to All Scripted Everyone I'm from our home base for a pride must kick off Hotel Ziggy and here's why this we hope Hill Top Highway is a rock in first stop for all things pride So you guys here at Hotel Ziggy are located so perfectly for all of the pride celebrations Why should people come and celebrate with you and how are all the different ways they could come and celebrate with you Absolutely So we constantly will have our awesome pool party We're the only saltwater pool in West Hollywood So the fun fact there we're also just located just outside the craziness Santa Monica Boulevard So it's just a hop a skip and a jump just on to La Siena go down to Santa Monica and come right back up here To us what better place to stop and rest your head than hotel Ziggy You know you have a long night walking around the parade you know dancing around having fun come hang out with us a little music in the evening and rest your head at night and it couldn't be more fabulous here I love it I don't know Kind of sounds like the perfect way to gear up for Sundays and we hope pride parade and KT A will be in the middle of it all starting at 1 p.m. and now more voices to keep you in the know So the first thing we're gonna do is work on your base technique What are the rules of kickball Sure So kickball is very fundamentally easy It is baseball but as opposed to a bat your leg is the bat Everyone can move their leg forward And that's all you need to do is kick Obviously there are technical things that can improve your game play but it's very easy nice easy pitch right over the plate I can do it All right I kicked that was perfect So out loud sports was founded 16 years ago here in Los Angeles Uh basically is a way to socialize our queer LGBT Q community outside of the bars in a meaningful way because for me at the time there was really only bars like parties not profit events things like that but there really wasn't community building and we so often used the idea of

the LGBT community but I never saw a lot of it because we were all sort of segregated by just drinking or not drinking And I wanted to see a different world where we could be together and have a good time Kill it Yes And so we started the first LGBT kickball league in America that year And at that moment I was thinking to myself well I don't know if this is a business but I certainly know that this is an opportunity And slowly since then pretty much over the last 13 years we've grown into 24 cities I believe And we've made a huge difference in a lot of people's lives Yes You're supposed to Olivia you're supposed to run you're supposed to anyone can join The one thing that I like to joke about is that if you're not good at sports this is the league you join Kickball is a means of things The sports are a means of things of getting a community together So if you're an ally or if you're queer come here play Olivia this time it's going to be a little bit harder like this boom boom boom I think I got it So I think when it comes to what do you bring back to other people You know there's going to be that confidence there's going to be that energy but there's also going to be that passion and then when we started with kickball we said we can do leagues We can actually have people that show up and want to compete on a weekly basis So then we jumped into bowling and then we jumped into tennis and then we jumped into soccer and then we jumped into beach volleyball and then we jumped into flag football and then we jumped into dodgeball and then we jumped into indoor dodgeball We've really been enhancing We're about to launch pickleball here in Los Angeles And there's this predisposition especially in our community the LGBT community that we don't fit into the locker room culture that we don't fit in to what you would see as a typical athlete I was a nerd I was a tiny nerd who wore Sally Jesse Raphael red glasses and I'm now running sports What that taught me is I can trust myself through the experience and I don't need to be afraid just as long as there are people who are not going to judge me in the process We are I think we're hitting all the right notes for a sweet Pride symphony So let's continue to celebrate quality and inclusion for all right after the break whether you march workshop street fair or dance in the streets during the month of pride and beyond all unscripted encourages everyone to live local and discover the city of West Hollywood Dating back to the twenties West Hollywood has been known for their inclusivity and this year's pride celebrations definitely have something for everyone West Hollywood is so great because literally and figuratively we're the center of Los Angeles You look at uh you know our history with gay lesbian LGBT Q lifestyle et cetera This is really the heart of the city We have over 300

restaurants nightclubs bars It's a fun place to hang out It's a natural place to have pride celebration every year And we're really looking forward to welcoming everybody this year The history of West Hollywood really started back in the in the twenties and I think it was a part of Los Angeles uh that where people could come here and kind of be whomever they wish to be even back then But we also had people moving here because they felt they could be themselves And I think that's really where the gay lifestyle started in West Hollywood So we're super happy to be hosting uh West Hollywood We hope pride again in June I think it's great this year because uh you know all the shackles of COVID seem to be behind us now So we're really looking forward to having AAA wonderful big full blown celebration June 2nd 3rd and 4th in West Hollywood Uh great entertainment We've got a wonderful selection of artists performing at West Hollywood City Park We've got our our Dyke March We've got our our pride parade which happens on Sunday which is one of the most excited things that we have in the city and something we're certainly really well known for But pride here really isn't just those three days It's really 40 days because we start pride celebration in West Hollywood on May 22nd which is Harvey Milk Day And we've got a great celebration in the city all the way through the end of June of arts and entertainment really the history of how that is tied to the LGBT Q movement and lifestyle It's celebrated all uh month of June Really really from May 22nd to June 30th So big celebration going on even people in southern California just looking for a getaway It's a great place to come We've got 21 hotels anywhere from you know reasonably priced priced rather three star properties all the way up to a really super luxurious new five star property So so you mentioned all these great West Hollywood hotels but we're in a really gray one right now Tell me about it Sure We're at the London West Hollywood which is one of our most iconic properties Absolutely beautiful All sweet Their smallest room is 700 square feet They also have the largest suite in all of Los Angeles the Vivian Westwood suite on the top floor 11,000 square feet So it's a wonderful wonderful home if you will certainly a great place to stay one of our most popular hotels and it's in the heart of West Hollywood right in the middle of it Yeah Right on right on Sunset Boulevard If you go to visit West Hollywood dot com and you book a two night stay or longer at any one of our 21 hotels you get an automatic \$100 credit added to your to your room A credit to your room which is great So you can enjoy drinks with your friends maybe before you go out maybe enjoy a light meal etcetera on us which is great A wonderful reason to come and stay in West

Hollywood and stay at one of our beautiful hotels West Hollywood is welcoming and accepting of everybody In fact we really celebrate diversity here So we like having people that are different from us and we really welcome them and they do feel welcome here And now our sponsors at Kaiser Permanente explain why inclusion and acceptance is good for everyone's health We're very excited to be able to participate in our second pride parade here at Kaiser Permanente Orange County We do a lot of different activities and festivals in preparation for the prime month We also partnership with some of the community organizations in terms of promoting LGBT Q members care And uh and here internally we also do a lot of physician education staff education I myself also co-host the podcast I'm Dr Kevin Liao uh family medicine physician here at Kaiser Permanente Orange County This is not just one month it's an organizational effort to promote inclusivity and health equity for all of our members but especially those that identify in the LGBT Q plus community My name is Sa George and my background is in internal medicine Why do you feel proud and so much pride to be a part of this movement June And throughout the year I think because you know as a person who lives in this society and just being able to have everyone have equal rights it's so important as an immigrant myself growing up in other parts of the country those rights were not always self evident We have member services where new members are asked questions helping to frame what's called soji So gender identity and also for if they would prefer a concordant physician and ally we do have a lot of members from the LGBT Q community that join Kaiser traditionally our LGBT Q plus community Um it's more likely for the community to have less access to health care We want to shrink the health care disparities uh amongst the LGBT Q community And that is one of our goal one of our mission Um and also my personal passion as well We do have a very robust uh transgender gender affirming care program available uh throughout Kaiser fermented L A as well as here in Orange County anything from gender affirming surgery to hormone therapy as well as a very robust um behavioral health program as well All that is still to show that we are here for our members and we are here for our community especially the vulnerable and tradition a marginalized community of the L GB Q members I am so proud of the efforts that we here in Kaiser Permanente Orange County But as a whole in southern California are taking on let's continue to turn the page all June long as we celebrate pride and find new ways to be a good ally to all and don't forget to join KT A on Sunday June 4th as we cover the We hope pride

parade starting at 1 p.m. Thank you so much the hotel Ziggy for letting us go off script and don't forget to tag us in all your pride party picks We'll see you next time