

## LA Unscripted | May 25th, 2023.

From hot spots to hidden Gems This is your guide to all things local The L A unscripted way from heart in the heart of we hope and it's about to be a big night here D DJ S drag queens and drinks This girl hearts Lance Bass is latest L A takeover Hi everyone I'm Devin and L A He was counting down to West Hollywood and you pride parade Sunday June 4th KTL A and I are Rainbow ready and will be live front and center for all the floats and festivities before thousands take over the local streets We are living local inside the hottest club on Santa Monica Boulevard part Weho is the heart of Weho Literally uh that's why we picked the name It's you know at the center of the city at this iconic crosswalk with rainbow crosswalks And this building itself was one of the first LGBT Q plus clubs and was key in actually defining and fighting for West Hollywood to become its own city to create a more safe space for queer people That's kind of literally where we are at the corner with our other venue Roccas is directly across the Rainbow crosswalk So follow the uh the Rainbow crosswalk road you'll end up in somewhere fun Lance Bass is one of our partners here and very actively involved Lance is one of the single most down to earth Hands on honest kind people I've ever met He has a genuine appreciation for everybody that sets foot in this building and really creates a sense of community It's it's kind of I always tell people when you talk about the whole celebrity owner Moment Lands is the ultimate best case scenario He really checks every box It's crazy how things change too Even just the name it went from being rage which was very representative to a certain extent of what the queer community was going through then to heart which is kind of where we're finding ourselves in more modern times It's iconic You know this was actually the first gay club I came to in L A when I first came here So I remember standing in a corner here looking down at this busy dance floor saying wow look at all these people having fun and so content together And one day I'll be a part of something like this So it's really kind of gives me shivers When I think about my history here all the pride that we have uh programming all that week Saturday night is going to be our big epic pride blowout over the top Confetti streamers rainbows glitter and then Sunday day We're going to have our Pride viewing party We're also hosting the mayor's Pride kickoff party here on Wednesday night So we have a busy week We had Cardi B here last year for pride There was a uh an event where Lizzo we did a tribute uh drag night The last drag queen was actually Lizzo and she's doing the drag number and

all of a sudden she rips it off and people see the eyes They're like oh my God it is Lizzo And for us we like to do it different You know it's not it's to us it's and I think celebrities want to do it different It's not just about showing face anymore It's about really engaging with the community in an honest way And we like to provide that opportunity I always tell my staff making people feel welcome Here is not good enough We need to make them feel wanted and making people feel wanted comes from the heart seeing stars inside and outside of heart just blocks away is the iconic walk of fame Now we're revealing gay legends cemented in Hollywood history We get about 10 million tourists and fans visiting the Walk of Fame annually They love to see their favorite stars and um it's a good escape for them because they love Hollywood The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has a map that will be provided to visitors during Pride Week and they pinpoint the star and address of our LGBT Q Walk of Famers following my Trusty Hollywood Chamber of Commerce L A pride map And we have arrived at Neil Patrick Harris Star What can you tell me about this one Well the Patrick Harris I put him here because on his show how I met your mother he was always don't you remember after the ladies And it's the frolic room as much of an honor as this is Unfortunately it won't be the first time I've been plastered on the sidewalk in front of the room When the walk of fame first began they placed 1158 stars on the Walk of Fame There were no ceremonies It's just the sidewalk was built The names were put in and one of the first in that group was Liberace Ok Oh my God And an all time classic Liberace Fun fact for you He actually got this star in 1960 for music and just down the street also 1960 he got one for television Here's Barry Manilow star What can you tell me about this star And this ceremony Well he was honored in 1980 Ok Ok I think I'm going to try and take a picture but I just don't even know the best way to take a picture with a star Like I here do I you can kneel right here Ok Or you can lay next to people do all kinds of crazy things and they make sure to touch it Oh definitely See I feel so close to you Barry right now I'm a true fan Elton John was honored in 1975 when the ceremonies first started Elton John is closer to the Chinese theater Ricky Martin is close to Elton John's star He is in front of the hard rock cafe because of course his musical background I also placed Melissa Ridge there in 2011 because of her musical background It's been an unbelievable journey and it continues right here in what's called boy band block This is actually in sync star And during the ceremony in 2016 Lance bass thank the LGBT Q Plus community for embracing him and supporting him Thought if I had come out in it would be

over so out of fear I kept my secret and so let me say loud and proud to all my LGBT brothers and sisters who embraced me and show me the way to be who I am Thank you so much The digital map that we created can be found on Hollywood Chamber dot net and walk of Fame dot com We are equal opportunity star givers and we love our walk of famers We pick them because they're entertainers and they're people just like everybody else but they have a very cool job and we want our visitors to visit them Touring Tinsel Town can make you hungry but Hangry is never a good look Especially during pride Now our Olivia de Bartoli keeps locals allies in the LGBT Q plus community in the know If you come to West Hollywood you have to come to Hugo's But if you don't want to dine in you can postmate their classic pasta mama and more Hugo's restaurant is a community It's a place that people have been gathering for a few decades now to enjoy a great food Good community Pasta Mama is absolutely our um it's our oldest dish It's been on the menu since the very beginning Um It's a day classically it's day old pasta with scrambled eggs and garlic Uh We do not do it to day old We make everything ourselves even down to the mayonnaise and nothing comes out of a can or a box Um and we take pride in that pride is a celebration It's a celebration of of the community that we're in a celebration of people How they come We accept people the way they are We always have for um from the very very beginning it's an opportunity to say to everybody that we love you that um we see you that you're valued Um And we've had a front seat to pride from the very beginning and it's really been a joy and a privilege with Postmates I know that the customers are going to enjoy the food um in in the same manner that they would enjoy it in the restaurant It arrives safe It's clean We trust the drivers and if there's ever any issue they're really swift to help us and the customer resolve it It's been a a massive uh win for us The service that we receive Um and that the customers receive from Postmates has been second to none It's been a partnership that's really worked really well for us It's helped it obviously helped us a lot during the pandemic but it continues to be a really integral part of our day to day We have lots of really cool ingredients here but I don't know what they are What are we making tonight OK So we're going to make our green juice The green juice is amazing for a and detoxification It's got the banana which has the magnesium The chlorophyll is also really good for helping with improve your blood cell quality So thank you Philosophy is boiled down really into one phrase that Terry wrote many years ago Love is our real true power It's really about trying to uh realize that every moment is uh opportunity to

change somebody's day in a positive way um through uh philosophy We call the gift of service realizing that you walking in today um is a gift and we have the opportunity to share our love share our sense of community and and hopefully um impact you in ways that go beyond just the place we're having a party and counting down the pride So don't go anywhere L A unscripted from heart will be back in a heartbeat Come ride the rainbow with us Welcome back to L A and scripted from Heart I'm Danny Devin and we are counting down to we ho pride parade on June 4th KT A is your ally and will be in the middle of it all So don't miss it I am so proud to work for a station so committed to inclusivity Now portraits of pride here at the Watermark LGBT Q Plus seniors are making sure and not another second goes by without telling their story The Watermark is a luxury lifestyle senior living community that offers uh resort style amenities and a wonderful neighborhood to bring awareness to not just our members here in the community but to the greater population we have 3 million LGBT Plus uh seniors that are struggling with coming out to their friends or their loved ones So we wanted to with Partnerships Age we wanted to bring an exhibition that really shows the struggles and the ongoing contributions that they provide to the future generations There are people that lost a lot of time because of not being able to live as authentically as they should have been It's a portrait photography show about people from the LGBT Q plus community Senior years actually older older people If you know my work I'm kind of specialized in photographing older people very old people actually because I do that and because I got some recognition in the last years about doing that They asked me if I would like to photograph it They don't expect too much I like this attitude I like working like that because there's no stress behind me There's no pressure that the people that have hidden their true selves from those either because of political or family or job reasons lost many years of their lives by not being authentic Watermark wanted to do this event out here on the West coast after having been in Brooklyn so we decided to partner with them help host it So we brought in Beverly Johnson to host and we brought in all the other members to help build out the event seniors in general are overlooked And so I can just imagine you know being a part of that community it has a a double whammy so to speak they're so brave and courageous and inspiring for seniors Period of all seniors myself included I look around at these faces and they all tell a story and we are our story I think people especially younger people need to know that there were people there who made it possible for them to be who

they are And I just hope that that people just accept people as people and why does it matter who you love or don't love It's going to be such a huge event You're definitely going to want to take pictures this pride and we have so much more coming up stay with us Pride is social's biggest party and we are proud to be in the heart of it all in the green room here at heart rehearsals for their big night are underway Now this story given me all the feels we're wrong This is me trying to learn how to pop my fans Oh my gosh Well I'm Michael Broaden his husband and I'm Lawrence Broaden his husband So we created a platform that you see behind us at BGW elevate which basically stands for black gay weddings Uh a company who pro promotes the love stories of black indigenous people of color So because we don't get to see ourselves much um and being a double minority black and gay just opens up a whole another envelope of of things and it's such a beautiful magazine First of all this is the first copy the first printed So we've been going now about five years This is the first printed copy but we always had a digital And who is this fabulous couple on the on the cover that we call them Dre J But actually it's Andre and Jason They're a couple who got married I think a year before um who uh been supporters of the platform Um And we just wanted to give back to those that have been kind of giving to us And then how do you guys find the couples Are they submitting themselves They actually submit via the website um BT W elevate Michael and I will go through the submissions and we'll reach out to the couples and their photographers to see if the photographers are willing to actually sign the releases because believe it or not we've had a few photographers say no I don't want my my brand associated with your platform or wedding vendors not just photographers but wedding vendors We've had cake bakers uh some wedding planners that didn't want to be associated with uh LGBT Q brand at all That's why we have a directory so that couples can stumble upon our page and also find vendors who believe in equality and you guys had a fabulous wedding What was the the light bulb moment or the aha moment that you guys wanted to do this We got our photos back and we instantly began to like submit our wedding to all these different publications that featured like luxury weddings And um we we presented our pictures to quite a few different places and some did feature our wedding and thought oh this is beautiful And then one particular publication featured our wedding and then we kind of got some really awful comments from some of their followers people who of course don't believe in equality uh and just don't stand for what we stand for And so after that happened to us we noticed that it was a thing that happens all the

time Apparently to uh same gender loving couples After our bad experience we want to take a bad experience and make a good experience Now you guys have kind of added to the platform and so you have youtube channel there's youtube there's tiktok there is of course our IG page which we have a ton of followers there Well June we are celebrating uh with Pride Month Uh Why do you guys feel proud of the work that you've done I think not just in June I think we need to be able to give people the support that they need the emotional support that they need the loving support that they need year round happy pride And of course I cover my face Are you too I say I do to June 4th and pride and here's how we do We hold the unscripted way Hamburger Mary's is an amazing magical place for everyone to come and party Hi I'm Jules Long Beach and excited to welcome you to Hamburger Mary's West Hollywood with all the low down the insights the intrigue and the secrets behind this iconic location It started in the seventies in San Francisco by a magical group of hippies and queers as an open air bar and grill for open minded people And so over the years we've expanded to a ton of franchises Some of our locations had drag in different forms and of course our legendary drag bingo that happens here has been going for 24 years at different spots before they found their home here at Mary's every Tuesday and Wednesday night you can join bingo boy Jeffrey Bowman and Fabulous Diva as they do drag queen bingo And it's all for charity We have fabulous celebrity guests that come in and it's always for a great cause We have so many events throughout the week and of course our weekends are huge for our famous drag brunch We've been going for almost 20 years If you want to come get a leg up on your cocktail game you have to come to hamburger Mary's I think this is real fish It right now well for starters on our appetizers menu we have a sampler platter which is very very popular to get started There's mac and cheese balls which are made in house fried pickles are fresh and made in house tenders fries and onion rings and that kind of gets the party started This is the Proud Mary burger here We got the barbecue bacon There's more Dana There's oh my God says here's the black and blue black and blue and blue Amazing We are a restaurant and everyone is welcome So Hamburger Mary's West Hollywood has been in the heart of we hope and it's really like the home spot We love welcoming in organizations across the board to celebrate their pride with us How are we ever going to eat all this food I have an idea What Queens hamburger Mary's welcomes everyone Whether or not you're in Fabulous drag We have all the party waiting for you June 4th is coming quick How will you celebrate Thank you so much to

heart We hope for having us as KT A is counting down the pride Where will  
we be next You never know but follow the rainbow We'll see you next time