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New Scenery Ahead! Disability Pride Announces the Date of 5th Annual Festival and Launch of New Website.

March 1st, 2017 (*Madison, WI*) - Disability Pride Madison is excited to announce that it will be holding its fifth annual Disability Pride Festival this July 29th Tenney Park. The festival location isn't the only new thing this year – Disability Pride also revealed a new website design as part of its preparation for the festival.

The 5th annual Disability Pride Festival has relocated this year to Tenney Park, near where the Yahara River empties into Lake Mendota. Each year, the festival brings together artists, performers, advocates, and organizations to celebrate the contributions made by people with disabilities to the local community. Well-known local talent such as Tara Ayres, Tani Diakite and the Afrofunkstars, First Wave performers Lewis Elder, and others have graced the stage in previous years. This year we plan to bring back Gaelynn Lea, winner of NPR's Tiny Desk Competition as well as add a new group of performers.

In an effort to grow the group's presence on and offline, the new website promotes connecting the art and activism of Madison with disability art and justice worldwide. By featuring businesses, organizations and events worldwide, Madison's Disability Pride reaches out to sister Disability Pride organizations from Chicago to Amsterdam, their activist brothers and sisters in ADAPT as well as all others with disabilities creating art, whether alone or in cooperative groups.

On the new Disability Pride Madison website, you can reach out to the group, find out about upcoming meetings or events, apply to be an exhibitor or volunteer at the Disability Pride Festival in July. You can also make a donation which goes towards making the festival possible.

Kate Moran, board president of Disability Pride, shared, "For so many years, people with disabilities have competed against each other for pieces of a very small charity pie. We want solidarity between people. The disabilities rights movement has traditionally not put people who were not white, straight and at least middle class at the center of the movement, despite the leadership skills of others. We want a strong inclusive movement."

For more information on Disability Pride of the Disability Pride Festival, visit www.disabilitypridemadison.org or contact Michelle Roach at (920) 723-5571.

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Disability Pride Madison is a group of people with disabilities and their loved ones who advocate for the full appreciation of people with disabilities by society. DPM promotes the art and culture of people with disabilities, disability justice and intra-disability solidarity. They believe that community supports are far cheaper than nursing homes, and fight for nursing home emancipation, meaningful jobs and full social inclusion.