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## Using Union Labor at World Pride 2019

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**Via U.S. and Electronic Mail**

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David Correa, Event Manager  
Heritage of Pride  
154 Christopher Street, Suite 1D  
New York, NY 10014

Dear Mr. Correra:

We are local elected officials representing the West Side of Manhattan. From June 24 through June 30, 2019, New York City expects more than two million visitors to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising as part of a weeklong celebration of World Pride 2019. As part of the official World Wide NYC Celebration there are currently more than fifty (50) events planned, from rallies, to parties to lectures produced by NYC Pride and their official partners throughout New York City. Given the large number of visitors expected and events planned, it is vitally important to protect the safety of those attending as well as the people staging the events. Therefore, we hereby urge Heritage of Pride and their official partners to utilize authorized union labor for the theatrical elements of World Pride 2019 events.

Local 1, headquartered in Hell's Kitchen, is the preeminent stagehand union of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE). Charged with constructing, installing, maintaining and operating lighting and sound equipment, scenery and special effects for stage and musical productions, Local 1 presently has all necessary safety plans and protocols in place to successfully meet the challenges of providing labor and services for World Pride NYC events. Additionally, Local 1 is among the highest-ranked among labor unions in the United States for their adherence to safety and Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. We call on Heritage of Pride to meet with Local 1 to discuss how IATSE can support NYC