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### **Queerbomb 2011 Expresses Austin's "Queer Pride"**

Austin, Texas stands ready for an unprecedented weekend of ecstatic celebration recognizing every unique aspect of the LGBTQIA community with a rally, a procession through downtown Austin, and a bevy of afterparties the weekend of June 3, 2011. Queerbomb began last year as a meeting of minds that evolved into a massive celebration and procession on June 4, 2010, including a Mayoral Proclamation declaring June 4 "Queerbomb Day." Queerbomb is an annual event reclaiming the radical, carnal and transgressive spirit that has always existed in our community, that ignited the Stonewall Rebellion memorialized by Pride Month events across our nation.

Queerbomb has been acknowledged nationally for being part of an emerging movement to reinvigorate the radical underpinnings of what it means to be queer by building grassroots citywide celebrations across the country that do not focus on the heteronormativity and consumerism that "official" Prides too often promote. "We want every segment of our community to feel safe, free, and proud to stand with us," says Queerbomber David Estlund. "It's not just about lesbians and gays. We want the B—we want the T&A (transgendered and allies)! Really, this event is for everyone except those who want to make us disappear." Queerbomb's purpose is to provide a space to celebrate each and every member of our community, to encourage all to embrace the manifold ways we contribute to building a beautiful and diverse society, and is not to decide what is safe for public consumption. "Family friendly?" says Queerbomb organizer Tamicka Phillips, "We ARE family!"

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Queerbomb is a family of LGBTQIA individuals gathering to reclaim the radical, carnal and transgressive lineage of our ever-changing community while celebrating every facet and form of our people as a unique and vibrant whole.

