



HOP NEWS

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PrideWeek: June 22 – 29, 2008

Rapture on the River, the Women's Dance on the Pier

When: 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Saturday, June 28th, 2008
Where: Pier 54, 13th Street and the West Side Highway in Hudson River Park
Who: over 3,000 attendees
What: A dance for women and their friends, and the newest of HOP's Pride Events.

Rapture on the River, in its fifth year and is one of the largest women's dance parties in the city, will feature DJ Susan Levine and live performance by Joi Cardwell.

Award winning DJ, Susan Levine, started her career in Provincetown at Pied Bar in the late 1980's spinning cutting edge dance sets that became the most popular nights on the Cape. Today you will find Susan Levine spinning the big clubs in NYC and on Fire Island. As resident DJ for Cherrys and Sunsets in Cherry Grove, Susan is known for her high energy house vocal sets that have won her the distinction of "Best DJ on Fire Island" in 2006 and 2007. For the last 3 years she has rocked the women of NY at the popular Showtime/ HRC L- Word premiere events, spun GO Magazine's 5th Anniversary party and the HRC Gala 2008.

We are honored to have the wonderful Joi Cardwell performing at Rapture this year. Joi has had major success on the Hot Dance Music/Club Play chart, where she placed eight songs in the top ten between 1995 and 2007. Two of her songs hit number one: "You Got to Pray" in 1996 and "Run to You" in 1997. After releasing *The World is Full of Trouble* (1994) and her self-titled second album *Joi Cardwell* with Eightball Records in 1995, Cardwell left the label and released her third album *Deliverance* on NoMad Records in 1999. Her latest single release "Believe In Us", peaked at #4 on the Hot Dance Music/Club Play during the week of February 3, 2007.

This year, along with our general admission tickets (\$25), Rapture, Heritage of Pride's will offer VIP tickets. Joining with HOP is LoverGirl to make Pier Pressure, their Pride Saturday party at the Chelsea Brewing Company, one of the official after-parties for Rapture. Purchase a VIP ticket for Rapture and magically find yourself just a little way up the boulevard, continuing to get your groove on just a few blocks north of Pier 54. These VIP tickets will cost \$40 and will be available at the door to Rapture as well.

Tickets for Rapture are available at:

Brooklyn Industries – visit NYCpride.org for store locations

**Both general admission and VIP tickets can also be purchased online at www.boxofficetickets.com.

Tickets will also be available at the door to this event.

Kick off your lesbian pride with The Dyke March, then party with all the beautiful women as the sun set shimmers across the NYC skyline and experience the joy of Rapture!

Photo/video opportunities: An aerial platform is provided for photographers and videographers throughout the event by SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT ONLY. Contact the Media Committee for credentials at 212.807.6468 or media@hopinc.org