

MARCH 2019



Dear Center Community,

**PLEASE JOIN** The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach and Arts Council for Long Beach Saturday, March 16th, as we support **Sister Spit** in celebrating its 22nd year on the road. Enjoy an evening of QTPOC spoken word pieces offering works that speak to contemporary issues of race, size, class, gender, and sexuality. This event will feature artists: Juliana Delgado Laopera, Baruch Porras Hernandez, Austin Hernandez, Katie Fricas, Katherine Agard, Cristy C. Road, and Imani Sims.

There will also be a Community Organization Tabling and Gallery Reception where local organizations including **Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition**, **Black Lesbians United**, **Long Beach Time Exchange**, **Economic & Policy Impact Center**, **Long Beach Forward**, our Event Community Partner **Arts Council for Long Beach**, and more will connect with attendees and share information on available resources and engagement with the community.

When: Saturday, March 16th

Where: **Icehouse Arts Complex - 625 W. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA 90813**

Time: 6 - 9PM

Entry: **FREE**

In Solidarity,

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## MARCH EVENTS

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### The 2019 Black & White Ball

Saturday, March 30 at 6PM - 10PM

[Long Beach Convention Center](#)

The Center is proud to present The 6th Annual Black & White Ball. One of the most sought after ticketed charity events in the City, The Black & White Ball presents guests with an evening of elegance and sophistication in the spirit of celebrating the LGBTQ community's many achievements.

If you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email [Mefitihe](#). For those lucky enough to grab tickets, we'll see you March 30!

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## CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Porter Gilberg Competing in SVP LA Fast Pitch!

We invite the community to come support our Executive Director, Porter Gilberg, who will be competing in [Social Venture Partners](#)



### Center Closed March 30th

Please note the Center will be closed on March 30th. Please join us at the Black & White Ball!

**Los Angeles'** Fast Pitch competition for a chance to win up to \$25,000 for the Center. For more information and tickets, visit the [event page!](#)



### The Center Welcomes New Staff!

The Center is delighted to welcome three new staff members:

- Cortney Straughn, Transgender Health Coordinator
- Malik Ensley, Family Services Coordinator
- Mariham Iskander, Senior Services Coordinator



### New Grief Group Hours

The Grief Group, a focused, short-term group that provides support for LGBTQ adults that are grieving the death of an adult loved one is moving meeting times to the second Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-6:30pm. For information about the group, please contact the Center.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS



### Queer Brunch Pop-Up- March 24

**Nick Kacy Footwear** is hosting the first ever Queer Brunch Pop-Up at **Salon Benders'** in Long Beach on March 24 from 11am-6pm. This fun event will be filled with music, food, drinks, vendors and resources for our community, by our community! For more information, visit the [Facebook](#) page.



### Lez Do Brunch- March 16

Lez Do Brunch is back in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Join them on Saturday, March 16th from 11am-4pm. The event will include Bottomless Mimosas and a Local Farm-to-Table brunch menu with a little bit of something for everyone, and much more! For more information, visit the [Facebook](#) page.



# POLY GATHERING LONG BEACH



## Poly Gathering Long Beach Meetup

The Center will be hosting Poly Gathering Long Beach. If you are curious about this lifestyle, or have questions about your current relationship, this is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, many of whom are available for advice, support and just plain fun. To join, visit the [Meetup](#) page.

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