

AN OFFICIAL STONEWALL 25 EVENT

<b>INTERNATIONAL STONEWALL BALL</b>
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A GLOBAL DRAG EXTRAVAGANZA

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To: Members of the Imperial Court

From: Coco LaChine, National Co-Chair

Date: April 11, 1994

Re: International Stonewall Ball  
June 24, 1994 - New York City

New York City will be the center of the international gay and lesbian community this coming June as we celebrate the **25th anniversary of Stonewall**, considered the turning point of the modern day gay and lesbian liberation movement. On that fateful day 25 years ago, drag queens, bull dykes, leathermen and others who were at the Stonewall Bar decided that they had enough and fought back the police who had been harassing gays and lesbians for too long. Now, 25 years later, we must not let those who do not agree, push drag queens to the side as politically incorrect and remind them that we were on the forefront of the struggle that led us to where we are today.

It is in this spirit and the spirit of celebrating who we are that the **International Stonewall Ball** came about. It is important that a major event which celebrates and acknowledges the contributions of the drag/transgender community has been recognized by the Stonewall 25 Committee as an official event. The **International Stonewall Ball** is the only official drag/transgender event slated for the weekend.

I would like to personally ask your help in making sure that this event is a huge success and also raise money to help **Stonewall 25** undertake the monumental task of making the march to the United Nations, one of the most important civil right marches in our lifetime.

Enclosed you will find a flyer for the ball. We urge you to invite all your friends to come to this event, not only because of its importance, but because it will be the most glamorous, glittering, and fun event for the weekend. As an incentive, if you are able to sell a full table of ten and pay by **May 15**, we will offer you a 10% discount (10 tickets for the price of 9). There is no limit to the number of tables you can sell and take advantage of this incentive program.

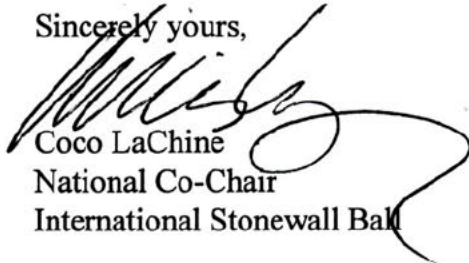
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Also enclosed is an advertising form for the program journal for the evening. As a thank you gesture for your help and for being a member, we will pay a commission of 15% for every ad you bring in to the Imperial Court of New York. After the recent success of the advertising journal for the Night of a Thousand Gowns, I am confident that you will be able to generate a lot of ads for an event as important as this. Remember, **deadline for the ads is also May 15**. Please make as many copies of this form as you need.

Finally, we would also like to invite you to nominate someone you know for the prestigious **Stonewall 25 DIVA Awards**, which will be given out during the festivities. A nomination form is provided for you. You may also make as many copies of this form as you need and you may also nominate yourself if you wish. **Deadline for submission of nominations for the DIVA Awards is May 20th**.

Thank you in advance for your help. It is only with help from people like you that will make this ball the success that it deserves. We look forward to seeing you and your friends at what we hope will be the event of the year. Thank you for helping us make history.

Sincerely yours,



Coco LaChine  
National Co-Chair  
International Stonewall Ball

Note: If you are interested in volunteering and serving on committees for the ball, or if you have friends who would like to do so, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

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