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Imperial Queen Allyson Allante royally atop the 1969 Cadillac convertible "Stonewall Car" with Imperial King Farrell Armstrong at the helm (in Hollywood shades). Also on board is Imperial Doctor Bennie Jett. You can see all of the aforementioned---and a lot more---at "Stonewall Remembered: The Transgender Rebellion" at The Gay Center on Thurs., June 16 @ 7:00 p.m. sponsored by G.I.P. and co-sponsored by I.Q.N.Y., M.G.N., Etc. The "Stonewall Car" will be on view at the end of "Candlelight Procession".

UP-COMING EVENTS FEATURING THE IMPERIAL QUEENS OF NY

- Fri., June 3** **I.Q.N.Y.** "Anniversary" Meeting at *The Gay Community Center* with the **1969 Stonewall Car** in front of the building, adorned with our blue and white banners. **T/S guest speaker!** Telephone: [REDACTED] (24 hrs. / 7 days)
- Sun., June 5** Queens (County) Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade, sponsored by Q-GLU. Telephone: **718-639-4951** for details.
- Sun., June 12** Long Island Gay Pride Parade in Huntington, LI, sponsored by Long Island Pride Committee. Telephone: **516-579-6382** for more "411" on their **4th** annual event.
- Thurs., June 16** "The Forgotten Stonewall: Remembering The Transgender Rebellion" @ *The Gay Center* @ 7:00 P.M. An evening to remember, honor and celebrate D/Q's, T/S's and the entire C/D population. Networking, tabling, entertainment, speeches, refreshments, and commemoration **Candlelight Procession** to be led by Queen Allyson Allante and **YVONNE RITTER**---from *The Center* to the **Stonewall** @ 9:00 P.M. For further info, call **DR. BARBARA WARREN** @ [REDACTED].
- Sat., June 18** Premier of "Stonewall" theatrical outdoor show at **Pier 25!** *Call En Garde Arts* @ **212-941-9793** for tickets. This presentation bases a lead character on the life of Stonewall vet **WILLIAMSON HENDERSON**.
- Sat., June 18** "Opening Ceremonies" for Gay Games IV at Columbia Univ. Telephone Hotline: **212-633-9494**.
- Mon., June 20** *The Gay Community Center's* "11th Annual Garden Party" at 5:30 P.M. throughout the evening. All of W. 13th St. (from 7th Ave. to Greenwich Ave.) will get closed off. **I.Q.N.Y.** will have a table! Phone: **212-620-7310** for further "411".
- Sat., June 25** "Transgender Caucus" sponsored by **METROPOLITAN GENDER NETWORK** w/**I.Q.N.Y.** representation at the Int'l Action Center, 39 West 14th St. @ **3:00 P.M.** Call (LADY) **LYNN WALKER** @ [REDACTED]
- Sun., June 26** "Stonewall 25" International March to the United Nations. Telephone: **212-626-"6925"** for updates.
- Fri., July 1** **I.Q.N.Y.** "Stonewall" Monthly Social Meeting at *The Gay Community Center*, with **G.L.A.A.D.** guest speaker, **DONNA RED WING**, Nat'l Chapter Coordinator.
- Mon., July 4** "Imperial Queens Independence Dinner" with a truly royal, imperial affair at **ONE IF BY LAND RESTAURANT**.

From the Royal, Gaye Archives of the I.Q.N.Y.....

Imperial[☆]Queens of NEW YORK

"SONGS OF THE STONEWALL"[©] -- JUNE 1969

• No Matter What Sign You Are

6/w The Young Folks.....Diana Ross & The Supremes (Mary & Cindy)

• More Today Than Yesterday.....Spiral Staircase

• Stand! 6/w I Want To Take You Higher.....Sly & The Family Stone

• Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In.....Marilyn McCoo & The Fifth Dimension

• My Way.....Frank Sinatra

• It's Your Thing 6/w I Turned You On.....The Isley Brothers

• Before The Parade Passes By (from "Hello Dolly").....Barbra Streisand

• Don't Let The Joneses Get You Down.....The Temptations

• The More I See You (1966, re-released 1969).....Chris Montez

• (We've Got) Honey Love.....Martha Reeves & The Vandellas

• Romeo & Juliet Theme.....Henry Mancini Orchestra

• What Does It Take To Win Your Love.....Jr. Walker & The All Stars

• Grazin' In The Grass.....The Friends of Distinction

• Too Busy Thinking About My Baby.....Marvin Gaye

• Crystal Blue Persuasion.....Tommy James & The Shondells

• This Is My Life.....Shirley Bassey

• Don't Bring Back Memories.....The Four Tops

• Good Morning Starshine (from "Hair").....Oliver

• You Came, You Saw, You Conquered.....Ronnie Spector & The Ronettes

• My Cherie Amour.....Stevie Wonder

• Oh, Happy Day.....Hawkins Gospel Singers

• Get Back (Jo Jo).....Paul McCartney & The Beatles

• The Nitty Gritty.....Gladys Knight & The Pips

• In The Ghetto.....Elvis Presley

• Good Lovin' Ain't Easy To Come By.....Tammi Terrell & Marvin Gaye

• Twenty-Five Miles.....Edwin Starr

• Nothin' But A Heartache (Every Day).....The Flirtations (the real girls)

• Only The Strong Survive.....Jerry Butler

• Destination Anywhere.....The Marvelettes

• Black Pearl.....Sonny Charles & The Checkmates

• Put A Little Love In Your Heart.....Jackie deShannon

• One.....Three Dog Night

• You've Made Me So Very Happy (1967, re-issued 1969).....Brenda Holloway

• Everybody's Talkin' (from "Midnight Cowboy").....Harry Nilsson

• The Windmills of Your Mind.....Dusty Springfield

• Abraham, Martin, John & Bobby.....Smokey Robinson & The Miracles

• While You're Out Looking For Sugar.....The Honey Cone

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popular Gay hits

- *Black-Skin, Blue-Eyed Boys*.....The Equals
- *It's My Thing*.....Marva Whitney
- *The River Is Wide*.....The Grass Roots
- *With Pen In Hand*.....Vicki Carr
- *Message From A Black Man*.....The Spinners
- *Share Your Love With Me*.....Aretha Franklin
- *Everyday With You, Girl*.....Classics IV (on Imperial Records)
- *It's Getting Better*....."Mama" Cass Elliott
- *Sissy Strut*.....The Meters
- *I'd Rather Be An Old Man's Sweetheart (Than A Young Man's Fool)*
.....Candi Staton

perennial favorites (in The STONEWALL jukebox):

- *Tighten-Up* (1968/1969).....Archie Bell & The Drells
- *Valley of The Dolls* (1968).....Dionne Warwick
- *This Guy's In Love With You* (1968).....Herb Alpert
- *Love Makes A Woman* (1967).....Barbara Acklin
- *There Will Never Be Another You* (1966, reissued 1969).....Chris Montez
- *River Deep, Mountain High* (1966, reissued 1969).....Tina Turner (w/Ike)
- *Strangers In The Night* (1966-1969).....Frank Sinatra
- *These Boots Are Made For Walking* (1966).....Nancy Sinatra
- *Needle In A Haystack* (1965).....The Velvelettes
- *My Guy* (1964-1969).....Mary Wells
- *Heat Wave* (1963).....Martha Reeves & The Vandellas
- *Where The Boys Are* (1960-1969, forever).....Connie Francis
- *What A Wonderful World* (1949/1959/1969/etc.).....Louis Armstrong
- *Over The Rainbow* (1939, reissued 23 June '69).....Judy Garland

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The "Songs of The STONEWALL", © created, prepared, composed and styled by the renowned Williamson Henderson and published by the Imperial Queens of New York & Long Island, have been catalytic gems yet a mostly over-looked Gay history subject---until now! These STONEWALL Era songs of the Gay Community are a historical, social and cultural--besides musical--factor. There was even a (non-recorded) "STONEWALL Girls" song with Rockettes-type choreography.

The Black Civil Rights Movement had the verbal "sounds" of MLK, Jr., Malcom X., Et Al. Rock 'n' Roll had ELVIS, THE BEATLES, THE STONES, JANIS JOPLIN and JIMI HENDRIX. By the way, only one of those five fit in with the Gays---surprise, ELVIS! The Gay Revolution had the "sugar 'n' spice" of MARTHA REEVES & THE VANDELLAS ("We've Got Honey Love"); the determination and pride of SHIRLEY BASSEY's belter anthem, "This Is My Life"; the Gay comradery of THE FRIENDS OF DISTINCTION ("Grazin' In The Grass") and the classic, upbeat romanticism of CHRIS (androgenous) MONTEZ ("Time After Time").

The Gay Rights explosion (a "Chain Reaction") also had the fun 'n' dance yet thoughtful, provoking and inspiring sounds of **DIANA ROSS** (every **Queen's** idol & most **King's** ideal) & **THE SUPREMES** w/ their "(You Better Make Way For) The Young Folks", a national flipside favorite and youth anthem which popularized by first being played in the Gay clubs. **BARBRA STREISAND**, fresh from winning an upset "Oscar" in March 1969 for the prior year's Gay favorite, "**Funny Girl**", followed up with "**Hello Dolly**" being previewed in June 1969 and the radio promotional record of "**Before The Parade Passes By**". An instant anthem (even more symbolic each year since) for Gay People. Of course, **THE STONEWALL** jukebox had it. Ironically, 25 years later, **Barbra** is performing in Manhattan during "**STONEWALL 25**".

Incredible, multi-gender and multi-racial **SLY & THE FAMILY STONE**--always hot in the Gay clubs (ask his protege, **PRINCE**)---was perhaps the most all-encompassing, unifying, gritty and barrier-breaking maestros with their Gay-oriented "stand-up/fight back" anthem, "**Stand!**". With a pounding dance beat and timeless "act-up" lyrics like, "**Stand, in the end you'll still be you, one who's done all the things you've set out to do**" and "**There's a midget standing tall and the giant beside him about to fall**", how could a Gay Revolution not have occurred in 1969?! A quarter of a century later, "**Stand!**" is still a "Gay Power" rally. Ask "**Act-Up!**"

Astrologically-speaking, **THE STONEWALL** Era was in the heat of "**The Age of Aquarius**"---whether you were into The Zodiacs or not. "**Hair**" was the #1 Broadway show. **The Fifth Dimension's** medley record of "**Aquarius**" and "**Let The Sunshine In**" was from "**Hair**" and it was very #1---everywhere around The World. **Oliver** (the singer), fruity British import and obviously Gay, made it to "numero uno" with his "**Good Morning Starshine**". Supremely speaking, **DIANA ROSS & THE** (super duper) **SUPREMES** appropriately had the #1 song at **THE STONEWALL** when it was raided on Friday nite, June 26, 1969. The song was about astrological signs (all are chanted in the background). The song was gaily interpreted as very "boy-lookin'-for-boy/boy-gettin'-boy" aggressive as **Ms. ROSS** declared "**No Matter What Sign You Are (You're Gonna Be Mine, You Are)**". To say the least---along with its groovy, bump 'n' grind beat---it provided meet-someone-new confidence to even the shyest Gay guy---or gal!

Reflecting upon and reviewing the "**Songs of THE STONEWALL**" and recognizing that these songs were played there---and at most Gay clubs throughout the nation ---constantly and with the emphasizing ingredients of dancing and singing to them, the message of the music was a powerful catalyst for change. Even the titles were self-explanatory: individualistic "**It's Your Thing (Do What You Want To Do)**"; romantically aggressive "**(I Love You) More Today Than Yesterday (But Not As Much As Tomorrow)**"; economic reality advisory "**Don't Let The Joneses Get You Down**"; social peace advisory "**Put A Little Love In Your Heart**"; psychological strength advisory "**Only The Strong Survive**"; political change advisory "**Crystal Blue Persuasion**"; even a religious spiritual, "**Oh, Happy Day**", and, of course, **Ol' Blue Eyes** be proud/be different/be yourself inspiration, "**My Way**", the eternal anthem.

Unfortunately, there are no real Gay-oriented songs in the 1990's. Worse yet, Gay People (and their non-Gay counterparts) basically do not even ask each other to dance anymore. Fortunately, there are the timeless "**Songs of The STONEWALL**", which do and must live, sing and dance on (and on and on)....."Imperially Yours",

Queen ALLYSON ANN ALLANTE

("Someday We'll Be Together", 1969, remixed 1994!)

"NO MATTER WHAT SIGN YOU ARE"

Written by Berry Gordy, Jr. (especially for Diana Ross)

As Recorded by Diana Ross & The Supremes on Motown Records, M-1048, released 1969



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Please Attend the Next
Social & Business

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of The
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on

Friday, June 3rd

@ 8:30 p.m.

at The Gay & Lesbian
Community Services Center
208 West 13 St.

(bet. 7th & 8th Aves.)

Greenwich Village, NY

Special Buffet & Refreshments
(admission: \$2. for The Center)

I. Q. N. Y.'s
"Miss June '94"
Guest Speaker:
Lady Lynn
Walker

of
"STONEWALL 25"

(Anniversary Committee of
Gay Rights Movement)

Hi-Lites of Encore Presentation:

- ★ Cultural perspectives
- ★ Gay Rights Rebellion June '69
- ★ Transgenderists as integral part
of Gay Worldwide Community
- ★ Need for support/volunteers
- ★ Celebration of past & present
- ★ Planned social events
- ★ Up-coming rally in Central Park
- ★ Question and answer session

Imperial Queens of New York (& Long Isle)

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Manhattan, NY 10011



THE FORGOTTEN STONEWALL: REMEMBERING THE TRANSGENDER REBELLION

An evening to *remember, honor and celebrate*
the drag, transexual, bigender, transvestite, transgender and
crossgender participation in the Stonewall Rebellion
that now marks the beginning of the modern
lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender liberation movement.



♥ 7 PM: WELCOME AND REFRESHMENTS

Opening, memorable "STONEWALL" vet monologue relating the
actual experience by WILLIAMSON HENDERSON V.

♦ 7-8 PM: NETWORKING AND TABLING BY GENDER ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS



A table set-up will be established by the IMPERIAL QUEENS
among other reputable transgender organizations.



♣ 8-9:30 PM: SPEECHES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Music, dance & song by BLACK LIPS and other entertainers.
Speeches of relevance and culture by LYNDIA FRANK of TRI-ESS
and BARBARA FORTUNE of GIRLS" NIGHT OUT, among others

♠ 9:30PM: STONEWALL COMMEMORATION

AND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION TO STONEWALL PLACE



Sidewalk, candlelight procession led by Queen
ALLYSON ANN ALLANTE, President of the IMPERIAL
QUEENS OF NY & LI along with YVONNE RITTER, now
a G.I.P. volunteer.

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

WHERE: NETWORK ROOM, 3RD FLOOR

LESBIAN AND GAY COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER(212-620-7310)

208 WEST 13TH STREET, WEST OF 7TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY



THIS EVENT IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE GENDER IDENTITY PROJECT OF THE CENTER, TRI-ESS SOCIETY FOR
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WOMAN/GIRL'S NIGHT OUT, RENAISSANCE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, THE FRATERNITY.

Thursday, June 16, 1994 @ 7:30 pm