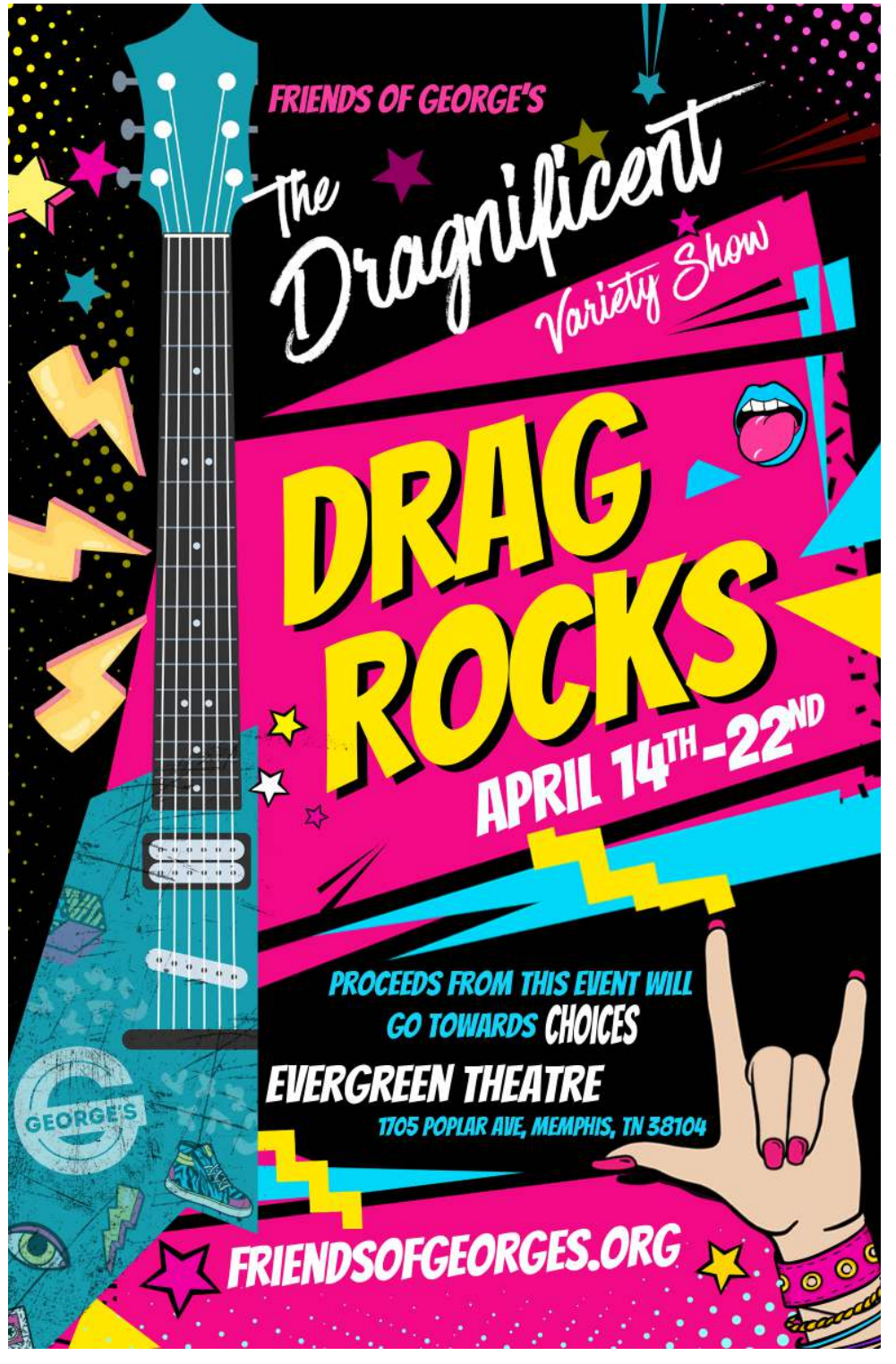
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Greg Hollis Chance X Bela D'Ball Aubrey Ombre
Phyllis Feathers Greg Hammond
BeBe Bliss Jane Parks David Winter

Written by
Friends of George's
with Tracey Kennedy

Stage Manager
Jennifer Murry-Rodley

Lighting
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Cast

Will Ryder is the King of the Castle and has been performing for over 14 years now in his hometown of Memphis, Tennessee. He is the host of The Dynasty nights - a Drag King troupe in Memphis that he put together in 2016. He has a wide range of performing capabilities. He can make you laugh, cry and want to get up and dance. He is also known for his cool shoes and always being the King of a Bling!! This guy can do it all!! If you see him on a flyer be sure to go check out the show!! He would like to thank Friends of George's for all the love and support over the years and the chance to hit the stage with some of the beloved Queens and Kings of Memphis!

Brenda Newport is excited to be back for her third Friends of George's production. Making her debut with the group in Dragnificant: Gay Ole Opry, she's ready to do it again! Brenda Newport is a drag performer working in Memphis for the last 4 years. She's a bubbly gal with a passion for camp and pop music. She's the addiction you just can't quit and is ready to rock!

Sandy Kozik (aka Bela d'Ball) is a retired arts education administrator and sometimes actor. He has performed with Playhouse on the Square, Theatre Memphis, Voices of the South and in another life, he spent ten years touring with the Clyde Beatty/Cole Bros. Circus as a clown. This is his ninth show with Friends of Georges and he loves getting to play with this troupe of zany creative minds.

Aubrey Ombre is returning for her second Friends of George's show. A regular Memphis entertainer, she has been wowing audiences since 2010 and is a former Miss Dru's Place, Mid-South Pride, and she is currently serving as Miss Gay Memphis and was named Entertainer of the Year by Focus Magazine. She loves to perform and give back to the community that has supported her on her journey.

Chance X (various) - is extremely excited to be a part of his first Dragnificent with Friends of Geroge's! The first ever winner of local competition, Rainbow Rumble, Chance loves to dazzle and push the boundary of performance art! Catch him locally and follow his socials to stay up-to-date on the Xperience! @hichancex

Phyllis is delighted to return to the George's stage for the third time with this remarkable cast & crew. I'm continually left in awe witnessing their grace, compassion, courage, and talent. Thank you all for welcoming this old gal with open arms. I've learned so much from each of you. I love who you are and what you represent Drag is a creative force. Drag is a joyful expression. Drag is a political statement. Drag is a celebration of love. Drag is many things. But drag is not a crime.

David is a complete fan girl for the Friends of George's gals. There is no greater experience than that of watching them write, choreograph, produce, build sets, and direct these shows. David is returning for his third Friends of George's production.

Fantasia Bordeaux is a graduate of Christian Brothers University. She is an LGBTQ+ Advocate and has been a Memphis entertainer for over 25 yrs. She is a former Miss Black Continental and Miss Gay Memphis. She believes in giving back to her community, supporting and uplifting her LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters in their journey through life, being a positive role model, and a voice for change.

Allysun Wunderland is a local performer and emcee. She is also currently serving on the board of Friends Of George's and is a member of Pegasus. When she is not on the Evergreen Stage, you can catch Allysun hosting and performing for other non-profit groups including Memphis Pets Alive, Pegasus, and Friends for Life.

Camille Collins is super excited to be returning to the FOG stage. The longtime Memphis entertainer has been involved with FOG since nearly the beginning. She would like to thank her canine children, Lulu and Dexter for their constant love and support during these creative ventures..

Greg Hammond is excited to return to the stage with Friends of George's with this production. Greg previously appeared alongside his husband, Bruce Bui, in Friends of Georges 2021 production of Georges Truck Stop and Drag bar, playing a trucker and the Sheriff. Greg would like to thank the Friends of Georges members for their support and encouragement this past year and their invitation to join them in this production.

BeBe Bliss has been hard at work trying to decipher all these silly new laws in Tennessee. And she keeps asking one fundamental question: if drag is a crime, then why does she look SO DAMN GOOD?! You could either help BeBe make it make sense OR you could spend your time more wisely by getting involved with the Tennessee Equality Project, OUTMemphis, or any cause working to ensure that LGBTQIA+ voices are not silenced. Now, let's glitter and be gay!

Jane Parks is happy to have been invited back to perform in her third Friends of George's production. Jane has really enjoyed watching how dedicated everyone is with Friends of George's and is honored to be a part of this wonderful group of people.

Gregory Hollis is thankful to be working with the troupe once again. Gregory has helped coordinate two shows at Horseshoe Tunica Casino starring the Friends of Georges. "Thanks all for coming tonight, even though I'm in the show!"

Picture it, Memphis, TN, circa 2007-2008. A little homosexual boy decided he wanted to see what he looked as a lady. Little did I know, that itch couldn't have just been cleared with a little cream or a pill. My fans needed me! This glamour hoe had made her mark. It turned into 10 or so years of entertaining in Memphis and surrounding areas including being a part of several Dragnificent and George's Truck Stop shows. After a solid run of entertaining in multiple different bars and venues, the time was come to hang the heels up. A lot happened in that semi-retirement period though, I met my amazing husband and we have built a beautiful life together. After so many years of suppressing the itch of drag, I couldn't take it anymore….After a 7ish year hiatus, the ol gal is back y'all!! Older and more decrepit, yet still serving it up!

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This year, a sweeping trend of dangerous, anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation has rapidly passed into law nationwide. One is the bigoted, anti-drag bill, which infringes on free speech and attempts to censor and criminalize drag and non-conforming gender expression. This bigoted anti-drag law, approved by Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, was originally set to take effect on April 1, until Friends of George's intervened.

FOG takes action

In late March, the Friends of George's board of directors decided to take a stand against this unjust law by filing a suit against the state in federal court citing that the law would cause harm to our organization while also creating a chilling effect across the entire LGBTQIA+ community.

Hours before the law was set to take effect, a judge issued a 14-day temporary restraining order, which has since been extended through May 26. Friends of George's is set to head to court on May 22 to state our case.
This TRO and its subsequent extension represents a first win against this bad law for all drag performers across Tennessee and our entirely volunteer-driven theatre company.

What FOG does

Since 2011, Friends of George's has produced original, drag-centric performances, comedy sketches, and plays. Each production raises thousands of dollars for other Mid-South organizations that support or affirm the LGBTQIA+ population.
As a registered 501(c)(3) organization, Friends of George's needs your support off the stage and onto the front lines of this legal fight. We have received international media attention – (it's been wild!) because of our effort and anticipate incurring expenses - from legal to security - as we continue this journey of activism.

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