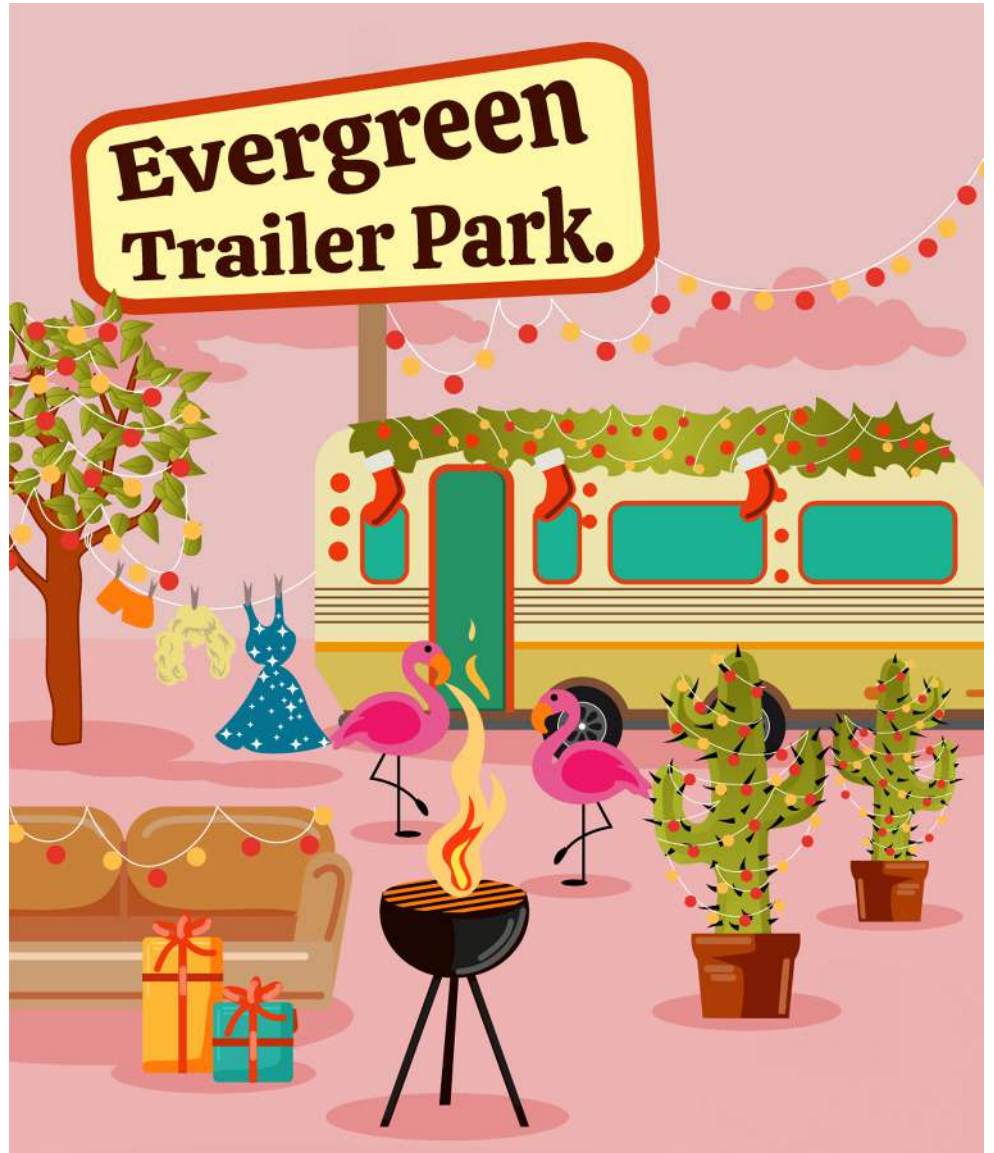

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Cast

Goldie Dee Collins is elated to be back on the FOG stage.

Oh lord, Goldie is back onstage....

Brenda Newport (she/her) is the addiction you just can't quit! With a cackle that can be heard from miles away, she draws you into her world of mesmerizing enchantment. Once you've experienced the magic of Brenda Newport, you'll find it impossible to resist her charms. She's so happy to be back for another Friends of George's production! So get ready to surrender to your favorite addiction and embrace the unforgettable journey that awaits in her glamorous world!

I'm Aubrey Ombre, i am a dedication member of this community and 13 year veteran of the drag community. I've been doing activist/volunteer work in the community since 2003. I'm a former Miss MGLCC, Miss Mid-South Pride, Miss Dru's Place, Mid-South Pride's Volunteer of the year, Currently Miss Gay Memphis 2019, former Mid-South Pride's Grand Marshal, Fab award Entertainer of the year. Hoping to make a difference in the community one day at a time.

Alex Carpenter has been an active member of the Memphis Queer community for 15+ years, making her debut as drag king Macc Onner at Dru's Place in 2011. A proud representative of the Coxxx family, Macc had the *Onner* of serving as Mr. Misster Memphis 2015 and Mister Mid-South Pride 2016. She joined Friends of George's and Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group, performing at Evergreen Theatre, TheatreWorks on the Square, and other venues throughout our artful city. She's excited to join the fabulous family cast for another Friends of George's production!

A recent transplant from the Midwest, this is Bob's first time performing with The Friends of George's. Known in Memphis burlesque circles as "Alley Cat(because of his love for bowling) Bob's brand of slightly warped, comedic poetry is often paired with playing different characters, singing , dancing and occasionally joining his talented wife Jatziry in some creative sketches. Bob says special thanks to a couple of Memphis Treasures, Angela Sargent and Kevin "Papa Chubb" Tucker for giving him the opportunity to perform and express his creativity.

Jennifer Murry-Rodley is a Friends of George's Board member and has volunteered with the organization for over a decade. She usually holds the position of Stage Manager, but she just can't stay away from performing. Even though the crown was stolen from her, she is beyond proud to be raising money for Love Doesn't Hurt. Happy Holidays Y'all!!!

Fantasia Bordeaux (Sofonda Tuna) 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 (Mary Kay) is a local performer and emcee who has appeared in every FREINDS OF GEORGE'S productions and is thrilled to be returning again. When not on the Evergreen stage Allysun is long time board member of FOG and also chairman of the board of THE MYSTIC KREWE OF PEGASUS. Other stage credits include THE BREAK-UP SHOW 2023 .

Greg Hammond is exited to return to the stage with Friends of George's Trailer Park Christmas. This will be Greg's sixth production with Friends of George's, having previously appeared in George's Truck Stop and Drag Bar, Gay Ole Opry, A Wunderland Holiday, Dragnificent Rock, and Drag Boat. It's has always been fun to be in their productions and I would like to thank the Friends of Georges members for their support and encouragement. And can you believe it, my 6th show in row with them and they have yet to put me in a dress.

Jane Pratt Parks (Dawn) (Assistant Stage Manager) (Prop Master) joyfully joins Friends of George's holiday escapades as Dawn in An Evergreen Christmas at the Trailer Park. Other favorite past roles include Otis in George's Truck Stop, Ethel in The Drag Boat, and the nameless video production assistant in Drag Rocks. Jane lives by the motto of, "Fill your life with adventures, not things."

Diane Thornton returns as Drag Droppings once again. Forever grateful to Camille, Gina and Allison for letting me join the fun all those years ago. #Onward

Since this past spring and throughout our journey fighting a successful First Amendment case on behalf of drag performers and the LGBTQIA+ community, Friends of George's has been fortunate to receive unsolicited support from many entities and organizations across the country. Our theatre company humbly thanks these cherished partners for hosting fundraisers, providing counsel and expertise, recognizing our work, and for standing in solidarity with Friends of George's.

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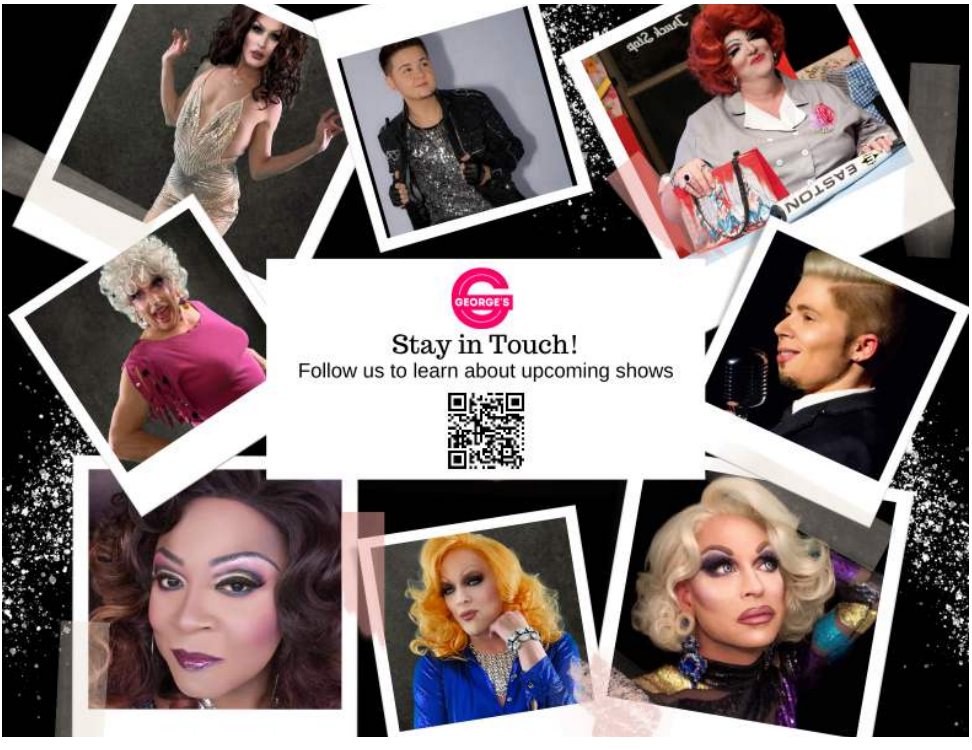

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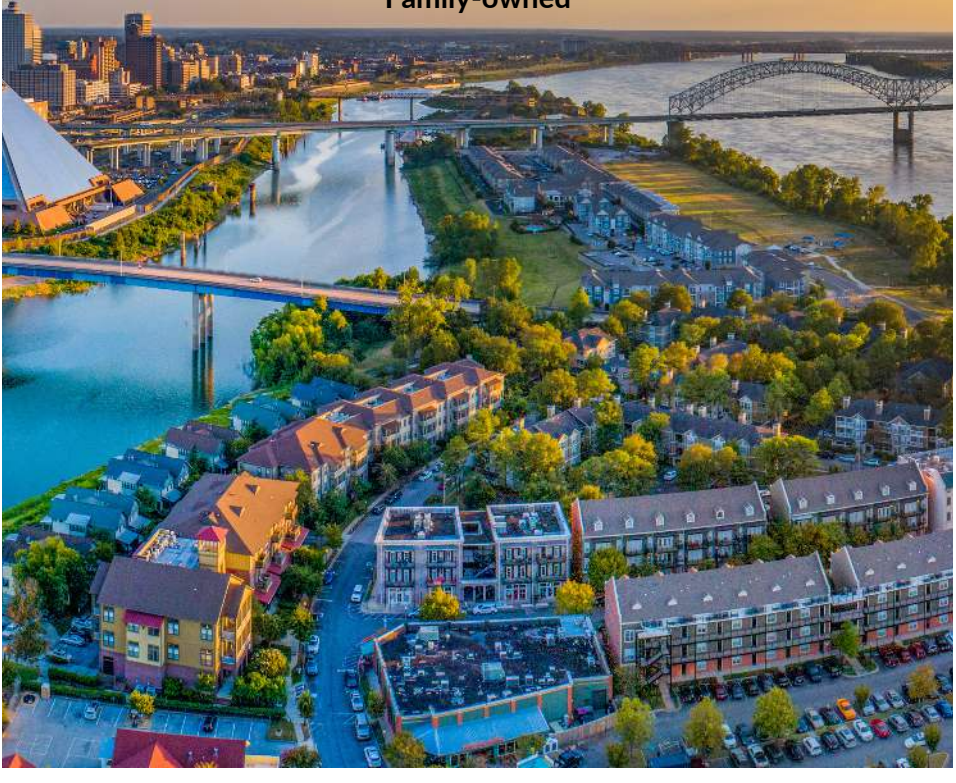

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Friends of George's Legal Update & Campaign

Since 2011, Friends of George's has produced original, drag-centric performances, comedy sketches, and plays. Every camp-filled production raises thousands of dollars for other Mid-South organizations that support and affirm the LGBTQIA+ population.

On June 2nd, Friends of George's won its lawsuit against Tennessee when a federal judge struck down a law banning drag performances across the state. The court deemed the anti-drag law to be unconstitutional as it violated rights granted by the First Amendment. Friends of George's immensely thanks its generous attorneys: Brice Timmons, Melissa Stewart, their colleagues at the Donati Law Firm and elsewhere for their counsel, tireless dedication, and unwavering allyship. (They're loyal and royal!)

Friends of George's case has since been cited in legal victories nationwide against states that tried to silence the LGBTQ+ community by suppressing free speech. Thus far, constitutional liberties, queer people and allies have prevailed over bigotry.

Since dabbling into the courtroom, our entirely volunteer-driven theatre company has been fortunate to receive recognition, awareness, and support from around the world. Recent honors include receiving the 2023 Defender Award from the Dramatists Legal Defense Fund and the Dramatists Guild of America, being named a 2023 NOW Awards honoree by Condé Nast's them magazine, and being invited to perform and kick off Pride month at the Stonewall Inn in New York City. (Pride is still a protest, ya'll.)

The Friends of George's case is now under review by the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals as the state of Tennessee filed an appeal. Because of this, our legal journey is not yet over, and any additional support is welcome and appreciated as we continue this fight.

As a registered 501(c)(3) organization, Friends of George's humbly appreciates your expressions of generosity by making a donation, buying merchandise, volunteering, or by spreading the word about our company, our mission, and our productions. Thank you for being a Friend of George's!!

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