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Fantasia Fair Donations to Support P-Town History

Pilgrim Monument & Provincetown Museum to benefit...

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Continuing their tradition of giving back to their home away from home, the organizers of the Fantasia Fair conference have selected the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum (the PMPM) as the benefactor of their annual fund-raising efforts.

Dallas Denny, Chair of the Board of Directors of Real Life Experience, Inc., the organization that puts on the conference, was delighted to make this announcement. "The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum does a lot to help people understand significant events in American history. Being the first transgender conference in the world, Fantasia Fair is part of that history, so it was important for us to help them with their continuing mission."

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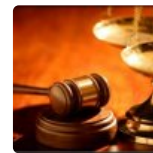
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Ms. Denny continues "We really appreciate how the town welcomes us each year so we try to say 'thank you' whenever we can. One way we show our appreciation is by helping various Provincetown charity and civic organizations. Over the years, we have raised over \$60,000 for organizations that serve the people of Provincetown and Cape Cod. We have made contributions to the town library, the local police department, an AIDS support group, a woman's shelter, the local soup kitchen, a senior services group, a summer camp for LGBT youth, and we helped buy the fire department a life-saving defibrillator. The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum is a natural fit for our efforts."

K. David Weidner, Ph.D., Executive Director of The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, was thrilled with the announcement. "This is really exciting news" Dr. Weidner commented. "This donation will help us carry out our mission of commemorating the history of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims, collecting and preserving historical materials, and maintaining the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. The donation will also continue to allow us to open our doors by providing educational programming and social events to bring the community together."

The cornerstone of Fair's fund-raising efforts is an annual cabaret & talent show, which will next take place on Friday, October 20th at the Crown & Anchor. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. In addition, all the performers that night will donate all tips to our fundraising efforts.

For additional information on The Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, you can reach them at (508) 487-1310 or on the Internet at www.pilgrim-monument.org.

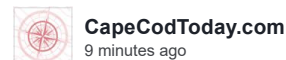
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Fantasia Fair is a week-long transgender event that attracts people from the entire range of the LGBTI community. Started in 1975, "Fan Fair" is the longest-running annual gathering of transgender persons for mutual education, support, collaboration and socializing. This year, Fantasia Fair's 43rd year in Provincetown, attendees came from all over the United States as well as from Canada, England, Norway, and Australia. Speakers at this year's conference included well known celebrities in the transgender world, including: Mara Keisling, founder and Executive Director of NCTE, the National Center for Transgender Equality; Lana Moore, Vice Chair for GLAAD; Dr. Elena Long, an Assistant Professor of Physics at the University of New Hampshire; and Gwen Smith, founder of the Remembering Our Dead project and the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The 2017 Fantasia Fair will take place again in Provincetown from October 15 – 22. For more information about the Fantasia Fair conference, please visit www.fantasiafair.org.



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