



NGLTF 2007 Winter Party Festival Prepares to Heat Up South Beach

February 28–March 5: Miami Beach, FL

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Tickets for the 14th Annual Winter Party Festival, which will be held in Miami Beach, Florida, from February 28 through March 5, 2007, are now on sale at www.winterparty.com.

The six-day celebration, produced by the **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**, features dance parties at some of the most popular nightclubs in South Beach and downtown Miami, as well as an expanding line-up of cultural events and programming for specific segments of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. The climax of the Festival is Winter Party Beach Party, which will bring over 5400 attendees to an outdoor dance on the sands of South Beach on Sunday, March 4. More than 10,000 people from across the country and around the globe are expected to attend at least one Winter Party Festival event.

In keeping with the 2007 theme "Beyond Borders", the Task Force has assembled a line-up of DJs from six countries that reads like a "Who's Who" of international spin talent: **Kate Monroe** (Australia); **Dudu Marquez** (Brazil); **Pagano** (Italy); **David S** (Taiwan); **Wayne G** and **Luke Johnston** (UK); and **Abel, Roland Belmares, Twisted Dee, Eddie Elias, Joe Gauthreaux, Manny Lehman, Tony Moran, Pride, Kimberly S** and **Michael Tank** (USA).

The DoubleTree Surfcomber at 1717 Collins Avenue will once again serve as the Festival's host hotel and the site of the Under One Sun Pool Party on Saturday, March 3. The hotel is offering discounted rates for Festival guests who reserve their rooms prior to January 29. Surfcomber guests receive two complimentary tickets per room to the Pool Party.

Two-thirds of the net proceeds from Winter Party Festival will be distributed to the Miami-Dade LGBT community through a granting program administered by the Dade Community Foundation. The remaining one-third of the proceeds will benefit the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Since assuming responsibility for both events, the Task Force has donated more than \$312,000 from Winter Party Festival and the Miami Recognition Dinner to the local community.