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NYC PRIDE ANNOUNCES TALENT FOR PRIDE ISLAND 2020

*Janelle Monáe to Headline June 27th;
Betty Who, Luisa Sonza, Pussy Riot to Perform*

NEW YORK, NY (March 06, 2020) – NYC Pride releases its first phase of talent announcements with the afro-futuristic Saturday headliner **Janelle Monáe**, joined by **Betty Who**, **Luisa Sonza**, **Pussy Riot** and more for Pride Island 2020. Pride Island, the multi-day live musical event featuring star-studded performances, will take place from Friday, June 26 to Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Pier 97 in New York City. The official lineup for Friday and Sunday will be announced at a later date.

“The diverse lineup displayed on last year’s stage was a monumental moment for the LGBTQIA+ community and New Yorkers alike,” said **André Thomas**, Pride Island Director. “Inviting Monáe to perform at Pier 97 along with Who, Sonza, and Pussy Riot is the future of Pride Island – a multi-day LGBTQIA+ cultural experience.”

Janelle Monáe is a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, performer, and producer known for her unique style and groundbreaking sound. Monáe’s highly-anticipated third album, **Dirty Computer** garnered over 425 million streams worldwide and was named one of TIME’s “10 Best Albums of 2018.” The gifted performer plays the lead in the upcoming dramatic thriller, **ANTEBELLUM**, set to be released April 24, 2020. She will also star in season 2 of **HOMEcomings** on Amazon, out in late May. Monáe doesn’t stop there, she can also be seen in **THE GLORIAS: LIFE ON THE ROAD** later this fall.

“Pride means so much to so many of us, and to have the opportunity to share my live performance during Pride has always been a dream”, said Monáe. “Celebrating Pride in NYC is a rite of passage for a queer person, I am grateful for the community it creates and I can’t wait to party with everyone.”

Australian pop queen, Betty Who will also hit the stage for Saturday’s edition of Pride Island. Her third full-length statement entitled *Betty* is a brilliant swirl of pop -- ‘80s, Y2K, and hyper-modern strains -- that encompasses everything from intimate artful fare to darkly sexy bangers to full-on wedding reception shout-alongs.

Luísa Sonza, the talented Brazilian singer, songwriter and digital influencer who rose to stardom at the age of 21, joins the impressive lineup for Saturday. Sonza has won over crowds through her authenticity, charisma and women’s rights/feminist beliefs.

Rounding out Saturday night is a performance by the Russian Moscow-based activist art collective, Pussy Riot. Pussy Riot’s performances on stage are a radical audio-visual live act touching topics such as gender identity, personal freedom, climate change, transgression and how activism can help us to shape the better world.

DJs **Coco & Breezy** are set to blaze the ones and twos to keep the Saturday festivities going.

On Pride Island Sunday, **Dani Toro** and **Eddie Martinez** will take the stage, with Toro spinning dance and electronic hits and Martinez turning out the house vibes.

The lineups for Friday and headliner for Sunday’s edition of Pride Island will be announced soon.



Pre-sale tickets are available for Mastercard holders thru 03/12 at <https://nycpride-mastercard.frontgatetickets.com/>

Individual tickets will go on sale for Pride Island on 03/13 at <https://nycpride.frontgatetickets.com/>

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