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LGBTQ+ SOCIAL CLUB THE ACADEMY SF CELEBRATES SPRING WITH THE 1ST ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL MAY 13-14

The Saturday and Sunday afternoon event spans two days including Mother's Day and welcomes all ages to come enjoy an abundance of beautiful floral arrangements from local community designers

Featured floral designers include: Peter Bonita of Zaddy Blooms; Donnel Dulay of DJ LA Flor; and Armando De Loera & Adam Schindler of Rose & Thorn Design

The Academy also hosts Mother's Day High Tea with indoor and outdoor seatings at 1pm and 3pm, May 14

SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 17 – <u>The Academy SF</u>, a LGBTQ+ social club in San Francisco's Castro District noted for being the only brickand-mortar institution of its kind, announces its 1st annual <u>Spring Flower Festival</u> to be held on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 from 1:00-5:00pm at 2166 Market Street. The Flower Festival will activate nearly every area of The Academy's expansive club, which recently added the ground floor of an adjacent building at 2164 Market Street, now named the club's East Wing. Attendees will be greeted with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or a non-alcoholic spritz, then embark on a self-guided tour through The Academy's indoor and outdoor spaces, while viewing installations and arrangements from local floral designers, including **Peter Bonita** of <u>Zaddy Blooms</u>, **Donnel Dulay** of <u>DJ LA</u> <u>Flor</u>, and **Armando De Loera & Adam Schindler** of <u>Rose & Thorn Design</u>.

"Beauty and talent run deep in our community, and we are proud to be able to showcase these amazing floral designers in a format that everyone, even mom, can enjoy," said **Paul Miller**, co-founder of The Academy SF.

Along with the Sunday edition of the Flower Festival on May 14, The Academy is collaborating with <u>Out to Lunch Fine Catering</u> to offer a <u>Mother's Day High Tea</u>, with seatings at 1:00pm and 3:00pm in their outdoor garden, as well as in the club's new East Wing. Tickets include admission to the Flower Festival, live acoustic guitar music, and full table service with sparkling wine, sweet and savory bites, and gourmet tea.

About The Academy

The Academy is a LGBTQ+ social club, open to all, focused on promoting genuine social interactions while offering engaging programming in collaboration with nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and leading community members. The Club is located in San Francisco's Castro District and was founded in 2017.

In addition to the social club and its associated programming, The Academy also offers a barber salon, a daytime co-working lounge called Academy Daylight, and has space available for private events.

Calendar editors, please note:

1st Annual Spring Flower Festival at The Academy

Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 from 1:00-5:00pm The Academy SF 2166 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Tickets: \$6 Academy Members; \$30 non-members; all ages welcome (children under 10 free) <u>https://www.academy-sf.com/event-details/1st-annual-spring-flower-festival-at-the-academy-2023-05-13-13-00</u>

Mother's Day High Tea at The Academy

Sunday, May 14, 2023 at 1:00pm and 3:00pm (indoor & outdoor seatings available) The Academy SF 2166 Market Street, San Francisco, CA

Tickets: \$95 Academy Members; \$125 non-members All tickets include admission to the Spring Flower Festival, happening simultaneously throughout The Academy. <u>https://www.academy-sf.com/event-details/mothers-day-high-tea-at-the-academy</u>

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