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**MUCH MORE THAN DANCING AT THE WINTER PARTY FESTIVAL**  
Miami's Fun in the Sun LGBT Event Has Something for Everyone, Feb 22-March 2

**Miami, FL, January 27---** The sixteenth annual **Winter Party Festival, February 22 - March 2** offers a whole host of exciting events in addition to the famed dance parties. The week-long celebration produced by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is renowned for its nightclub, pool and beach parties, but each year a fascinating line-up of cocktail, music, faith, youth, women's and family events provides programming for the entire LGBT community – many of which are **free**. For information, tickets and a complete list of events, visit [winterparty.com](http://winterparty.com).

"We invite you to dip your toes into what we have to offer this year," said **Chad Richter, Festival Chair**. "The Winter Party isn't just for those who like to dance 'til dawn – there's lots of ways to participate and help raise funds for the national and local LGBT community," he added.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**LGBT Family Picnic**, Noon - 4:00 pm at TopeeKeegee Yugne, Pavilion #8, Hollywood.  
Co-hosted by South Florida Family Pride in the park for LGBT families and their friends, complete with food and fun activities. Admission FREE.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Pridelines Youth Skate**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, Gold Coast Roller Rink, Fort Lauderdale.  
Pridelines Youth Services presents an evening of roller-skating for LGBTQ youth ages 13-20. \$10 including skate rental and transportation from Miami-Dade. For details visit [pridelines.org](http://pridelines.org).

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**Departure Lounge:** Welcome Reception, 7:00 - 9:30 pm, Surfcomber Hotel, Miami Beach.  
Showtime Networks presents the official Winter Party Festival welcome party, a poolside reception with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, music and prizes. Miami Beach and Miami-Dade's leading LGBT organizations welcome our visitors from around the world. Admission FREE.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**What It Would Feel Like To Be Free**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Interfaith Service, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Trinity Cathedral, downtown Miami. Join LGBT-friendly congregations and spiritual groups from around S. Florida as they gather for a powerful service and joyous musical celebration. FREE.

**Women's Art Exhibit**, 7:00 - 10:00pm, Fache Arts & Amy Alonso Gallery, NE 124<sup>th</sup>St, Miami  
Guests will enjoy an elegant showcase of works by local artists at a reception featuring wine and hors d'oeuvres. Admission \$30.

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#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**Sunrise Yoga on the Beach**, 8:00 - 9:00 am, Doubletree Surfcomber, Miami Beach  
Start your day in a total mind-body setting with yoga instructor Steven Herbst on the beach at the host hotel. Same time, same place on Saturday and Sunday also. Admission \$5.

**Halo's Winter Party Happy Hour**, 6:00 - 7:00 pm at Halo Bar in Miami Beach  
A special happy hour to get you ready for a fun weekend. FREE with happy hour drink specials.

**Kiehl's Cares**, 8:00 - 10:00 pm, Lincoln Road in Miami Beach  
"Kiehl's Since 1851" opens its doors with complimentary cocktails and 20% off its famous skin and haircare products for Festival guests. Enjoy complimentary consultations, samples and chances to win complete skincare regimens. Kiehl's will also donate 20% of sales made during the event to the Winter Party. Admission FREE.

**Women's Cocktail Reception**, 8:30 - 11:00 pm, Townhouse Hotel, Miami Beach  
The women of Winter Party Festival are invited to mix, mingle and marvel at the view atop the TownHouse at this reception featuring sushi appetizers. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

**Winter Party Spa Day**, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm, The Standard Spa, Miami Beach  
Treat yourself to a day of relaxation at the first Winter Party Spa Day, hosted by The Standard Spa, one of South Beach's most pleasurable destinations. The special package exclusively for Festival guests includes a private yoga class, a plated lunch, all-day access to the spa and pool, and a choice of treatments. Admission \$150.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009

**Women's Jazz Brunch**, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Van Dyke Café, Lincoln Road, Miami Beach  
Music, mimosas and more are on the menu for our 3rd Annual Women's Jazz Brunch.  
\$35 in advance, \$40 at the door.

#### **About the Winter Party Festival:**

Since 1994 the Festival and its sister event, the Miami Recognition Dinner, have raised more than \$2 million for organizations serving the South Florida LGBT community. 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, while the remaining one-third of the proceeds will benefit the Task Force.

#### **About the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:**

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization and remains the community's uncompromising progressive voice. We fight for equality and justice by building grassroots power through training, advocacy, organizing and forward-thinking research and expertise. We challenge not only the status quo in mainstream America, but politics as usual within the LGBT community, and we refuse to make political compromises that would leave anyone behind. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation. More information is available at [www.theTaskForce.org](http://www.theTaskForce.org).

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