

AHF World AIDS Day

Run of Show

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World AIDS Day- Los Angeles: Run of Show

STAGE BLACK OUT.

Miss Shalae Performs. (20 mins)

Our Champions Video. (1 min)

VOG

Ladies and Gentlemen welcome to AIDS Healthcare Foundation's World AIDS Day Event. To start off the evening please welcome Golden Globe award winning actor vocalist, performer, and singer Billy Porter.

Host enters.

BILLY PORTER

Hello Los Angeles! I'm Billy Porter, and I'm excited to be your host for the evening. This cause is near and dear to my heart and I'm honored to be with you here tonight.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation commemorates World AIDS Day every year to rally a global movement and inspire action in the fight against HIV and AIDS. Thank you all for being here tonight and raising your voices to support this vital cause. Give yourselves a round of applause!

As you may know, I'm a part of Ryan Murphy's new series Pose. Pose is set in 1980s New York and focuses particularly on the LGBTQ and gender nonconforming community, though the world of ball culture.

My character, Pray Tell, is the emcee of the balls, larger than life, and struggles with an HIV diagnosis. This show means a lot to me for multiple reasons.

It's given LGBT queer people of color a chance to stand at the forefront of their own story. I knew I had to be a part of this show, because I lived this, it's my story too. It's our story. So many of us here tonight lived through this era, we remember the fear, the prejudice, the overwhelming losses, and the strength and resilience of our community as a whole. That's why I'm so proud to be here tonight.

Standing up in honor of the friends we lost and equally as important, to celebrate those who survived. Coming together like this is vital to the cause. Too often the story of those living with HIV and AIDS is overlooked or thought of as a thing of the past. But I'm here tonight to show the world that we aren't afraid to remember even when it might be easier to forget. We're all here to raise our voices and stand with AHF to keep fighting until we eradicate this disease for good.

Tonight, in honor of World AIDS Day, we're also taking the opportunity to pay tribute to "our champions." Figures like Princess Diana, Dame Elizabeth Taylor, Connie Norman, and Chris Brownlie, who have all made an immense impact in the fight against HIV and AIDS. We remember and honor these figures who stood up in the face of hatred and stigma, who weren't afraid to speak out and show the world that people cannot and will not be defined by a disease. We remember the courage and

determination of Pedro Zamora, Larry Kramer, and Carl Bean, three men who dedicated their lives to making the world a more tolerant and giving place for those living with HIV and AIDS.

We follow in the footsteps of the greats as we remember those we have lost and celebrate the many lives in care, living, loving, and thriving because of the hard work and dedication of those who came before.

To pay further tribute to our champions, please help me welcome the man who grew a small group of friends into one of the largest AIDS organizations in the world, the President of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Michael Weinstein.

Enter Michael Weinstein

MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

Michael to provide his own speech.

Daya performs. (20 mins)

Enter host.

BILLY PORTER

The spirit of advocacy in a few impassioned activists can snowball into national and global change. You can feel it in the air tonight and see it in AIDS Healthcare Foundation's years long commitment to fighting for what's right. Advocacy is a vital part of AHF's mission and has helped bring services, testing, and treatment to people in need around the world. Take a look.

Advocacy Video. (1 min)

BILLY PORTER

AIDS Healthcare Foundation is a unique part of the health care landscape. Their roots in advocacy allow them to support and empower local community members who embody the spirit of an AHF "champion".

Over the years, these local advocates have joined together to create five well-established affinity groups made up of passionate and hardworking volunteers. These groups go out into their communities and promote safe sex practices, HIV testing, advocacy, and so much more.

All of our affinity groups embody the spirit of our champions and we want to take a moment to recognize the exceptional work of FLUX, LOUD, BLACC, SPARK, and the group that started it all, Impulse.

Impulse is celebrating 10 years of advocacy tonight! Take a look at how this group of dedicated individuals became the global powerhouse they are today.

Impulse 10-year Anniversary Video (1 min).

BILLY PORTER

Let's give Impulse one more round of applause.

And now it's my pleasure to introduce one of R&B's all-time greats. Please help me welcome to the stage, Grammy award winning

recording artist, songwriter, and record producer, Faith Evans.

Faith Evans performs. (20 mins)

Enter host.

BILLY PORTER

Every year, AIDS Healthcare Foundation pledges to "keep the promise" on HIV and AIDS and urges the global community to do the same. With epidemic levels of HIV occurring nationwide and around the world, we need to reignite our sense of urgency on this issue. Take a look at what AHF has been doing to "keep the promise" throughout the years.

Video: Keeping the Promise. (1 min)

Enter Patty Bermudez and Board of Directors

CYNTHIA DAVIS

Tonight, we have the honor of presenting this evening's Community Advocate Award, recognizing outstanding local advocacy work in the fight against HIV and AIDS. This award represents someone who embodies the spirit of "our champions" here at AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

KELVIN SAULS

AHF started as a grassroots organization filled with passionate individuals who believed in their ability to make a difference. Their fighting spirit and determination paved the wave for AHF as we know it today.

DR. ARROYO

As a Board of Director here at AHF, I have witnessed the power of community advocates firsthand. From a few individuals fighting to make a difference to a global organization serving 1.3 million, I believe wholeheartedly in the power of a few activists to create a world of difference in their communities and beyond.

CURLEY BONDS

That's why we're honored to present the Community Advocate Award. The recipient of tonight's award reminds us of the champions we've honored throughout the evening. Someone who stands up for what he believes in, uses his influence to make a difference, and has no fear in trying to make the world a more decent and tolerant place.

Patty presents Community Advocate Award.

Exit Board of Directors, Patty Bermudez, and Michael Saunders.

Enter Jose Ramos & Matt Fritch.

JOSE RAMOS

Good evening, my name is Jose Ramos and I'm the President of Impulse United.

MATT FRITCH

And I'm Matt Fritch, I'm on the board at Impulse.

JOSE RAMOS

We're honored to present the next award, the Impulse Community Advocate Award. At the core of all of our chapters, at each event and every activity, you'll find passionate men who give their time freely to make their communities more tolerant, accepting, and educated. The recipient of this award embodies all of these qualities and more. He works tirelessly to make his community a better place and inspires all of us with his passion and commitment to advocacy.

MATT FRITCH

The recipient of tonight's award is a thought-leader in the LGBTQ addiction treatment field. He is a fierce advocate for families, a community activist, media producer, and a true visionary. Today, he serves as the CEO and Founder of La Fuente Hollywood Treatment Center - an intimate, specialized, community driven program that seeks to advance the lives of LGBTQ people seeking recovery. Please welcome to the stage, this year's Impulse Community Advocate Award recipient, Manny Rodriguez.

Present Award to Honoree.

Exit Honoree, Matt, and Jose.

Enter Host.

BILLY PORTER

Let's give one more, big round of applause to tonight's award recipients. We've been talking about the power of community advocates all night, and I want to say, each one of you here has the power to change minds and influence your community. Just by being here and supporting this vital cause, you're making a difference. In honor of World AIDS Day, our Champions, and AHF, thank you for raising your voice and helping us bring worldwide attention to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Together we can turn the tide in favor of equal opportunity education, access to prevention methods, and treatment for all.

<<Applause>>

Now, you didn't think I was going to go this whole evening without performing, did you?

<<Ad-lib with the crowd into performance>>

Billy Porter Performs.

END OF SHOW