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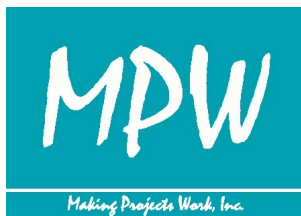
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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Welcome

Chabre Vickers, Host

Georgia Equality's 2021 Update

Jeff Graham, Executive Director

Resourcing the Future

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Presentation of the Champion for Equality Award

Chanel Haley, Gender Policy Manager

Presentation of the Allen Thornell Political Advancement Award

Eric Paulk, Deputy Director

**Featuring Musical Performances by
Daisia Iman
Exquisite Gender**



2021 HONOREES

Champion for Equality Award



This year's Champion for Equality Award honors **Congresswoman Nikema Williams** for her long-time commitment to advancing LGBTQ issues, Reproductive Rights, Voting Access and over a decade of tireless work to build a progressive political movement in Georgia that is inclusive and supportive of LGBTQ communities and individuals.

Allen Thornell Political Advancement Award


The 2021 Allen Thornell Political Advancement Award recognizes a man with a long-time commitment to advancing LGBTQ issues on a state and local level—as a community advocate, as a member of the state legislature, and as one of Georgia Equality's biggest cheerleaders. As an openly gay elected official, **Representative Matthew Wilson** continues to break barriers and serve as a role model to the next generation of LGBTQ leaders.



DAISIA IMAN

Up and coming urban contemporary/R&B artist Daisia Iman has given new meanings to the words “innovative” and “expressive”. With beautifully laced sounds and melodies, this new artist from Atlanta is able to take us back to the days when music was all about love and promises, incorporating their modern contemporary style with old school neo soul feelings. Iman’s captivating and high energy performances transports fans back to the era of Erykah Badu and Nina Simone, who Iman gives much credit to being two of the biggest influences growing up as a young artist. Time and time again, Iman decides to breach comfort zones and choses to be vulnerable and transparent with their listeners. Allowing fans to peek inside of Iman’s personal life and struggles being a black artist in the LGBT+ community, Iman feels like they are able to resonate with them on a more intimate level and uses their platform to continuously break social norms.



A photograph of four members of the band Exquisite Gender. From left to right: a woman with blonde hair wearing a black leather jacket and a plaid skirt; a man with glasses wearing a black leather jacket over a black t-shirt with the word 'WUSSY' and a lightning bolt graphic, and blue jeans; a woman with bright pink hair wearing a black top and a red skirt; and a woman with long blue hair wearing a black top with silver studs and a red skirt. They are standing in front of a wall covered in colorful graffiti.

EXQUISITE GENDER is Atlanta's premiere LGBTQ+ rock band. We are driven by our mission to increase LGBTQ+ acceptance through visibility as performing artists in Greater Atlanta and surrounding communities. Our first album/cd release is scheduled for late August this year. As Atlanta's only all-transgender rock band, we are an LGBTQ+ Community based Band. We perform rockin' originals, choice covers, and feature music from Tony Award winning musical, Hedwig & the Angry Inch.

Lead vocals, harmonies and rhythm guitar come from Atlanta music scene veteran Bucky Motter, the artist at one time known as Angela Motter. Lead singer and bassist Shanti locks in with drummer Mandi MacDonald, creating a rock groove that is undeniable.

The band's exquisite sound is punctuated with ripping solos and delicate keyboard musings from ace lead guitarist and guitar/keyboard synth player JoAnn Pfeiffer.

Hard-driving drummer Mandi MacDonald is an Atlanta rock/metal veteran who holds down the beats.

Exquisite Gender's first album is due out in Fall 2021. You can find several of their newly released songs on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music, or at www.exquisitegender.com

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