

Line-up revealed for Northern Pride

Organisers hope free festival will attract thousands again this year.

Organisers have revealed the hot line up for this year's Northern Pride.

Top of the bill is the X-factor's Ruth Lorenzo. Her soaring vocals and sultry mix of English and Spanish songs are sure to send the crowds wild.

And Newcastle's very own Lorraine Crosby is making her first Pride appearance.

Lorraine, who was vocalist in Meat Loaf's 1993 hit single 'I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)' will leave the crowds on a high as the last performance of the day.

Regulars to Pride will be thrilled to see the return of Laura Steel. Her infectious electro-pop has been a huge hit at every Northern Pride. Other performances to look forward to include Kylie tribute act Kay C and talented local musician Jamie Lambert.

Northern Pride, North East England's biggest Gay Pride, takes place on Saturday 16 July in Newcastle. Last year's Pride attracted 16,000 revellers to Leazes Park.

Laura Empson, Chair of Northern Pride, said: "Pride to me means bringing a community together, with a great line up, various areas to get involved and three exciting stages. The committee has worked hard to ensure there will be something for everyone!"

The fun starts in flamboyant style at 11.30am when members of the LGBT community, their families and friends will gather at Newcastle Civic Centre for a colourful and celebratory Pride Parade through Newcastle city centre.

They'll arrive at Leazes Park at 1pm for the Pink Picnic. The free event will be officially opened by two influential Gay campaigners, the new leader of Newcastle City Council, Nick Forbes, and politician Brian Paddick, who also appeared in 'I'm a celebrity...get me out of here'.

Northern Pride 2011 won't just be restricted to July 16. Other events taking place include Paws with Pride, giving you the chance to prove your pet's got talent.

To find out more about Northern Pride, visit www.northern-pride.com and follow Northern Pride on Facebook and Twitter.

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