

## San Antonio Queer Collective

presents the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

# QUEER THE CHEER

Holiday Market & Celebration! by Rosalynn Warren

After a welcoming embrace between four friends, Beto De Leon, Rosalynn Warren, Manuel Davila & Ernesto Olivo, we sit together and begin sharing ideas for a queer themed holiday event. There are a handful of wonderful holiday markets in San Antonio, but we wanted to create one where LGBTQ artists, crafters, makers & performers could be showcased together, specifically highlighting the amazing talent in our queer community. And thus, the first **QUEER the CHEER Holiday Market & Celebration** was born. Our mission for this, now annual event, is to create a unique space that focuses on the many diverse talents of our queer community where artists can share their work and gain recognition, as well as celebrate this festive time of year together as we promote creativity, build community and share our culture! The first event, held at Southwest Workers Union, was a huge success bringing hundreds of community members together.

As queer creators, organizers, artists and makers with a strong DIY ethic, the four of us decided that we wanted to continue working together, using our art, talents and shared love of community to bring more folks together to build a stronger queer community. And

thus, (SAQ) **San Antonio Queer Collective** was born. The mission of the **SAQ Collective** is to emphasize and promote the amazing talent of San Antonio's queer community through artistic & creative endeavors in collaboration with community. Our vision is to create opportunities and accessibility for queer talent, to bring more communities together, to introduce and expose queer art & culture, and to inspire creativity in hopes of sparking dialogue, positive communication, education and more collaboration within our communities.

Beto De Leon describes his work with the collective: "**San Antonio Queer Collective** seems to be continuously evolving into a true community based project; aside from our core members there are several artists and supporters who are helping us shape the vision of a city that recognizes the creative and diverse talent of our local LGBTQ scene. With just as much gratitude as excitement we look forward to continue creating new inclusive spaces, events and markets that generate interest, investment and support for the San Antonio LGBT creative community."

**Sat, Dec. 20th | 4-10PM**

@ Pride Center,  
147 E. Mistletoe.

**Featuring art & handmade work from**  
David Zamora Casas,  
Deborah Kuetzpalin Vasquez, Sisters of Yarnage, Ernesto Olivo, Sol y Luna Soaps, Craftivista Beat y mas!

**Performances by**  
Saakred, Zombie Bazaar Belly Dance, and a drag show presented by Foxy Blue Orchid & Friends!



*Justis Lane Langford*

June 30, 1962 - December 5, 2014

*Philip Lane Langford, better known in the San Antonio peace and justice community as "Justis" passed into spirit on December 5, 2014. A caring and compassionate man, he made it his mission in life to love and serve others. He traveled the world as a missionary, educator and caregiver. The past six years Justis had chosen to live in San Antonio to be near his parents in Utopia and family members in San Antonio. When he settled in San Antonio, he was a part of every march and rally that advocated for peace and social justice issues including the annual International Woman's Day March and Martin Luther King Jr. March. Throughout his life, he strived to raise awareness of injustice and suffering and to effect a positive change in the world. Justis excelled in music and shared his exceptional soulful voice with everyone. The Esperanza Center staff, board and buena gente extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and wide circle of friends and activists. He blessed each life he touched and his presence will remain with us as we continue to work for a better world.*



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