Does PRIDE stress you out? Get you down?

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Does pride stress you out, get you down, leaving you wanting more?

Yet at the same time, do you too want to feel connected to history, feel in community with others, and have a reason to leave the house?

Join Visual AIDS for a weekend of events that will have you surrounded by art, action, friends, and fun...Call it the Visual AIDS Alternative Pride Weekend!

FRIDAY JUNE 28

Tell your boss you need to leave early to make a difference and join Visual AIDS as we join the Audre Lorde Project for the 9th annual **Trans Day of action**. Then walk with us from the pier to Printed Matter where we will sweat along side artists prvtdncr & bodega vendetta for their opening **House in Vermont**. And then let your body be lead around the city on Elastic City's walking experience **Spread**!

TRANS DAY OF ACTION

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Christopher Street Pier / Pier 45

On Friday, June 28, 2013, Trans People of Color and allies will take on the streets of New York City once again and demand justice and to let the world know that the Stonewall rebellion is not over and we will continue fighting for justice and raising our voices until we are heard.

HOUSE IN VERMONT - OPENING

presented by prvtdncr & bodega vendetta

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Printed Matter, 195 Tenth Ave at 22nd Street

prvtdncr and bodega vendetta's work is a correspondence between two friends. A back and forth about their lives, place in the world and histories. Honoring all the queens who came before, some here - some not. Simultaneously glorifying and taking it lightly. House in Vermont in curated by Shannon Michael Cane.

SPREAD

An artist's walk led by ELASTIC CITY

7:00 PM sharp

Greenley Square @ W 33rd street btw Broadway & 6th ave

On this participatory walk, we will investigate the language and actions of spreading. The group will spread itself like a virus, disseminating secrets and offering our desires to each other and passersby. All are welcome. Spread the word. Each walk holds about 12 people. RSVP here.

SATURDAY JUNE 29

If you don't have to work, roll yourself out of bed and check out **Party Picks,** photos by Visual AIDS artist member Jimmy DeSana at Salon 94, then come back to Printed Matter for **Sweater Queens Collaging Group**. Then the night is yours! May we suggest ice cream? Or visiting The Bureau before it relocates?

PARTY PICKS

Jimmy De Sana

11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturday

Salon 94, 243 Bowery
Party Picks brings together a selection of DeSana's photography from 1975 to 1987 that includes portraits of a number of prominent figures of the downtown New York art and music scene, as well as an overview of his staged investigations of the limits of both photography and the human body.

SWEATER QUEENS COLLAGING GROUP
Presented by prvtdncr & bodega vendetta
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Printed Matter, 195 Tenth Avenue at 22nd Street
Join the artists for an afternoon of cocktails and crafting.

BGSQD
The Bureau of General Services - Queer Division book store
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM on Saturday
27 Orchard Street
The pop up queer bookstore and community space is on the move at the end of August! Support them now to ensure they find a great place to land.

SUNDAY JUNE 30
Last day to check out **NOT OVER** at La MaMa Galleria. So make a day of it! Check out the exhibition, stay for the **curator's talk**, celebrate the **launch of our newest publication**--and for the really committed--stay and help us de-install. (oh, and if you want, march in the pride parade with ACT UP / QUEEROCRACY and Visual AIDS)
NOT OVER
Hours 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Sunday
La MaMa Galleria
6 East 1st Street
With work from over 40 artists, spanning 3 decades, the exhibition looks at the ongoing cultural production around HIV/AIDS. Holland Cotter of the New York Times says, "Go, see it!"

CURATOR'S TALK
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
La MaMa Galleria
6 East 1st Street
Moderated by Nayland Blake, this conversation with curators Sur Rodney (Sur), Kris Nuzzi, and Andrew Blackley will provide a behind-the-scenes look at the making of our summer exhibitions.

BOOK LAUNCH
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
La MaMa Galleria
6 East 1st Street
Join us in celebrating the launch of our publication NOT OVER: 25 Years of Visual AIDS. The book includes a timeline of Visual AIDS, plenty of images and artworks, essays by C.Carr, Robert Atkins, Aldrin Valdez, Nelson Santos and an interview between Jessica Whitbread and Fred Weston. $20

PRIDE PARADE

Meet 11:30 AM @ 39th street and Madison
Join us as we march with ACT UP and QUEEROCRACY, letting the world know that HIV IS NOT A CRIME.

MONDAY JULY 1
Face it, you will have Visual AIDS hang over. Nurse it by checking out our exhibition at the Fales Library entitled, **Not only this, but 'New language beckons us.'**
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10:00 AM to 4:45 PM
Fales Library and Special Collections
70 Washington Square South
"Not only this..." is composed of archival objects from the Fales Library's Downtown Collection coupled with newly commissioned texts from contemporary artists and writers.

About the image: Entitled, HIV is Fun the ink on paper work was created by Visual AIDS artist member Pirate Jeffrey. The image features pac-man ghosts with phrases such as "I want to kill you", "This is fun" and " Eat you alive". Using humor as a defense mechanize he realizes even other people living with HIV may not find the work funny. He released it this weekend, in time with Pride, because it is reportedly a weekend with high rates of HIV transmission.

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