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2011 Capital Pride Festival opens this Friday

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Capital Pride opens Friday, August 19, 2011 with a ten-day action-packed festival that appeals to a wider audience this year.

Fresh off the success of the festival's 25th anniversary edition last year, Capital Pride's Board of Directors and Coordinators have worked tirelessly to bring Ottawa-Gatineau a more diverse festival that speaks to a bilingual audience, features a brand new Alternative Stage with a great lineup of local and national queer and queer-friendly artists, increased accessibility thanks to the appointment of a Disability Pride Coordinator and successfully published its own Official Pride Guide in English and French for the first time in seven years.

"We want to bring the community a festival that is appealing to a wider, more diverse audience," said Doug Saunders-Riggins, Chair of the Capital Pride Festival. "We have chosen to focus on accessibility, bilingualism and amp up the quality of our programming this year – which ties in to this year's theme of "The Courage to Be..."

With events such as the Capital Pride Partnership Awards Gala (August 19), Health and Fitness Day (August 20), the Capital Pride Pageant (August 20), Official Flag Raising Ceremony (August 22), the Human Rights Candelight Vigil (August 25), the Alternative Stage and the Rainbow Party (August 27) and marking the festival highlight with the Pride Parade on Sunday, August 28 followed by more entertainment at City Hall, 2011 looks to be a fun-filled, community-oriented event for people of all ages.

So come be yourself, anyway you wish to be - get out and participate in Capital Pride – Ottawa's most colourful festival.

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