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Capital Pride to launch first-ever Alternative Stage

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For the first time in its history, The Capital Pride Festival is launching its 'Alternative Stage,' on Saturday August 28 - a licensed, all-ages event featuring Canadian indie rockers The Cliks as well as a diverse roster of local and national queer and queer-friendly performers.

The Alternative Stage will feature local queer spoken word artists, DJ CPI who will be on decks for an outdoor dance party, a burlesque revue and three main acts.

Hedwig & the Angry Inch: The Rock Musical, which sold out the Rainbow Bistro in Ottawa last year, is a live theatrical performance by 'Breathe.Feel.Love' - an androgynous theatrical glam rock concert (based on John Cameron Mitchell's film) with plenty of biographical interludes courtesy of trans-bombshell Hedwig, former East-German twink and lead singer of nonchalant indie band 'The Angry Inch.'

Up next is the local all-girl pop rock band Apocalypstic who recently traveled to Los Angeles to write and record tracks for their upcoming album. These ladies managed to snag the attention of key industry players who have positioned the band for an opportunity to shoot their first music video and have already been featured on music industry panels.

Saturday's headliners, The Cliks, fronted by Lucas Silveira, have put out three releases thus far which have garnered praise from artists including Cyndi Lauper and Margaret Cho. Having struggled with life's transitions, both personally and musically, Lucas has forged ahead with his vision for the Toronto-based band. He recently released his first solo record, entitled Mockingbird.

Sunday's mainstage following the Pride Parade will feature retro favourites Disco Inferno, francophone reggae/disco group Fuzz and punk rocker Franklyne, Montreal singer-songwriter Zara Ahmed, burlesque (and Boylesque) dancers and drag performances.

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