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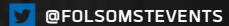
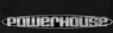
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TO THE 39TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER WEEKEND!



I am so happy to be able to again welcome you to Chicago, the home of the International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack competitions!

Once again, we get to celebrate our annual family reunion and partake in all the things that make our city so special. We're so happy you're here and hope this is your best IML yet!

This year marks one of those special benchmark moments that truly matters. Why? It is because we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the International Mr. Bootblack competition (IMBB). I sometimes marvel at some of the ideas through our history that started small and have grown in ways we never anticipated and became something so important. IMBB is a perfect example of this: An idea 25+ years ago that has become such a vital and important part of our entire weekend experience as we come together to celebrate all things leather and fetish.

I ask you to show your support for the contestants of the IMBB competition this weekend. Cheer them on. See and experience first-hand the beauty and passion these amazing people bring to their craft. And, if you're a Weekend Package holder, be sure to bring your ballot to do your part in selecting the next International Mr. Bootblack. I wish each of the contestants the very best of luck!

Once again, IML returns to The Congress Hotel. Each year, regardless of our host hotel, there are challenges and changes we experience in real-time as the weekend progresses. Both the IML staff and the Congress staff have been working hard all year to make your experience as fun and as care-free as possible. We know it is virtually impossible to please every single one of our guests but, if challenges do occur or you have an issue, please raise those concerns with the appropriate parties but also, please be patient as well as respectful as we try to remedy what comes our way.

This year brings a few changes to both our weekend schedule and our venues for contest-related events. IML Weekend begins on Thursday, May 25, with Opening Ceremonies. Going back to our roots once more, this event will be held at The Congress Hotel in what promises to be the more intimate cocktail party gathering of friends and family that many have enjoyed over the years. Of course, there will be contestant introductions, along with the return of the "Number Pull" for the contestants competing for both IML and IMBB.

Equally exciting is our move to The Auditorium Theater, located directly across the street from The Congress Hotel. Both the Pecs and Personality on Saturday night and The International Mr. Leather finale on Sunday night will be held here. The Auditorium Theater is a National Historic Landmark with a history that goes back to 1899. And while we certainly won't need all of its 4,000 seats, its place in Chicago history—and now OUR history—is truly wonderful. I am so glad we were able to secure this beautiful and incredible venue for our events and just can't wait to see all that leather take the stage and fill the seats!

As before, the weekend is filled with parties, seminars, mixers, demos and, of course, the Vendor Market on the first, second and third floors of the hotel. Access to the Vendor Market requires a wristband that is included in the full Weekend Premier Package. For non-package holders, Vendor Market wristbands are available in the "Day Pass" Registration area in the hotel lobby: A full weekend wristband is available for a suggested donation of \$25 and individual days for a suggested donation of \$15. Please remember that the net proceeds of all wristband sales benefit the Leather Archives and Museum.

There are so many people to meet, opportunities to connect with old and new friends and just plain fun. For you newcomers to IML, just jump in and enjoy the energy and, if you need some guidance, don't hesitate to ask one of our 300 volunteers who are ready to assist you. But, I do encourage ALL of you to step out of the hotel now and then to explore, experience and see firsthand why we love Chicago. From museums to dining to just exploring the waterfront close by. I am convinced that you too will fall in love with our city.

I say it every year, but IML is truly a labor of love. Last year, we welcomed some 15,000 people to celebrate the weekend. IML also started small with about 400 people in attendance. And now ... Wow! It is because of each of you that we have grown over the years and I thank you for making this the premiere leather fetish event anywhere. Anywhere! Thank you!

Now get out there. Play hard. Play Safe. And welcome to our 39th Anniversary of IML and our 25th Anniversary of IMBB!



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OFFICIAL EVENTS



Thu., May 25

10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Weekend Package Pick-up and Ticket Sales

Rafael Annex, 1st Floor

8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

IML OPENING CEREMONIES

Congress Plaza Hotel, Florentine 3rd Floor

Ticket Packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. Event includes the introduction of judges, contestants and number selection. Doors open at 8 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m.

Midnight - 1 a.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700, North Tower

A 12-step recovery meeting that welcomes all programs and people seeking support in a sober environment during all IML festivities.

Fri., May 26

10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Weekend Package Pick-up and Ticket Sales

Rafael Annex, 1st Floor

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Leather Market Day Pass Registration

Prince Albert Room, 1st Floor

Leather Market Access - Wristband is required and must be 21+ for admission. Photo ID required. Suggested donation: Full Weekend Wristband \$25 or Single Day Wristband \$15.

Noon - 1 p.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700, North Tower

Noon - 7 p.m.

International Mr. Bootblack Competition

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

Noon - 7 p.m.

IML Leather Market

Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Floors

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8 p.m.

LORE Sober Recovery Dinner

Congress Hotel Front Entrance, 1st Floor

All members and friends of recovery community are invited to join, meet at the Congress Hotel entrance at 7:30 p.m. for a short walk to the restaurant.

8 - 11 p.m.

Chicago Rubbermen and Mister International Rubber Meet & Greet

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

The Chicago Rubbermen and Mr. International Rubber join forces to host their annual IML gathering. Start your weekend off by meeting fellow kinky rubberists from around the globe!

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

San Francisco Party

Florentine, 3rd Floor

Folsom Street Events delivers the biggest warm-up party of IML weekend right inside the host hotel. So, leather up, gear up, hang out and cruise at this non-stop sleazefest, featuring the deep underground sounds of DJ Jack Chang (London). As always...it's free.

10 p.m. - Midnight

Leather Archives & Museum Silent Auction

Florentine, 3rd Floor

Bid on unique leathers, clothing, accessories and art. Directly outside the San Francisco party.

Midnight - 1 a.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700, North Tower

Sat., May 27

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Leather Market Day Pass Registration

Prince Albert Room, 1st Floor

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10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Weekend Package Pick-up and Ticket Sales

Rafael Annex, 1st Floor



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11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

International Mr. Bootblack Competition

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

Noon - 12:45 p.m.

Titans of the Midwest:

General Business Meeting/Social

Florentine, 3rd Floor

Titans of the Midwest is a 501c(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to provide education and guidance to further the development of knowledge and skills of the Midwest kink community (and beyond). Now in our 5th year, the Titans of the Midwest have hosted hundreds of educational sessions, bringing BDSM and kink education to thousands. Kink

U at IML '17 will be no different. For full course details visit: titansofthemidwest.org

Noon - 1 p.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700, North Tower

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

A Good Pup in a Crazy World:

Puppy play in times of social stress

Oxford, 1st Floor

It's no secret that the last year has been stressful. Can puppy play help? Join IPTC International Puppy Pup Turbo, International Trainer Sir Pounder, IPC International Puppy Pup Rex, Sir Justin, Issa Arden, and Sam Brinton as they discuss puppy play's role in a world gone mad. Panel Discussion moderated by Pup Rococo.

1 - 1:45 p.m.

Kink U Session 1: Panel Discussion

Florentine, 3rd Floor

"WTF is IML Anyway?": The history, reality, and secrets, of the biggest leather contest in the world.

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Sat., May 27 (cont.)

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

People of Color Leather Caucus:

Panel Discussion

Victorian, 3rd Floor

Join the Men of ONYX, along with Leatherfolk and Kinksters of Color from around the world for a lively community discussion on maximizing the leather/kink/fetish experience and positively impacting our communities as People of Color. Panelists will include both elders and new entrants. Demonstrations guaranteed to put the sizzle in your Saturday afternoon will follow. Join in the discussion and maybe even participate in the demonstrations. Moderated by ONYX founder Mufasa.

2 - 2:45 p.m.

Kink U Session 2: Leather History

Florentine, 3rd Floor

LA&M presents *Historical Pillar of Our Community*: Tony DeBlase, unraveling the man who made the flag.

2 - 3 p.m.

Puppy Yoga

Buckingham, 1st Floor

Bring your yoga mats and clothes you can move in and enjoy the perfect warm up before the fun begins at Off Leash! Sponsored by SquarePeg.

3 - 3:45 p.m.

Kink U Session 3: Changing Perspectives

Florentine, 3rd Floor

FAF 101: Take a look at the hyper-masculine world of Leathermen through the eyes of pioneering "femme" personalities.

3 - 5 p.m.

LA&M Women's Leather History Program Reception

Lake Shore, 3rd Floor

Come celebrate Women's Leather History with the LA&M! Join Mel Leverich, LA&M Archivist/Collections librarian and slave angie, International slave 2014, as they host a space for women, trans, and gender-spectrum leather folk at IML.

3 - 5 p.m.

Chicago Hellfire Club Annual IML Cocktail Social

Oxford, 1st Floor

The Chicago Hellfire Club hosts its annual cocktail reception at IML. Come meet and greet the members of CHC as they celebrate their 45th year. All are welcome.

3 - 6 p.m.

Off Leash: The Pup and Handler Romp

Buckingham, 1st Floor

The annual pup and Handler party that is free and open to all pups and Handlers and their admirers. This year after puppy yoga, we will commence with pup play activities, surprises, fun and fellowship. Sponsored by SquarePeg.

4 - 6 p.m.

LORE Sober Recovery Mocketail Party

Guest Room 700, North Tower

All members and friends of the recovery community are invited to attend.

7 - 11 p.m.

BLUF Social

Oxford, 1st Floor

BLUF Chicago welcomes members of the Breeches and Leather Uniform Fan Club from around the world with a cocktail reception bringing together men into full leather uniforms. This is a BLUF Dress Code Enforced Event, so please wear your finest Leathers and Uniforms.

8 - 11 p.m.

IML PECS AND PERSONALITY CONTEST

Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy.

Ticket Packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. IML contestants are judged on their appearance and stage presence. Doors open at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m. Proudly sponsored by sportlube.

10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Gear Blast 2017

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

Hot guys in sports, racing, rubber, leather, lycra and other perv gear keep things hot, sweaty and kinky! Everyone is invited to get yer gear on and come party hard and sweaty. After all, it's always better IN gear!



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10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Spitshine: The Bootblack Party

Buckingham, 1st Floor

Join the contestants for this year's International Mr. Bootblack Competition and meet bootblacks from across the nation. Jump in to the auction bidding to help raise travel funds for this year's winner. Featuring the roast of outgoing International Mr. Bootblack 2016, Erick Joseph. IMBB is proudly sponsored by Stompers Boots of Fort Lauderdale, FL.

11 p.m.

BRÛT Party

Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave.

BRÛT party has a successful combination of hot, sexual masculine energy, dirty house music and an environment void of attitude or judgement. Join like-minded, tolerant men who appreciate mind-blowing dance music, have a confident sexual verve and a little bit of sleaze. DJs Dan Darlington and Peter Napoli. Doors open at 11 p.m. Tickets at tickets.hedonicproductions.com/BrutIML2017

Midnight - 1 a.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700, North Tower

Sun., May 28

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Guest Room 700, North Tower

2 - 3 p.m.

MCC Church Services

Columbia, 3rd Floor

Metropolitan Community Church Service, General worship service by Chicago's MCC's for Christian Leatherfolk.

2 - 4 p.m.

POW! The Superhero Fetish Meetup

Hotel Lobby, 1st Floor

Heroes and villains will face off at POW!, the dynamic event that unites the superhero fetish community at IML. Gear yourself up in superhero spandex, rubber or leather (as well as scales, robot armor or fur) and come meet friendly kinksters who dig tights, capes and superpowers. This is a judgment-free event and all levels of cosplay are appreciated, including capes.

2:30 - 4 p.m.

Film Screening :

By The People: 25 Years Of Community

Archiving At Leather Archives & Museum

Florentine, 3rd Floor

LA&M Documentary Short 39 min. See the development from Chuck Renslow's basement to the institution it is today - thanks to community efforts.

6 - 9 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL MR. LEATHER CONTEST

Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy.

Ticket Packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. Doors open at 5 p.m., contest begins at 6 p.m. Proudly sponsored by Miller Lite.

8 p.m. - 4 a.m.

IML VICTORY CELEBRATION

House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.

Featuring DJ Eddie Martinez. Buses start at 8 p.m. Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk.

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1 - 2 p.m.

Premier Package Holder Reception

Florentine, 3rd Floor

Premier package holders are invited to a special meet-and-greet with IML winners. Photos with the winners are optional. Ticket included with Premier package required.

3 - 4 p.m.

Leather Recovery Meeting

Guest Room 700 North Tower

8 p.m. - 4 a.m.

BLACK AND BLUE BALL

Sound-Bar, 226 W. Ontario St.

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Thib Guicherd-Callin

Thib Guicherd-Callin is an entertainer (or is it entertainment for?) the Leather community. A French native based in San Jose, California, he stumbled into kink by accident in 2001, after misunderstanding that the Folsom Street Fair was an arts and crafts fair. Thus far a two-time IML roastmaster, one-time IML emcee and zero-time IML, Thib has also been invited to host ILSb-ICBB, IM/s at SPLF, "Seduction" at IMsL, Iowa Leather Weekend, Tri-State Leather, Kink Weekend OKC and, unfortunately, many other events. He is the resident roastmaster at Mr.

Chicago Leather, and his comedy stylings have been tolerated on roast panels at ILSb-ICBB, IMsL, Mr. San Francisco Leather, Mr. Los Angeles Leather, and (alas!) more. Thib serves as treasurer of the Santa Clara County Leather Association, producer of the Mr. and Ms. Santa Clara County Leather contest, and assistant producer of Northwest Leather Celebration. A former Hunky Jesus contest winner and IML silver medalist, he honors his French heritage by forsaking the gym and surviving on nothing but a steady diet of wine, cheese and duck fat.



Lenny Broberg

Broberg is a proud, openly Gay San Francisco Police Officer, internationally recognized Leather personality, competitive Gay Softball League player, highly sought after emcee and auctioneer, and friend and supporter to many segments of the LGBT and larger non-profit community.

Lenny was born in Chicago; moved at an early age to Salem, Wisconsin; attended Iowa State University; and then settled in San Francisco 30 years ago, where he held executive positions at Pacific Bell and the Portman Hotel. In 1995, he fulfilled a life-long dream of enrolling in the San Francisco Police Academy, quickly finding his calling with troubled youth and criminal street gangs. In 2002, he joined

the Gang Task Force and in 2010 was promoted to Inspector. He is widely respected as an expert in African-American gang activities, often called upon for expert testimony and conflict resolution.

In 1991, Lenny pursued one of his extracurricular passions, playing softball and becoming a Commissioner of the SF Gay Softball League. He has participated in over 10 Gay Softball World Series and holds a solid reputation as a charismatic coach, star pitcher, and mentor to upcoming talent.

In 1992, another of Lenny's interests came to the forefront as he competed and won the titles of Mr. SF Eagle Leather, Mr. SF Leather, and International Mr. Leather, all in the same year. He remains a prominent figure in the Leather Community, offering guidance to potential title-holders, judging and emceeing contests all over the world, and presenting a positive and intelligent image of the Leather Community.

Over the past 20 years, Lenny has been honored by mayors, the board of supervisors, and state legislators. For his tireless efforts in the non-profit world, he has received significant recognition from the AIDS Emergency, Shanti, Positive Resource Center, STOP AIDS, Pets Are Wonderful Support, Transgender SF, Imperial Court, Ducal Court, SF Gay Men's Chorus, Pride Alliance (SF police officers' LGBT organization), Golden Gate Guards Motorcycle Club, and Alameda County Leather Corps. He has been named Officer of the Month by the SF Police Department, Most Valuable Player by the Gay Softball League, and Man of the Year by the Pantheon of Leather.

More recently, Lenny has broadened his volunteer efforts, masterfully emceeing and auctioning for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Wild Aid, Friends of Alameda Animal Shelter, Rotary Club, and urban community service agencies. He has co-anchored the live television coverage of the SF Pride Parade for several years. Lenny is thrilled and excited to be back as your weekend MC this year.



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IML JUDGES



DAVID "TIGGER" BAILEY (IML 2016)

Howell, NJ

David "Tigger" Bailey is your current International Mr. Leather and is Mr. New Jersey Leather 2016. A Massachusetts native, he grew up on the East Coast, attended MIT and graduated with a degree in management science. He slowly migrated west from Boston and has called New Jersey home for the past 15 years.

Tigger has built a strong, non-traditional family consisting of two Sirs, two boys ... and lots of lube. He openly shares his polyamorous life in order to empower others to be authentic, regardless of boundaries or norms. He is a proud collared Sir to his extended leather family, where public service is valued and encouraged. His messages of leather, love, service, and non-traditional families have ignited conversation and reexamination of what it means to be a kinky leather person in a time of hetero-normative pressure to assimilate.

NICK ELLIOTT

Portland, Ore.

Nick Elliott has been called lots of things in his lifetime, but never "boring." Nick is International Mr. Bootblack 2012, and while he's hung up his sash, he still does boots all over the country at different events and bars, and he believes that, by taking care



of your leather, he's taking care of you.

Nick is a U.S. Army Veteran who lives in Portland, Oregon. He has a wife, a boyfriend in Edinburgh, and a couple of Daddies on the side. Nick describes himself as a bi-poly-pagan-kinky-gamer-geek (or "slut" for short), and he switches for impact and rough body play and loves to bite. He is available during IML Weekend ... when he's not judging.

LANCE HOLMAN

San Francisco, Calif.

Lance Holman is Mr. San Francisco Leather 2010, Mr. Powerhouse Leather 2010 and he was first runner-up at International Mr. Leather 2010. Lance was selected Leather Alliance 2010 Man of the Year for his active support and work in the kink community; he believes in the virtues of honor, passion and pride, and he continues to share these qualities through playful compassion and divine pleasure.

Lance has been a San Francisco Bay Area resident for over 20 years, and he began his leather journey in the heart of the Castro. When he is not playing, Lance is involved in a number of community activities, including the production of the Leather Walk; serving on the boards of the AIDS Emergency Fund and the Breast Cancer Emergency Fund; producing a monthly event to foster positive sexual interaction; and supporting the Leather Pride Contingent, AIDS Lifecycle and Toys for Tots. He also has emceed and judged events across the US, such as International Leather Sir/boy, the San Francisco Leather Alliance weekend, Northern California Leather Sir/boy, Palm Springs Leather, Mr. Powerhouse Leather and the Black Coalition on AIDS.



AARON MATTHEW LAXTON

St. Louis, Mo.

Aaron M. Laxton is an award-winning activist, writer and Leatherman. Since his 2011 HIV diagnosis, Aaron has reached over a million viewers in over 138 countries via his YouTube channel, "My HIV Journey." Aaron is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Pantheon of Leather Midwest Regional Award and Advocate's list of 40 under 40. He is a veteran of the US Army Airborne who is currently working on his Master's in Social Work, and he has served people impacted by HIV, veterans who are homeless, and individuals impacted by the criminal justice system.



Aaron believes that philanthropy and community service that started within the bars and clubs decades ago are needed now more than ever. His journey in leather has taken him from the bars to the streets to protest for LGBT equality, Black Lives Matter and Transgender Rights. He believes participation in our community is political because it stands in the face of the establishment. Aaron and his husband live in St. Louis, Missouri with their bio-pup, Oliver.

TINA MACKAY

Cleveland, Ohio



Tina MacKay is a founding board member of CLAW with a lifetime term on the CLAW Board of Directors. She has been an important part of CLAW planning and management every year since 2003, and was the Deputy Executive Director of CLAW 12-16 weekends. In addition to CLAW, Tina has held various roles in other Kink and Leather organizations and events,

including the Organ Grinders Ball, NAIL leather club, Pride events, food drives and various contests. She

is the winner of the 2013 Pantheon of Leather Great Lakes Regional Award.

Tina has spent over 30 years making a living buying and selling vintage clothing, and she owned and operated a Goth clothing store in Cleveland called Grave Wear. Tina lives just south of Cleveland with Walter, her husband of 28 years. They have raised three beautiful and free-thinking daughters, now in their twenties.

PATTY

Toronto, Ont., Canada

Patty is International Ms. Leather 2014, Ms. Leather Toronto 2014 and Ms. Northbound Leather 2013. She is a butch leatherdyke who has been involved in the Leather Community for over 15 years.

Patty served on the boards of the "So You Want to Be Kinky" educational series and the International Ms. Leather Foundation. She ran the Surge Event Series in Toronto and created the "Surge: Images of Power & Pleasure" calendar as a fundraiser. She has presented workshops on mummification and spanking and co-hosted experiential "novice nights." She regularly presents workshops on suicide and mental health first aid for the puppy, kink and Leather communities, and she works on behalf of Rainbow Railroad, which helps LGBT individuals find safe haven from state-sanctioned violence, murder and persecution.

Patty has received numerous awards, including two Pantheon of Leather Awards, served as grand marshal for the Toronto Leather Pride March, and more.

She is a founding member of the Heart of the Flag Federation, an associate member of ONYX, and is a member of the Vajra Leather Family. Born and raised in upstate NY, Patty has been happily transplanted in Toronto for over a decade where she is a dual Canadian-US citizen and lives with her super-hot wife.



IML JUDGES



MATT WOLF

Largo, Fla.

Matt Wolf won the title of Mr. Gulf Coast Florida Leather 2009, from which he has still not stepped aside. He considers himself “an infant” in the Leather and fetish community. Matt was groundbreaking in his attempt to unify the Tampa Bay area gay, lesbian and pansexual communities by creating the Tampa Bay Leather

Tribe, which brought the leaders of all the local clubs and organizations together to discuss, learn and grow. With the help of his new-found brothers and sisters, Matt was the dreamer and driving force creating Tampa Bay Leather ‘n’ Fetish Pride.

Matt wanted to help bridge the gap between his local Leather and Drag communities, so he held Leather Turnabout, where leather-clad folk turn into Drag Kings and Queens and perform within 30 minutes. Matt believes that only together will Drag, gay, lesbian and pansexual people survive. The event, now called Florida Leather and Fetish Pride, seeks to create unity throughout the state of Florida. Matt says he will always be around when someone needs him, and he will be there to help when he can.

PHILLIP “BOYMEAT” WOLF

New York City, NY



Phillip Wolf—more popularly known as Boymeat—is a native New Yorker. Discovering The Eulenspiegel Society (TES) at the age of 19, he eventually became a TES board member and educational program producer.

Although a national educator, producer, contest judge and tally master, Boymeat is best known for his outreach to the younger members of our community. In 1999, he co-created the concept of The Next Generation (TNG), a specialized group serving young adults between the ages of 18 and 35 who are interested in SM. Boymeat continues to serve as a resource for TNG group leaders and activists across the US.

A bisexual, polyamorous switch, with a penchant for foot fetishism, incest role play and piss play, Boymeat is rumored to be the quite the sadist. An aspirational handcuff collector and leather history slut, he is the man who *nerve.com* said, “makes the Marquis de Sade look like Pat Boone.” He happily resides in New York with his fantastic wife, Kathryn Tact-Wolf and two cats. Also, his wife is amazing.

ESA YKOOÄN

Helsinki, Finland

Esa discovered his inner fetish guy when he was 21 years old. He knew he had found his real brothers after taking part in Finlandization 2004, a summer fetish party held annually in Helsinki. He has been an active member of Finland’s leather/fetish men’s club, MSC Finland-Tom’s Club, for over ten years, and he is currently in his third year serving

as president of the club. He was one of the main organizers of the annual general meeting of ECMC in Helsinki 2016. He and his team took good care of the guests from all over Europe as they hosted a fantastic fetish weekend and Mr. Leather Europe 2016 competition. In 2016, MSC Finland - Tom’s Club celebrated its 40th anniversary, and the club filled its year with projects and events.

Esa has been successfully running his own business for almost six years and he is also one of the founders and an active member of the HLBTIQ entrepreneurs’ society in Finland. His main fetishes are leather and rubber, and he is a complete Adidas sneaker freak.





IMBB JUDGES

ERICK JOSEPH (IMBB 2016)

Anchorage, Alaska

Erick Joseph is proud to have served the community as the first-ever Alaska State Bootblack and now currently as International Mr. Bootblack 2016! His passion for bootblacking stems from his discovery of all things leather at the Alaska Center for Alternative Lifestyles, located in downtown Anchorage. For Erick, bootblacking is a fulfilling form of service to his community as well as a way of helping others preserve the positive energy of their leathers. Most importantly, he enjoys the sexiness and connection that a good boot scene can encompass.

Erick's goal is to continue to cultivate and promote the Bootblack Community while bringing a fun and positive face to the International Mr. Bootblack title. He enjoys traveling, meeting others and creating bonds with community members for future endeavors. He describes himself as a dedicated, hardworking, loyal and FUN Bootblack with a special interest in service and blacking from the lap!



ELISA (INT'L MS. BOOTBLACK 2017)

Detroit, Mich.

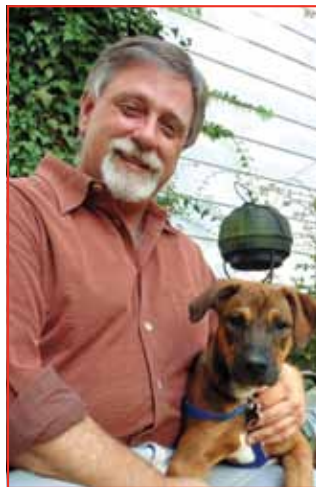
Elisa is International Ms. Bootblack 2017, 2016 Great Lakes Bootblack and 2015 Michigan Community Bootblack, and she is a founder of the Detroit Area Bootblacks' Laboratory. She is a member of the gender-inclusive Michigan Band of Brothers and holds leadership positions in the Board of Education, a kinky, pansexual educational organization in metro Detroit.

She is a radical sexual outlaw who disdains hierarchy and who is best described as a contrarian leather anarchist. She is a body-positive, polyamorous feminist. She is a fuzzy femme piglet who demands authentic and intimate relationships that involve degradation, objectification and pain done with love and affection.

DAVID HAWKS

Charlottesville, Va.

David Hawks has been involved in the leather community since 1979 when he snuck into the DC Eagle at the age of 17. It took several years for the shock to wear off and for him to realize he belonged there. His focus was on his home community of Richmond, Virginia, until winning the Mid-Atlantic Bootblack title in 2000 and then going on to win the International Mr. Bootblack title that same year. Best known for his work in bringing visibility to bootblacks, he went on to become the co-ordinator of the International Mr. Bootblack competition, where he proudly served his community and is credited for making some of the most significant changes to the IMBB competition since its inception. After retiring from his very public life, he now lives with his Daddy outside of Charlottesville, Virginia. David is currently very busy renovating a 140-year-old farmhouse, gardening, canning and preserving and building a more sustainable life and future for his family.



VENDOR LIST



VENDOR

BOOTH

Adonis Leathercrafters	Belmont Room 2nd Floor
Art Side Out Studio and Mask Shop	225 Gold Room 2nd Floor
BearGearusa.com	Shelby Room 3rd Floor
BearTshirts.com	Shelby Room 3rd Floor
Boy Butter	214 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Boss Bondage Play Piercing Kits	B - 8 / Balcony 3rd Floor
BURLYSHIRTS	230 Gold Room 2nd Floor
C3 Casual Clothing	Shelby Room 3rd Floor
Cheaplubes.com	Carter Room 3rd Floor
Chicago Hellfire Club	B - 7 / Balcony 3rd Floor
City of Chicago Department of Health	Foyer 3rd Floor
The Crochet Empire	B - 2 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Current Pleasures	B - 3 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Dungeon Beds	204 Great Hall 2nd Floor
FM Leather Design	222 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Folsom Street Events	215 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Fort Troff	Plaza Room 2nd Floor
Full Kit Gear	200 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Got Kilt	223 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Hands for Hire	Balcony 3rd Floor
ID Lube	Carter Room 3rd Floor
Killerbob Graphics	216 Great Hall 2nd Floor
The Kink Shop	Belmont Room 2nd Floor
Le Chateau Exotique & LCE Ltd	227 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Leather Archives & Museum	Congressional Room 3rd Floor
Leather Bonding	208 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Leather Masters	220 Gold Room 2nd Floor



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The Leatherman	226 Gold Room 2nd Floor
LeatherWerks	Alcove Room 1st Floor
Lockergear	B - 1 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Lucom USA	212 Great Hall 2nd Floor
ManSkins	229 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Mr.-S Leathers	203, 205 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Mr. Friendly.org	B - 9 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Nasty Pig	202 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Northbound Leather	210 Great Hall 2nd Floor
NYJox	218 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Obscure Belts	207 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Off Ramp Leathers	211 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Oxballs	100 Windsor Room 1st Floor
PaddleWerks	Alcove Room 1st Floor
Pjur Group USA	228 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Raw Candles	217 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Rough Trade	110 Windsor Room 1st Floor
Rubio Leather	221 Gold Room 2nd Floor
Squirt.Org	B - 5 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Steamworks	201 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Stompers Boots	Alcove Room 1st Floor
Tiger Lubricant	B - 6 / Balcony 3rd Floor
TLS RubberGear	224 Gold Room 2nd Floor
TOBNI	B - 4 Balcony 3rd Floor
Toolworks Chicago	B - 10 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Tribal Son	206 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Twin Cities Leather	Francis Room 2nd Floor
Wolfstryker Leather	209 Great Hall 2nd Floor

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DON LEACH

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



Don has been involved in the Leather Community for over 20 years and came out into leather while living in Ohio, where he was a full member of the Centurions of Columbus and an Associate Member of Trident International Columbus and the Iron Eagles. In 2002, he became the first Great Lakes Leather Sir and remained involved with the Great Lakes Leather Alliance (GLLA) weekend for nearly a decade in various roles, including contest coordinator. Since 2007, he has been a contest coordinator for the International LeatherSIR/Leatherboy ("ILSb") contest, and before he and his partner, Mark, relocated to South Florida in 2014, he'd served on the IML contestant handling staff.

He has judged, emceed and presented at many events throughout the country. In 2010, Don was awarded the Pantheon of Leather Great Lakes Regional Award, and, in 2013, he was presented with the inaugural Chuck Windemuth Mr. Chicago Leather Mentorship Award. He is extremely proud to be an Associate Member of the Chicago Hellfire Club.

LUCK MARKSTONE

Des Moines, Iowa



Luck Markstone is Ms. Iowa Leather 2015. A member of the Titans of the Midwest and the Onyx Pearls Southeast, Luck identifies as a daddy's girl and pup. Luck advocates and represents the ideas of individuality, being true to one's self, and thinking outside of the box. She is adamant about promoting self expression. She has been afforded the opportunity to judge contests from Iowa Leather Weekend to other events such as Tristate Leather and Twin Cities Leather Weekend. Luck currently serves on staff for Iowa Leather Weekend and continues to serve as an active member of her community.



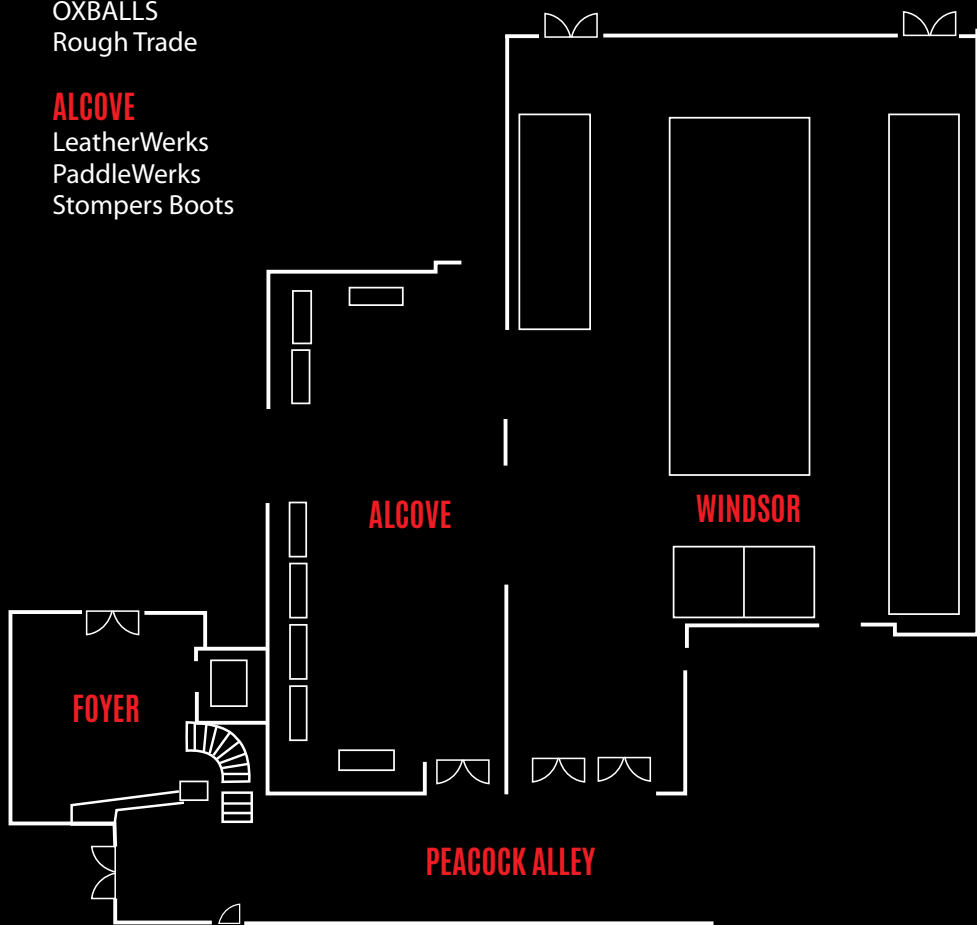
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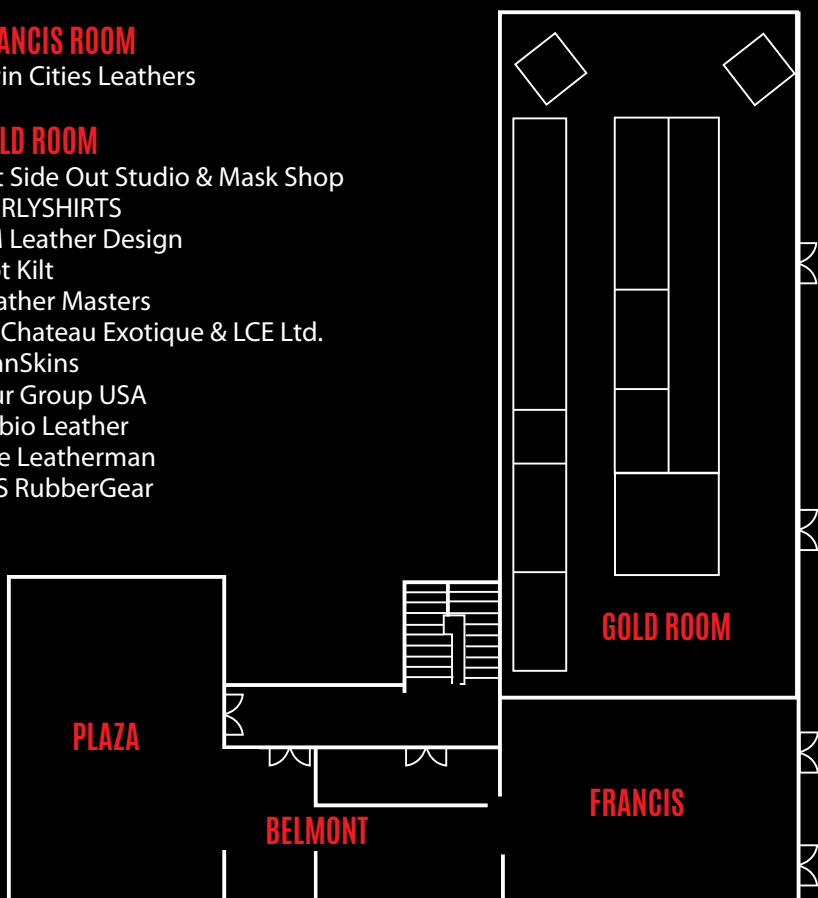
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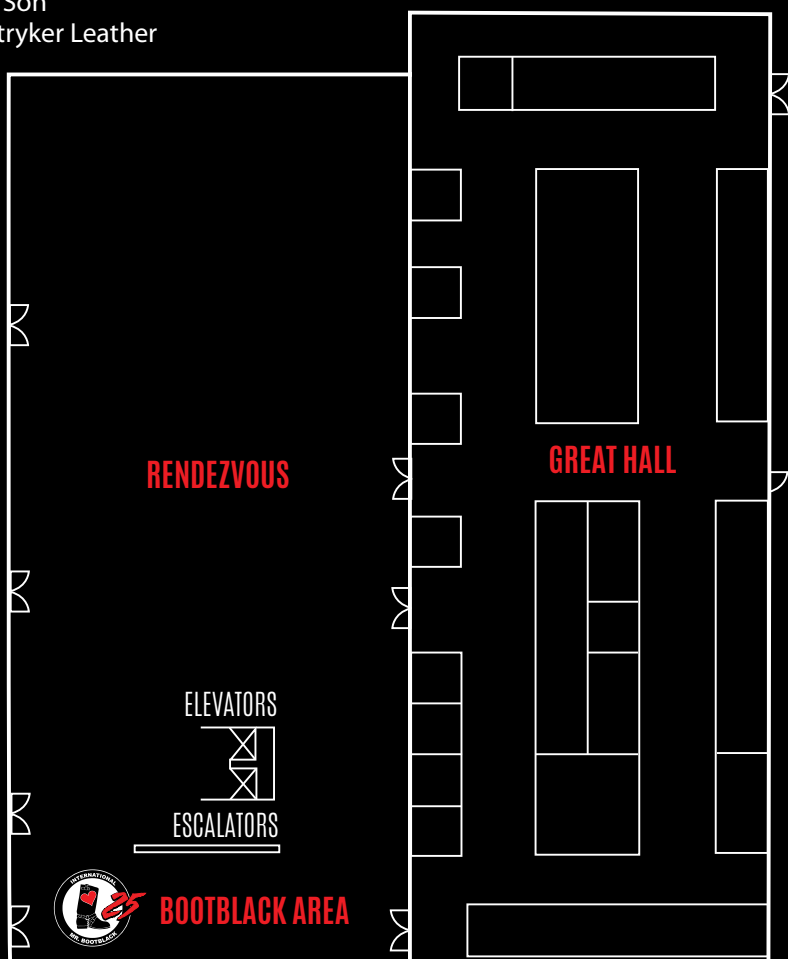
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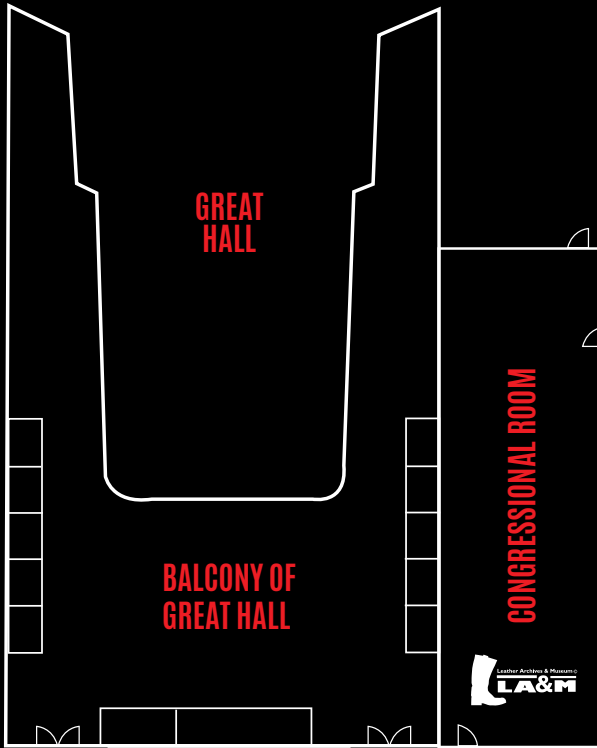
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FAREWELL

David "Tigger" Bailey, International Mr. Leather 2016



I was wrong. I'll admit it upfront. I was wrong.

People told me that running for IML can be a life-changing experience. My response was simple: "If running for a title can change your life, then your life needs a lot of work."

The answer today isn't that simple.

This has not been a simple or easy year. It was only a couple weeks after winning IML that the horrific massacre at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando happened—an experience that yanked away our security blanket. The next day I received a request for a video statement for the victims, survivors, their friends and families. "Who, me?" "Yes, you're IML and people want to hear what you have to say."

Wow, life got real, fast.

The year, and our world, got progressively less stable with the US presidential election. On the very first day of the new administration, the LGBTQ and national HIV/AIDS strategy pages of the White House website were deleted. With a key stroke our presence was erased. And today, with over 100 of our brothers in Chechnya being tortured in concentration camps, our worst nightmares are likely still ahead. In fact, Chechen leader Kadyrov has made claims to rid Chechnya of gays by the end of this month. Fuck.

So what changed in me? Everything. When I competed here a year ago, I presented what I hoped was the best version of myself. When I left wearing that gold medallion, I had to take a long, hard look at myself to see if I was living up to that, every day. Let me be clear, as IML it was never my goal to represent an entire diverse community, but I was committed to representing myself with clarity, honesty and transparency. In times of distress people look for strength and comfort. I did my best to provide both.

This became even clearer moments before the Philadelphia pride parade when a young man asked if I was IML and if he could give me a hug. I said sure and he hugged me like he desperately needed something to hold on to. I hugged him back, hard. When he finally let go I asked him what that was about. He said he wanted to thank me for my speech in Chicago, that it helped him feel not so alone in the world, and that to him it mattered, a lot. Wow. Today I am changed for the better because of every person I have hugged, every hand I have shaken, every smile I have returned.

Today, I truly know what having a voice means. My beliefs crystallized and became clear through relentless challenges from people and places that sometimes surprised and saddened me. I lost the need to please everyone and found the conviction to confront unhealthy and toxic behaviors.

I used my voice to challenge us to be better, to treat each other better. I didn't participate if it wasn't something that made our community stronger and fortified our alliances. That wasn't always popular. But as old enemies become emboldened to mount new attacks against our rights as people, rebels, outliers and sexual pioneers being more powerful is more important than being popular.

No, it hasn't been easy. I had to make some hard decisions, both personal and professional. There was sacrifice. There was more than one occasion where I heard my Dad's voice in my head: "That which we obtain too easily, we deem too lightly." So I worked. I represented the title of IML to the best of my ability—with humility, pride, respect, empathy and a sense of humor.

As a result I'm not the same "Tigger" that stood before you a year ago. I stand taller, speak louder and fight faster. This Tigger still bounces, but this Tigger has claws. And I thank all of you, from the NJ family and friends that nurtured and supported my dream to be of service, to the men and women I call my chosen family. To my Sir, Dan Ronneberg and our boys, Todd Leavitt and Randy Gooch—I love you, all the way.

To all the title holders, public figures and community leaders past, present and future: Thank you for your service. To everyone who puts themselves out there in the spotlight so we don't get swept back into the darkness of hate and homophobia, I owe you. We all do.

David "Tigger" Bailey
International Mr. Leather 2016
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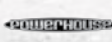


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FAREWELL

Erick Joseph, International Mr. Bootblack 2016



“What have I gotten myself into!”

I never could have imagined the amazing year I was about to experience. How did a little Alaskan puppy make it all the way to Chicago to become YOUR International Mr. Bootblack 2016? I can promise you I didn't do any of this alone. Everyone I have met this year has been an integral part of my experience and I've learned some important things along the way.

In Wisconsin, I learned from Pup Chomper that sometimes something as small as saying, “Hi!” can be one of the most important things and can have such a positive impact on a person. In New Jersey, I learned that family will always be there for you and know what you need to hear, even if you don't want to hear it. Love you, Uncle Hooker! Australia taught me that it is far more important to go where you are needed for the places that don't get visits from international title holders as often as they should, like Melbourne! These are just a few of the places and actions that impacted my year. I can't mention all of them or I'd need the whole program.

I never thought when traveling outside of Alaska I would find people that made me feel like I was home wherever I went. boy Patrick, Lascivious Jane and Meghan—MY Sash Family! You are all amazing individuals who I have been proud to stand next to on every occasion. This ride might be over, but I hope it isn't our last together! I'm looking forward to spending days by the pool at Wuzzy Acres with you!

Finally, speaking of feeling like I'm home, I cannot end this letter without talking about the place that started it all and the people who have stood next to me from the beginning. My home leather community, the Alaska Center for Alternative Lifestyles and my leather mama, Sarha Shaubach. I feel like Dorothy from Oz! There truly is no place like home. Every time I return, I am rejuvenated by my own bed, my family and getting to serve my community. Being able to represent you all in my travels around the world and sharing the experience with you has been a privilege and an honor I won't soon forget. I have had a good fucking time (or was it a good time fucking??). I suppose they are the same thing! I'm not crying because it's over, I will always smile because it happened!

Yours in leather,

Erick Joseph
International Mr. Bootblack 2016
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DANCING ABOUT ARCHITECTURE

by Marc "Moose" Moder



HELL BENT FOR LEATHER IN POP MUSIC

Leather and Rock 'n' Roll go way back, back to Gene Vincent and Elvis Presley, then to The Beatles donning Brando-inspired motorcycle jackets in the '50s and '60s for a bit of rebellious edge. Think of it as yesterday's version of a sex tape or Twitter battle. Then Presley brought it up a notch when, in 1969, he went full leather head to toe for his "comeback special." While leather is synonymous with rebel rock, some more daring artist of the '70s and beyond took it to our beloved sexual level, often inspired by their private lives in and amongst the burgeoning liberated gay scene. Let's hit up a whistle stop timeline of modern leather + rock 'n' pop.



Lou Reed 1967, 1972. With lyrics like, "Kiss the boot of shiny, shiny leather, shiny leather in the dark/Tongue of thongs, the belt that does await you/Strike, dear mistress, and cure his heart," Lou made no bones about his desires and visions in "Venus in Furs" off The Velvet Underground & Nico album. Then, in 1972, he gave all us young kids a start by bringing the NYC leather underground to the majors with models Gala Mitchell and Ernie Thormahlen on the back cover of *Transformer*, in full '70s leather bar glory. The '70s were littered with leather: Suzi Quatro; The Ramones; The Who; but no one made it more overtly gay than Lou. Well, maybe with the exception of Glenn Hughes of The Village People, but since that was corporate leather drag, we'll move on.

Freddie Mercury, 1982. Queen certainly gave us full leather looks a la Elvis when 1980's *The Game* gave us great visuals with a rockabilly feel with "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," but when Queen recorded their next real album in Munich, 1982's *Hot Space*, the closeted front-man was free to explore Germany's legendary gay underground when not recording. The result was an elevation of his leather look and sound that wasn't evident on the hit single/video for "Under Pressure," as it was just stock footage, but the second single (and flop) "Body Language" was straight out of Steamworks. Quite obviously, in fact. The band played in front of a white-tiled wall while water and steam splashed on partially nude and leather-clad models writhing, spanking and biting.

The MTV Era, 1981-85. MTV ushered in a new era of videos and what came with it was a need to shock via fashion and sex. Frankie Goes To Hollywood was famously banned in the UK with their gay leather bar video and chorus of "When you wanna cum" in "Relax." While Annie Lennox was screaming for a leather dress in "4/4 Leather" with The Eurythmics, Soft Cell was bossing around their "Sex Dwarf" (also banned), and Depeche Mode's Martin Gore was getting more and more bold, expressing his passion for BDSM and leather more prominently with each release, often wearing full harnesses and chaps on stage. Over in the R&B community, you even had Cameo's Larry Blackmon cruising in the "Word Up!" video, being busted by cops while wearing a red leather cod piece. Owwww!



Rob Halford of Judas Priest. Not even the super straight metal community was immune. In fact, Rob Halford was the most leather of all rock stars and did it with a wink to the LGBT community, while fooling most of his macho straight fans. Since the late '70s, Rob, who was closeted at the time, wore leather under the guise of a biker/tough guy persona in keeping with metal, but anyone with a bit of

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FRIDAY

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Look for this new leatherman at this year's IML, decked out in his new gear.

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gaydar or experience in the community knew better. Like Freddie, Rob was hitting the gay leather clubs at night, which influenced his look, but not his sound. Rob finally came out after he left Judas Priest and made it okay for many metal fans to drop their homophobia for their hero.



Madonna, NIN and Marilyn Manson in the '90s. Of course Madonna had to have her BDSM phase because, well, she's Madonna. She hit peak shock value with the MTV-banned "Justify My Love," a domination fantasy taking place in an anything-goes hotel, followed by the single "Erotica," in which she plays Dita, complete with mask and riding crop. While great for us, this led to a crash in her career as she finally seemed to go too far for mainstream. Her pushing of the envelope opened many doors, and Nine Inch Nails and Marilyn Manson walked right in. NIN with his equally-as-banned "Closer" video and Marilyn with every single thing he did for 10 years.

Leather and BDSM are still no strangers to pop with **Rihanna's** "Disturbia" and "S&M" and **Beyonce** and **Gaga's** fashion choices, but in this era of Trump and low album sales,

no one wants to rock the boat. Along with a music rebellion, maybe it's time someone put their high-heeled boot back down in the public's face for a little leather humiliation.

Come check out DJ Moose's legendary annual DILF IML party, May 27, with Titan's Jesse Jackman and Dirk Caber at The Sofo Tap, 4923 N. Clark St.



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All Things Beyonce: 2nd Anniversary Get in formation for our the 2nd Anniversary of this monthly Beyonce night. Dance to Beyonce videos and concert footage, plus slay to drag performances from DiDa Ritz and company. You are invited to get on stage, show off your moves and win fun prizes in the All Things Bey Contest. Dance, sing, lip-sync - no drag required. Hosted by Michele Williams Fan Club president Dixie Lynn Cartwright. No cover. 9 pm, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Saturday, May 20

IML Gear-Up Trunk Show Ready for IML? We've got you covered. One-of-a-kind harness designs from our workshop, Vanson Leathers jackets, Maskulo Gear, Modus Vivendi, our line of hand-crafted boots by Noah Waxman and even more. Sale Saturday and Sunday. 11 am - 9 pm, Full Kit Gear, 5021 N. Clark St.

Daddy G's "Free Ballin'" IML Send-off Celebration Wishing good luck to Mr. Chicago Leather 2017 Gerry "Daddy G" Cernak in his bid to be named International Mr. Leather 2017 over Memorial Day weekend. Friends and family (that means YOU!). 10 pm - 1 am, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Sunday, May 21

Chuck Hyde Chicago Memorial The Chicago LGBTQ community is deeply saddened by the passing of former Sidetrack co-owner and general manager Chuck Hyde. Please join us for a Memorial Service at Center on Halsted, followed immediately by a Celebration of Life

Reception at Sidetrack until 5 pm. Please join us in remembering Chuck's great legacy. 1 pm, Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted St.

Wednesday, May 24

IML Best of Chicago Welcome Party A big welcome from "the city of big shoulders." Come meet and greet the city with host Mr. Chicago Leather 2017 Daddy G. 9 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Dudes: Syncit! Join host Dixie Lynn Cartwright for this lip-sync extravaganza to the musical dudes of today (Justin, Drake, Nick, other Justin, and more). No drag required. Just come and "sync it" for fun and prizes. Open until 2. 9 pm, Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Thursday, May 25

IML Opening Ceremonies The official beginning of the contest to choose the 39th International Mr. Leather. Ticket packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. Event includes the introduction of judges, contestants and number selection. Doors open at 8 p.m., show begins at 8:30 p.m. Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave., www.imrl.com

Sidetrack: Leinie Lodge Deck Party Kick off the big weekend by kicking back on Sidetrack's famous rooftop deck. Sponsored by Leinenkugel. Stick around until 2 am for music, drinks and all the fun of Chicago's largest gay bar. 5 pm, Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., www.sidetrackchicago.com

Chicago Bearfest Launch Party Kicking off a new bear tradition in Chicago for Memorial Day weekend. 9 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

IML Kickoff Party The night starts at 8 pm with complimentary cocktails, a live DJ and models. Meet the CEO and founder of Nasty Pig, David Lauterstein, and his team. We will be donating 10% of the evening's sales to The Anti-Cruelty Society and every purchase enters you in the raffle for prizes from our brands. 8-10 pm, Cram Fashion, 3331 N. Broadway

Trident Annual Cigar Smoker Join Trident International Windy City for their annual IML Cigar Smoker and meet-and-greet. Join us outside of Jackhammer Complex to enjoy a smoke and get your boots done to welcome in IML Weekend. 21+, no cover. 9:30 pm - midnight, Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St.

Invasion: Rough Trade Live fist-pumping demo at 11 pm with MAFIA Club and Cumunion. Steamwork, 3246 N. Halsted St.

Friday, May 26

IML: Chicago Rubbermen and Mister Intl. Rubber Meet & Greet The Chicago Rubbermen and Mr. International Rubber join forces to host their annual IML gathering. Start your weekend off by meeting fellow kinky rubberists from around the globe. In the Rendezvous Room, 2nd Floor. 8-11 pm, Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. www.imrl.com

IML: San Francisco Party/Leather Archives & Museum Silent Auction Folsom Street Events delivers the biggest warm-up party of IML weekend right inside the host hotel. So, leather up, gear up, hang out and cruise at this non-stop sleazefest, featuring the deep underground sounds of DJ Jack Chang (London). As always...it's free. In the Florentine Room, 3rd Floor.



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Leather Archives & Museum silent auction takes place right outside the room until midnight. 10 pm - 2 am, Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. www.imrl.com

TPAN's Ride For AIDS Happy Hour Fundraiser for TPAN's annual 200-mile bike trek to raise funds for all the work TPAN does all year in empowering everyone living with or at risk for HIV/AIDS to live open, healthy, and productive lives. 3:30-7 pm, The Sofa Tap, 4923 N Clark St.

Chicago Bearfest Welcome Party Welcome the boys of the new Chicago Bearfest. 8 pm, Mary's Attic, 5400 N. Clark St.

Friday at Sidetrack 4-7 pm: TGIF Show Tunes videos; 7 pm: The official VH1 RuPaul's Drag Race viewing party; 9 pm: GLOW Dance Party until 2. Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Leather Pig Daddy Appearance by adult star Rocco Steele. Benefit for Leather Archive & Museum. \$10 donation at the door. 10 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Queer Prom 2017 Students/youth \$20 (21 and under). Adult youth allies \$30. Doors 6 pm. 7:30-11:30pm, National Museum of Mexican Art, 1852 W. 19th St. Tickets: <https://homofrecuencia.wufoo.com/forms/zzmpzu-91ve8mj1/>

Men's Room IML w/DJ Harvey Two floors of music and debauchery featuring DJ Harvey, Jeremiah Meece, Mister Wallace, Harry Cross, Jacob Meehan and aCeb00mbaP, plus BDSM performances all night long. \$20 pre-sale tickets/\$30 at the door. Pre-paid ticket holders enter the party via the back alley behind Jackhammer. Access the alley from Devon Ave. Free clothes check. Men's Room welcomes all genders, races, fetishes and weirdnesses. 9 pm - 4 am, Jackhammer, 6406 N Clark St. Tickets: <https://www.facebook.com/>

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Manhole at Hydrate: DJ Deanne Kick off IML weekend with the sweaty sounds of DJ Deanne. Open until 4. 10 pm, Hydrate, 3458 N. Halsted St.

Live Show at Steamworks Featuring adult stars Dolf Dietrich, Hugh Hunter and Rikk York. 11 pm, Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St., www.steamworks-baths.com

Saturday, May 27

IML: Pecs and Personality

Contest Night one of the official contest to choose the new International Mr. Leather. Ticket packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. IML contestants are judged on their appearance and stage presence. Doors open at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m. Proudly sponsored by sportlube. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy., www.imrl.com

IML: Gear Blast Hot guys in sports, racing, rubber, leather, lycra and other perv gear keep things hot, sweaty and kinky! Everyone is invited to get yer gear on and come party hard and sweaty. After all, it's always better IN gear! In the Rendezvous Room, 2nd Floor. 10 pm - 2 am, Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave., www.imrl.com

IMBB: Spitshine: The Bootblack

Party Join the contestants for this year's International Mr. Bootblack Competition and meet bootblacks from across the nation. Jump in to the auction bidding to help raise travel funds for this year's winner. Featuring the roast of outgoing International Mr. Bootblack 2016, Erick Joseph. IMBB is proudly sponsored by Stompers Boots of Fort Lauderdale, FL. In the Buckingham Room, 1st Floor. 10 pm - 2 am, Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave. www.imrl.com

ONYX: Old School IML Dance

Party The men of ONYX bring you this annual IML dance party with music by DJ Ron C. Project VIDA will be on hand testing: First 25 people tested get free admission; anyone tested after that gets \$5 off admission. \$20. Free shuttle from Congress Hotel starting at 10:30; doors open at 11. Cobra Lounge Chicago, 235 N. Ashland Ave., www.onyxmidwest.com

Chicago Bearfest Showtunes & Cocktails 4-9 pm, The Call, 1547 W. Bryn Mawr St.

Wet n' Wild Bear Party Get wet with the boys of Bear Pride. 11 am - 6 pm, Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St.

Stoli Big Deck Party Like big decks? Sidetrack's got ya covered! Sip some Stoli on the sunny rooftop deck all day. Then stick around until 3 am. 1 pm, Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Chicago Bearfest: Mr. Chicago Bear Contest See who'll be named the first Mr. Chicago Bear. Will it be you? This "bears & boxers" party will answer all your questions. 10 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

DILF: IML Edition The monthly party for hot men over 35 and the men who want them. Music from DJ Moose. 9 pm, The Sofa Tap, 4923 N. Clark St.

Manhole at Hydrate: DJ Shane Stiel Shane Stiel returns to Chicago for this second night of Manhole parties at Hydrate for IML weekend. Open until 5. 10 pm, Hydrate, 3458 N. Halsted St.

Fetish Hall The ultimate fetish party featuring surprise guests and performances. Fetish scenes encouraged. Tickets available next door at Leather 64TEN, 6410 N. Clark St. 10 pm - 5 am, Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St Chicago, www.leather64ten.com

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BRÜT Chicago IML Weekend BRÜT blows into Chicago just in time for IML. With so much testosterone in town that weekend, we couldn't resist the chance to bring it home! DJs and BRÜT creators Dan Darlington & Peter Napoli will both be in town to spin. Official Sponsor: IML. Please go to www.imrl.com for the entire schedule of events and times of the contest. Early Bird tickets are \$30 now at www.brutparty.com. To receive BRÜT updates, scroll down at brutparty.com and become a BRÜT BUDDY. #WeAreBRÜT. 11 pm - 4:30 am, Concord Music Hall, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave., www.brutparty.com

Skin XXIII Featuring a live show at 1 am with adult stars Bruce Beckham and Alex Mecum. 11 pm - 5 am, Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St., www.steamworks-baths.com

Furball Chicago Joe Fiore returns to Chicago for yet another IML, throwing Saturday night's hottest party. Music from DJs Ralph Rosario and Ted Eiel. Hosted by Daddy Ersin. 11:30 pm - 4:30 am, Metro Chicago, 3730 N. Clark St., Tickets: www.metrochicago.com

WOOF Returns Presented by SKIN Productions. Internationally renowned DJ/producer Alain Jackinsky (Montreal). Start polishing your leather outfits because it is going to be a hot, raunchy and sexy party. We will donate our profits to TPAN (Test Positive Aware Network). \$20. Doors open at 11:30 pm. Fantasy Nightclub, 3641 N. Halsted St.

Sunday, May 28

IML: International Mr. Leather Contest The big show! Come see who will be chosen as the new International Mr. Leather. Ticket

Packages available at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor Ticket Sales Desk. Doors open at 5 p.m., contest begins at 6 p.m. Proudly sponsored by Miller Lite. 6-9 pm Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy., www.imrl.com

IML: Victory Party Fete the new International Mr. Leather and all the contestants at the official IML victory dance party. DJ/producer Eddie Martinez. After the big Sunday contest. Tickets at www.imrl.com or at the House of Blues box office. 9 pm - 4 am House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., www.imrl.com

Growlr BBQ Annual Bear Pride BBQ, sponsored by Growlr. 12:30-3:30 pm, The Sofa Tap, 4923 N. Clark St., www.thesofotap.com

Sunday Funday at Sidetrack Open at 1 pm for all your Sunday Funday needs. Super-sized Showtunes Sunday 4-10 pm, Sunday Funday (after dark) 9 pm until close. Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Super Ripe Party Cut loose after the big contest. Dim lights and hot go-go dudes. 9 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Leather Queen! A special IML edition of Chicago's "It" Sunday-night DJ party. Featuring DJs Michael Serafini, Garrett David, Harry Cross and Jacob Meehan. Hosted by Lucy Stooles, JoJo Baby, Nico, James, Majesty, Kurrious, Mr. Twin Cities, Leather Ryan Coit and Ryan Willing. 10 pm - 4 am, Smart Bar, 3730 N. Clark St., www.metrochicago.com

Manhole at Hydrate: Nuts to Butts Celebrate Bear Pride with this annual dance party, grinding to the beats of DJ Jesse Mercado. Open until 4. 10 pm, Hydrate, 3458 N. Halsted St.

Live Show at Steamworks Live show at 11 pm featuring adult stars Jackson Grant and Jack

Vidra. Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St., www.steamworks-baths.com

Monday, May 29

IML: Black & Blue Ball The official wrap-up party of IML weekend. Keep the party going with the return of DJ/producer Tom Stephan (London/Superchumbo) and DJ Karsten Sollors (Toolroom/Farris Wheel Recordings). Doors open at 9. Tickets available at www.imrl.com and at the door (if available). Presented by IML and Matthew Harvat. 9 pm - 4 am, Sound-Bar 226 W. Ontario St., www.imrl.com

All-day Beer Bust/Cookout/Survivor Party Wind up your IML/Bearfest weekend with \$1 drafts all day, a cookout 3-7 pm and the Survivor Party, starting at 9. Touche, 6412 N. Clark St.

Chicago Bearfest Farewell Brunch Celebrate the first Chicago Bearfest weekend with the girls of Mary's. 11 am, Hamburger Mary's, 5400 N. Clark St.

"What's the T?" Throwback T-Dance All the jams you remember for Memorial Day. Party on the rooftop deck 1-5 pm. Showtunes 8 pm until close. Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St.

Sweet & Savory BBQ Ride 4 AIDS Fundraiser Shots, drink specials and raffles! Purchases of select beverages, raffle tickets, etc. or direct donations all help support the Ride for AIDS Chicago/TPAN. Direct donations can also be made at the following link: <http://bit.ly/teamtouche>. 2-6 pm, Touche, 6412 N. Clark St. www.facebook.com/pg/Team-ToucheFans/events

Live Show at Steamworks Live show at 9 featuring adult stars JJ Knight and Brent Corrigan. 9 pm - 1 am, Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St.



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SATURDAY 5/27

CBF BRUNCH 10AM AT ANDERSONVILLE BREWING
BEAR CRAWL IN ANDERSONVILLE
SHOWTUNES & COCKTAILS 4PM AT THE CALL

**MR. CHICAGO BEAR CONTEST
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SUNDAY 5/28

BEARS ON THE BEACH NOON
AT OSTERMAN BEACH

CBF VIDEO DANCE PARTY 9PM AT THE CALL

MONDAY 5/29

CBF FAREWELL BRUNCH
AT HAMBURGER MARY'S





Meet the Best of Chicago, Wed., May 24 at Touche.

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The Manhole is ready for you all weekend at Hydrate.

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Anything (and everything) goes at the **San Francisco Party, Fri., May 26.**

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What a year! In 2016, we met our new International Mr. Leather David “Tigger” Bailey (left). He began as Mr. New Jersey Leather 2016 and rose to the top of the field of contestants, including first runner-up Mr. Chicago Leather 2016 Todd Harris and second runner-up Mr. Midwest Leather 2015 Adam “Pup Vino” Henderson. Also pictured is International Mr. Bootblack 2016 Erick Joseph.

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