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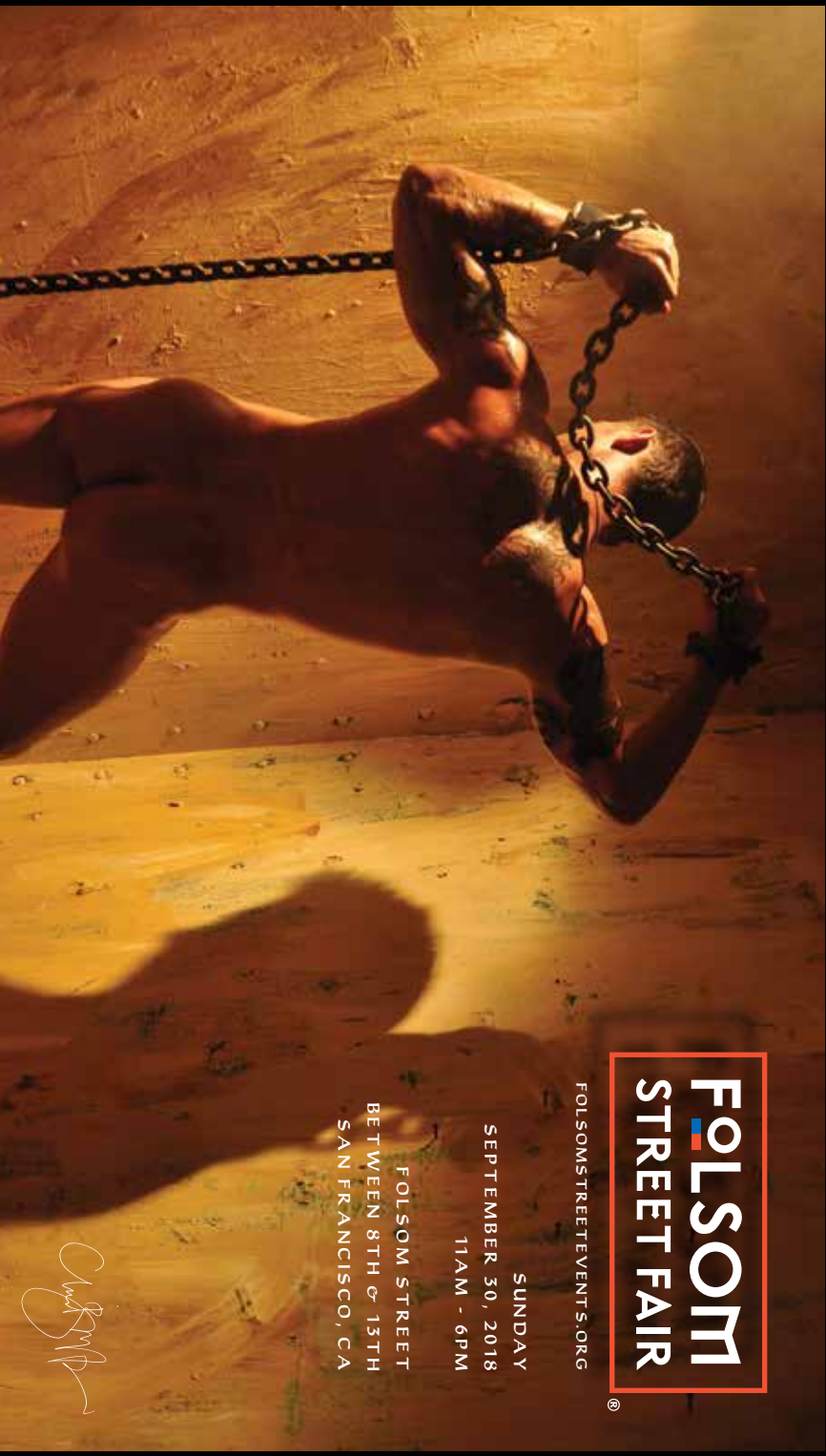


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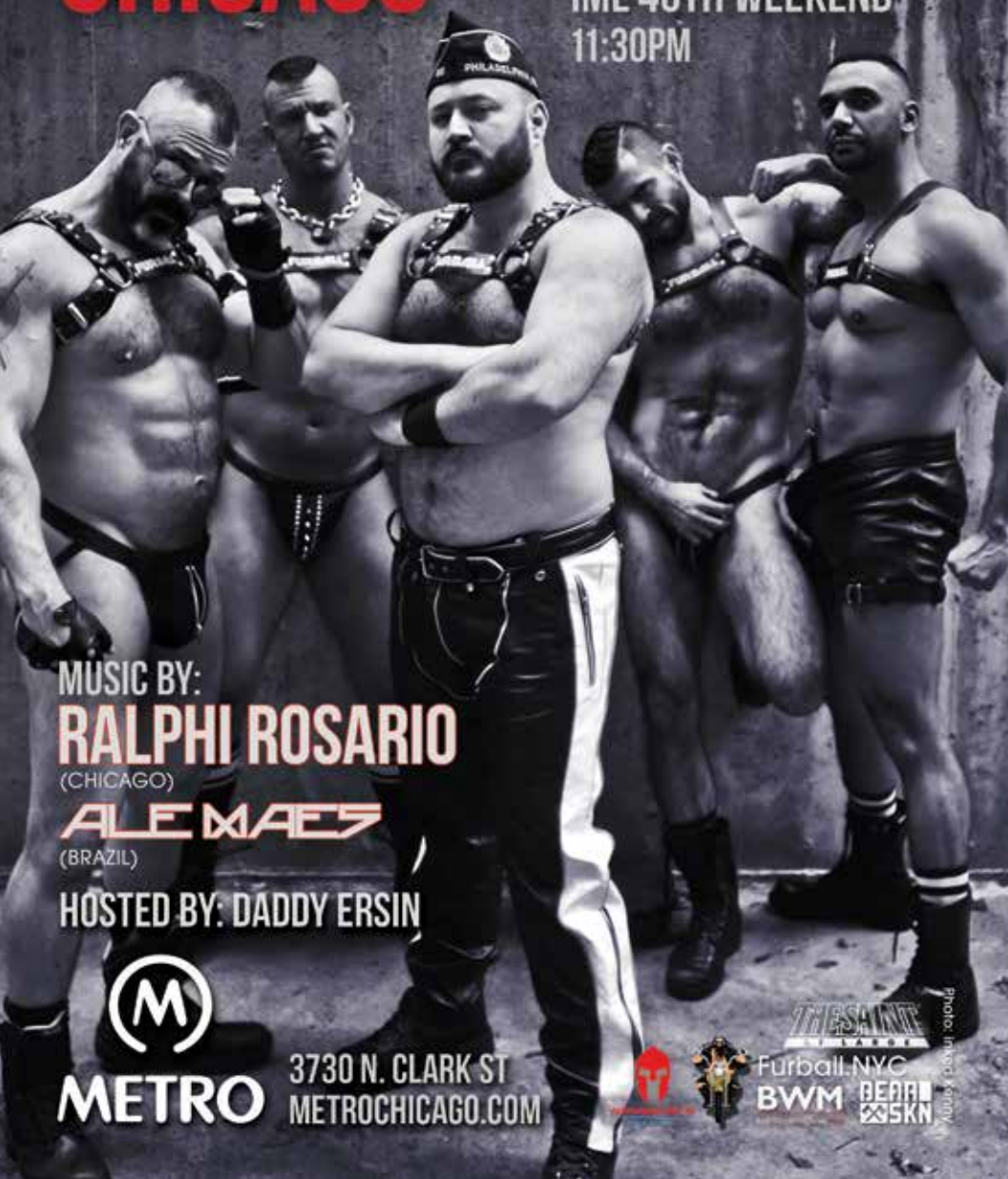
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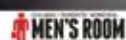
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On behalf of the Renslow Charitable Trust, it is both my pleasure and distinct honor to welcome each of you to Chicago, the home of the International Mr. Leather and International Mr. Bootblack Competition.

While there is much to celebrate as IML enters its 40th year, we also must pause to reflect, celebrate and honor the life of someone who has done so much for so many in our community: Chuck Renslow. As everyone knows, Chuck passed in June of last year and left behind a legacy of activism, civil rights, community building and so much more. And, with his late partner Dom Orejudas, they created the most lasting legacy of all, International Mr. Leather. Throughout the weekend, there will be a number of gatherings, exhibits and tributes to this amazing man who was a mentor, a leader, a Daddy and, most importantly, a friend to so many of us. And yes, we do have a very special tribute planned for Sunday night at the Contest.

And, as Chuck would say to me often, get back to the details...

Again, IML is being hosted by The Congress Hotel. As always, our Executive Staff have been working tirelessly with our hosts to make the weekend as seamless and trouble-free as possible for you, our guests. And yes, we know not everyone will be totally happy with everything, but we do ask if you do have issues to kindly raise those concerns with the appropriate individuals. We want to help make this weekend as much as each of you expect and ask for patience as we work to fix the issues that come our way.

A big part of our Anniversary celebration will be held at The Auditorium Theatre, which is directly across the street from The Congress. Each of the Contest related events—Opening Ceremonies, Pecs and Personality and both the IML and IMBB Contest finale on Sunday night—will be held in that majestic 4,000 seat historic landmark. One amazing twist for this year: The audience attending Opening Ceremonies on Thursday, May 24, will join the contestants on the stage and be able to look out and into this amazing venue.

In addition to this being IML's 40th, we are also celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the International Mr. Bootblack Competition. Included in your Weekend Package is a ballot that will let you do your part in selecting the next International Mr. Bootblack. If you've never seen the passion, the love and absolute skill these individuals bring to their craft, you are missing something truly beautiful to watch and experience first hand. Come cheer them on...get your boots done...and revel in the experience.

As you've come to expect, the weekend is filled with parties, seminars, mixers, demos and, of course, The Vendor Market on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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.

During the weekend, there is much to do, 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. Each of you has the opportunity to get outside a little bit and explore this City we all truly love ... and why we call it the Home of IML.

Over the years, IML and IMBB have grown because of each of you and we also know that this year will be no exception as we welcome an anticipated 18,000+ to Chicago. Chuck knew this and, as he announced at IML 2011, he created the Renslow Charitable Trust, to ensure that IML would continue well into the future and provide direct funding support to his other major passion, The Leather Archives and Museum. You'll hear a bit more about the Trust over the weekend but, for now, you should know that each of the trustees Chuck selected are dedicated and engaged in ensuring his wishes are fulfilled. So there can be no doubt, let me say this with clarity: IML/IMBB is here to stay!

We are delighted you have chosen this year to join us and wish each of you a very "Happy IML."

And now...get settled in...enjoy the fun...be safe...And Welcome to our 40th Anniversary!

**Jon Krongaard** *President, International Mr. Leather, Inc.*

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If you'd like to know more, and/or attend one of our  
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SUNDAY MAY 27 / 10PM  
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# OFFICIAL EVENTS



## Thu., May 24

10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

### Weekend Package Pick-up and Ticket Sales

Rafael Annex, 1st Floor

8 - 10:30 p.m.

### IML OPENING CEREMONIES

Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy.

*Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor. Event includes the introduction of judges, contestants and number selection. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8 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 25

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

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Noon - 1 p.m.

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Victorian Room, 3rd Floor

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Noon - 7 p.m.

### Leather Archives & Museum Pop-Up Shop

Congress Hotel, 1st Floor

*Stop by the pop-up shop for the Leather Archives & Museum and check out some amazing merchandise. This year's collection features items designed especially for IML in limited quantities, so catch them before they're gone. Guest authors will join us during the weekend to sign and sell copies of their books, so stop by often. While you're there be sure to sign the 2018 IML flag and renew your membership to the LA&M for 2018!*

Noon - 7 p.m.

### International Mr. Bootblack Competition

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

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### IML Leather Market

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

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5 - 6 p.m.

### Mr. International Rubber Judge Announcement

Oxford Room, 1st Floor

*A brief press conference, open to all interested parties, to announce the judges for the 22nd Mr. International Rubber contest to be held November 9-11, 2018, in Chicago.*

5 - 7 p.m.

### Forever Leather

Lakeshore Room, 3rd Floor

*Our legacy of leather requires continual care to ensure that it is around for future generations. "Retired" leather artifacts make up a significant part of the collections of the Leather Archives and Museum, and these materials need special treatment. Join us to see the work that Leather Collections Specialist Leslie Anderson is doing to ensure that these treasures exist in perpetuity.*



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**7 - 9 p.m.**

## **FlashBack**

Florentine Room, 3rd Floor

*Spend some time with IML 2017 Ralph Bruneau and IMBB 2017 Pawlish as they share their memories and highlights of their title year and travels. Join them and some very special guests to hear the insider scoop behind the social media posts of airports, events, judging and jock auctions. Share some tears, laughs and scandals—stories you probably haven't heard as well as their final remarks before their successors are named on Sunday night. Be there as the guys have a last word before fading into wuzziedom. This is a ticketed event that is available as both an add-on to your Weekend Package or as a single-ticket event. Tickets will be available at Weekend Registration/Ticket Desk.*

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

## **Puppy Yoga**

Rendezvous Room, 2nd 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. Yoga starts at 7:30 p.m. and the Romp will be from 8:30-10 p.m.*

**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.*

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

## **Off Leash: The Pup and Handler Romp**

Rendezvous Room, 2nd 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.*

**10 p.m.**

## **BRÛT Party**

Fantasy Night Club, 3641 N. Halsted St.

*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, and Ted Eiel. Doors open at 10 p.m. Tickets at Brutparty.com.*

**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, clean up, gear up, hang out and cruise at this nonstop sleazefest, featuring the deep, underground sounds of DJ Jack Chang (London).*

**10 p.m. - Midnight**

## **Leather Archives & Museum Silent Auction**

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*Raise money for the Leather Archives & Museum and get a great deal on some fantastic items! Bid on unique leather, clothing accessories, artwork and more.*

**10:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

## **Chicago Rubbermen and Mr. 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!*

**11 p.m. - 1 a.m.**

## **Pocono Eagle Boots Party**

Oxford Room, 1st Floor

*The Pocono Eagle is a special part of Gay Naturist International. The Pocono Eagle is about Leather and Naturism (nakedness). This is the final warm-up party getting ready for the Pocono Eagle 2018. The dress code is quite simple: Naked and wearing boots. You're a Leatherman so you can accessorize (Harnesses, Vests, Chaps, Cockrings, Ball Stretchers, etc. just no jocks or pants!!!) \$25 at the door covers bourbon, soft drinks, camaraderie and, of course, a clothing check.*

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**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 6th year, the Titans of the Midwest have hosted hundreds of educational sessions, bringing BDSM and kink education to thousands. Kink*

*U at IML 40 will be no different. For full course details visit: [titansofthemidwest.org](http://titansofthemidwest.org)*

**Noon - 1 p.m.**

## **Leather Recovery Meeting**

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**Noon - 1:30 p.m.**

## **Dogs of a "Different" Breed: Identity in the pup community**

Oxford, 1st Floor

*Race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation. These factors, so prevalent in human society, don't necessarily disappear when the hood goes on and the tail starts wagging. Join us for a discussion panel on diversity, identity, and intersectionality in the pup community and how it affects our play.*

**1 - 1:45 p.m.**

## **Kink U Session 1: BDSM as Stress Management: Chill Out with a Warm Butt**

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*We all have high-stress days, weeks, months...lives. Most of us know just how awful stress is for us and that we need to manage it somehow. If you're here, you also like fun and kinky playtime. How do you make time for serious stress management and for playtime? Combine them! We'll tell you how and share how you can use your kinky playtime to get off and get calm.*

**1:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

## **People of Color Leather Caucus**

Columbia Room, 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 newcomers. 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: The Good Touch Games**

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*Consent is the cornerstone of our community. This interactive class teaches consent in practical ways. Bring a friend but don't expect to get paired with them*



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*as you are guided through a series of 9 hands-on games. This sexy and simple class will teach even the most experienced player a thing or two and give the rookie a safe and solid foundation.*

**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 mingle with the members of CHC as they celebrate its 46th year. All are welcome.*

**3 - 3:45 p.m.**

## **Kink U Session 3: Fireside Chat with Mufasa, Founder of ONYX**

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*This will be an interview chat with Mufasa about the origins of ONYX, the growth of this amazing organization, the state of diversity in today's leather and kink communities, and where he sees it all progressing in the future.*

**4 - 4:45 p.m.**

## **Kink U Session 4: Leather Through the Lens**

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*D.S. Trumbull will lead a photographers' panel presentation with Ryan Coit, Carmelle La Sirena, Bayard Matty and Andrew Bertke. Listen to these fantastic leather/fetish photographers as they show some of their favorite images and talk about the stories and issues that come up with capturing the modern leather/fetish world.*

**4 - 6 p.m.**

## **LORE Sober Recovery Mocial Party**

Guest Room 700, North Tower

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

**5 - 7 p.m.**

## **MEN as Seen through the Lens of inkedKenny - Gallery Reception**

Leather Archives & Museum, 6418 N. Greenview Ave.

*Visit the Leather Archives & Museum to view the current exhibition of photographs from inkedKenny (aka Kenny Yip.) Meet the artist and spend some time up close with his intensely masculine photographs. Drinks will be available and the art is available for purchase.*

**7 - 10:30 p.m.**

## **BLUF Social**

Oxford Room, 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 Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor. IML contestants are judged on their appearance and stage presence. Doors open at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m.*

**10 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

## **Gear Blast 2018**

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!*

**10 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

## **Spitshine: The Bootblack Party**

Florentine Room, 3rd 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. IMBB is proudly sponsored by Stompers Boots of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.*

**10 p.m. - 2 a.m.**

## **ONYX Dance: CLIMAX**

The Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St.

*Continue your IML weekend with a CLIMAX with ONYX at APEX, the 2018 ONYX IML Dance. A dark room pulsating with hot music, hot dancers and hot leatherfolk ... the rest is up to you. The men of ONYX turn the heat up a notch higher every year. \$20 admission, sexy dancers, free transportation from the Congress Hotel beginning at 9:30 p.m.*

**Midnight - 1 a.m.**

## **Leather Recovery Meeting**

Guest Room 700, North Tower

# OFFICIAL EVENTS



## Sun., May 27

10 a.m. - 4 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.*

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Weekend Package Pick-up and Ticket Sales

Rafael Annex, 1st Floor

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### International Mr. Bootblack Competition

Rendezvous, 2nd Floor

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### IML Leather Market

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

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### Leather Archives & Museum Pop-Up Shop

Congress Hotel, 1st Floor

*Stop by the pop-up shop for the Leather Archives & Museum and check out some amazing merchandise. This year's collection features items designed especially for IML in limited quantities, so catch them before they're gone. Guest authors will join us during the weekend to sign and sell copies of their books, so stop by often. While you're there be sure to sign the 2018 IML flag, and renew your membership to the LA&M for 2018!*

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Chuck Renslow Memorial Display

Victorian Room, 3rd Floor

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Noon - 1 p.m.

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1:30-3 p.m.

### IML XXX Class of 2008: 10 Year Reunion

Oxford Room, 1st Floor

*IML XXX Class of 2008: 10 Year Reunion. All members of the class of 2008 and partners are invited to attend a reception celebrating a decade of leather and fraternity.*

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.*

3 p.m.

### Leather Archives and Museum Film screening of "Tom of Finland"

Florentine, 3rd Floor

*Join the Leather Archives & Museum for a screening of the 2017 hit film, Tom of Finland. Directed by Dome Karukoski, this film presents a warm, humorous and provocative biography of Touko Laaksonen (aka Tom of Finland). Enjoy popcorn and sodas while watching the film, brought to us courtesy of Kino Lorber Inc.*

6 - 9 p.m.

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# OFFICIAL EVENTS

**9 p.m. - 4 a.m.**

## **IML VICTORY CELEBRATION**

House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.

*"The Victory Party" returns with an all-star lineup. With custom laser and light shows, sensational set designs, go-go dancers from around the world and the best DJ talent on the decks, this incredible party produced by Matthew Harvat (aka CircuitMOM) will once again fill every floor of the 4-story House Of Blues Chicago space for the 20th year. In their first time spinning together as a team, "The Victory Party" welcomes Grammy-nominated producer/DJ Tony Moran and the incomparable Morabito for a groundbreaking DJ set combining both of these pioneering artists styles, original production work and energy. Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor.*

**Midnight - 1 a.m.**

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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

**9 p.m. - 4 a.m.**

## **BLACK AND BLUE BALL**

House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St.

*International Mr. Leather's iconic closing party comes to Chicago's historic House Of Blues for the first time with Matthew Harvat and his team ready to transform the venue into a different and exciting space specifically for this event. Everyone will be a star, because you—our amazing guests—will dance onstage. Returning for his third triumphant year, DJ/Producer Tom Stephan (London, NYC/ Superchumbo) brings his captivating sound of dark beats and vocal dubs to close out this 20th Anniversary party. Joining Tom for the second straight year is globally recognized Canadian born DJ/Writer/Producer Karsten Sollors, whose electronic rhythms will surround the packed house with an irrepressible groove. This party and its guests deserve the best venue available for the 40th anniversary of IML. At last it has one. Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor.*

# EMCEE



## Thib Guicherd-Callin

Thib Guicherd-Callin is an entertainer in (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. A two-time IML emcee, two-time IML roastmaster, and zero-time IML, Thib has also hosted ILSb-ICBB, IM/s at SPLF, "Seduction" at IMsLBB, Australian Leatherman/Australian Mr. Bootblack, Iowa Leather Weekend, 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, IMsLBB, Mr. San Francisco Leather, Mr. Los Angeles Leather, and (alas!) more. Thib serves as treasurer of the Santa Clara County Leather Association, and people put up with him as a member of Alameda County Leather Corps, Queer Leather Association Sacramento, and California Boots and Breeches Corps. The title of Hunky Jesus 2011, the silver medal at IML 2013, and the Pantheon of Leather Man of the Year award in 2017 are some of the "achievements" he uses to further the conspiracy theory that he has any kind of community relevance.



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**CIRCUIT MOM TAKEOVER** 9PM-2AM

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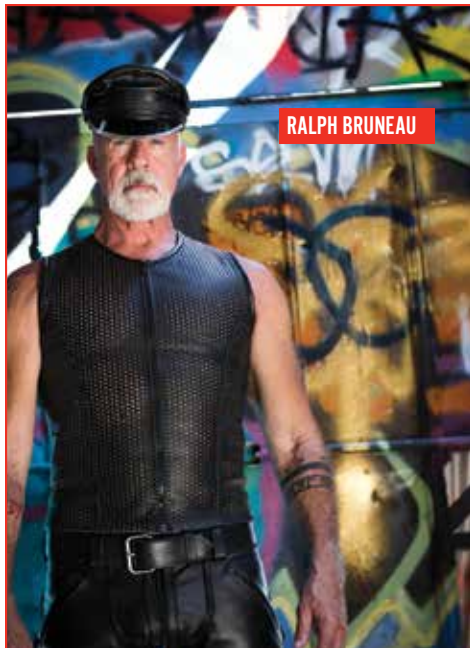
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# IML JUDGES



**RALPH BRUNEAU**

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Los Angeles, Calif. – International Mr. Leather 2017

Ralph Bruneau is International Mr. Leather 2017. He competed at IML as Mr. GNI Leather 2016.

Dr. Bruneau has a Master's and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology, has a sex-positive, kink-positive practice, and he has been nationally recognized for his contributions to the field of marriage and family therapy in California. He is actively involved in the campaign to end conversion therapy, working with NCLR's #BornPerfect campaign. He is on the founding board of the Los Angeles Gender Center, a co-team leader for Team Friendly SoCal, a proud member of Avatar Club LA, and the Southern California Bondage Club.

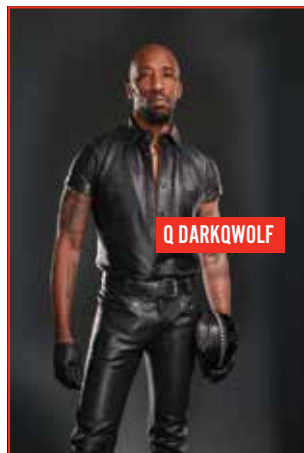
## Q DARKQWOLF

New York City, NY

Q Darkqwolf is Mr. Eagle NYC 2016 and one of the IML 2016 "38 Specials" who made Top 20. He hosts Jockstrap Wednesdays at The Eagle; #RoughSexNY, a bi-monthly fetish event; and, together with C-IN2 clothing, Jockstrap Happy Hour, a monthly

fundraiser benefitting emerging LGBTQ community organizations.

Q's passionate about HIV/AIDS education, particularly the HIV Smart campaign. He's a member of Team Eagle NYC and a new member of the Folsom Street East board. A proud born-and-raised-in-Brooklyn Leatherman, Q is the master of jock selfies, a side-eye savage, a loving husband, Alpha wolf, and protector of his pack, The Jungle Book.



**Q DARKQWOLF**

## WERNER HALL

Munich, Germany

Werner Hall is Bavarian Mister Leather 2016, a proud member of the IML 2016 "38 Specials," and he is an executive board member of MLC (Munich Lions Club), one of the biggest gay Leather and fetish clubs in the world. He has a Master's in economics and is the CEO of a German company that has a daughter company in Salt Lake City, Utah. Werner visited over 45 events throughout Europe and the USA during his title year, and he continues to travel frequently within the Leather and fetish community.



**WERNER HALL**

## DAVID KLOSS

**Toronto, Ontario, Canada – International Mr. Leather 1979**

In 1979, David Kloss became the first man to win the International Mr. Leather title. He competed at IML as Mr. Leather San Francisco 1979. He has been an activist for many Leather, LGBT, and HIV/AIDS organizations, such as Houston's Assistance Fund, Austin's HIV Wellness Center, Folsom Events, and Church Street Fetish Fair. Over the years, David has helped raise over \$1.5 million dollars for charity.



**DAVID KLOSS**

In 2002, David relocated to Toronto, Canada, and, in 2003, after Ontario's Court of Appeals upheld Marriage Equality, he married Remi Collette. Since 2005, David and his husband have owned a Toronto-based design and renovation firm and, in July 2018, they will celebrate 15 years of legal marriage.

## DREW KRAMER

**Palm Springs, Calif.**

Drew Kramer first heard of IML in 1989 when, following an ACT UP demonstration, he shared a jail cell with IML1986 Scott Tucker. Ever since discovering that the Leather community is an outlet for lifelong fantasies of bondage and domination,



**DREW KRAMER**

his activism and community organizing work have dovetailed with his identity as a Leatherman.

Drew loves Leather bars (the Bike Stop in Philadelphia, Altar and the LURE in NYC, the Tool Shed in Palm Springs), BDSM (making strong men bleed and cry), and he values his experiences with GMSMA, the Chicago Hellfire Club and Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, of which he is currently president.

## SAMMY SKLOVER

**Portland, Ore. – International Mr. Bootblack 2013**

Sammy Sklover is Oregon State Bootblack 2012 and International Mr. Bootblack 2013. He enjoys training the next generation of bootblacks to love on leather. When not bootblacking, Sammy enjoys brewing beer both at BDSM Brewing Company and for the local underground brewing scene in town. Sammy enthusiastically enjoys sharing his skills with anyone who wants to learn more.



**SAMMY SKLOVER**

# IML JUDGES



**RICK STORER**

## RICK STORER

Chicago, Ill.

Rick Storer was the Executive Director of the Leather Archives & Museum from 2002 to 2017.

He has been involved in Chicago's Leather scene for 20 years, including past memberships in Chicago Hellfire Club and Chicago Leather Club. He is inspired by a community that fights against sexual repression and appreciates those who don't mind getting a little messy while doing it. Rick's greatest joy in life is the loving and growing family that surrounds him, especially his husband of 18 years.



**SAL SUSINO**



**KAREN ULTRA**

## SAL SUSINO

Asbury Park, NJ

Sal Susino is an event producer, community activist, Chief Cat Herder of the NJ Leather Family, and a Daddy bear. Together with his husband of 35 years, Dion Daly-Susino, with whom he shares the Harvey Milk Community Advocacy Award from the Pride Network, Sal has proven that leather can have a home in the suburbs. He has produced Mr & Ms NJ Leather for 18 years; co-produces Asbury Park Bear Weekend; and serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Leather Heart Foundation. Sal serves as an HIV-services administrator in his professional life.

## KAREN ULTRA

St. Louis, Mo.

Karen Ultra is a well-known emcee and educator in the community, and she is a person who has said so many shocking things that Cards Against Humanity is creating a card set with her name on it...to date, three of those cards were rejected as unfit for public consumption. Karen has been on the IML Den Staff for ten years; she served as IML Emcee twice; and her favorite animals are silk-lined ermine and medium rare steak. She's a producer for ABW, an honorary Mr. Midwest Leather, an honorary Blue Max member, and she is a member of Volunon.

## RYAN “PAWLISH” GARNER-CARPENTER (IMBB 2017)

Cincinnati, Ohio

Pawlish is a Leatherman and kinkster passionate about personal development. After 18 moves across three continents, he’s learned to stay hungry, and IT for a San Francisco startup fits that bill ... for now. That hunger persists when it comes to Leather and kink, where he loves discussing communication skills and fostering new perspectives. He’s found resonance with puppy play, bootblacking, and Sir/Daddy roles; navy, red, and houndstooth, all on the left, are his favorite hankies. Don’t be afraid to ask about others! You’ll find him wagging away, putting a shine to a boot, and snacking on whatever he’s recently baked.



## TEGAN (INT’L MS. BOOTBLACK 2018)

Oakland, Calif.

Teagan fell in love with bootblacking at a young age, doing her shoes before church. Although these days her skills are often being put to more salacious uses, down deep she still identifies as a spiritual bootblack. For her, bootblacking hearkens back to the foot-washing ritual. She enjoys providing a humble service to her community.

Teagan is International Ms Bootblack 2018, Southwest Bootblack 2017 and Southern California Bootblack 2016. She is based in Oakland, Calif. During her title years she has invited our community to “Take Refuge” in the capable hands of our bootblacks.

## RICHARD SAVVY

Sydney, NSW, Australia

Richard “Dick” Savvy is Sydney Mr. Leather 2012, and he is known internationally for his work as “The Naked Barber,” where he brings fetish into the world of barbering and male grooming. Richard uses his platform to educate, encourage, strengthen and revolutionize the Leather community in Sydney; he organizes and produces events, and he works with various groups within Australia’s LGBTQ and fetish communities. Richard continually strives for his passion and introduces new ideas in order to unite the community that has become a big part of his life.



# VENDOR LIST



## VENDOR

## BOOTH #

Adonis Leathercrafters	Belmont Rm 2nd Floor
Art Side Out Studio & Mask Shop	225 Gold Rm, 2nd Floor
BearGearusa.com	Shelby Rm 3rd Floor
BearTshirts.com	Shelby Rm 3rd Floor
Boss Bondage Play Piercing Kits	B - 7 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Boy Butter	215 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Breedwell	170 /180 Buckingham Rm 1st Floor
BURLYSHIRTS	229 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Cheaplubes.com	Carter Rm 3rd Floor
Chicago Hellfire Club	Francis Rm 2nd Floor
City of Chicago Dept. of Health	3rd Floor Foyer
Current Pleasures	B - 2 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Dungeon Beds	204 Great Hall 2nd Floor
FM Leather	222 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Folsom Street Events	217 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Fort Troff	Plaza Rm 2nd Floor
Full Kit Gear	200 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Got Kilt	223 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Hands for Hire	Balcony 3rd Floor
Killerbob Graphics	216 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Le Chateau Exotique	227 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Leather Archives & Museum	1st Floor
Leather Bonding	208 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Leather Masters	220 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
LeatherWerks	Alcove Rm 1st Floor
Lockergear	B - 1 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Lucom USA	212 Great Hall 2nd Floor
ManSkins	230 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Mischievous Creations	B - 8 / Balcony 3rd Floor

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Mr. Friendly.org	B - 4 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Mr-S-Leather	203 / 205 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Nasty Pig	202 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Northbound Leather	210 Great Hall 2nd Floor
NYJox	226 Gld Rm 2nd Floor
Obscure Belts	207 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Off Ramp Leathers	211 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Oxballs	100 Windsor Rm 1st Floor
PaddleWerks	Alcove Rm 1st Floor
Perfect Fit	150 /160 Buckingham Rm 1st Floor
Pjur Group USA	228 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
PUPGEAR USA.COM	Shelby Rm 3rd Floor
Rough Trade	110 / 120 Windsor Rm 1st Floor
Rubio Leather	221 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
SPORTLUBE	Carter Rm 3rd Floor
Squirt.Org	B - 5 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Steamworks	201 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Sticky Graphic Novels	B - 9 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Stompers Boots	140 Buckingham Rm 1st Floor
The Crochet Empire	B -3 Balcony 3rd Floor
The Hairy Bastard	214 Great Hall 2nd Floor
The Kink Shop	Belmont Rm 2nd Floor
The Leatherman	228 Gold Rm 2nd Floor
Tiger Lubricant	B - 6 / Balcony 3rd Floor
TLS RubberGear	224 Gold Rm 3rd Floor
Toolworks Chicago	B - 10 / Balcony 3rd Floor
Tribal Son	206 Great Hall 2nd Floor
Twin Cities Leather	Francis Rm 2nd Floor
Wolfstryker Leather	209 Great Hall 2nd Floor

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# IML/IMBB TALLY MASTERS



## DON LEACH

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Don Leach was the first Great Lakes LeatherSIR in 2002, and he has a passion for education that teaches our history and the edgier side of play. He has produced, coordinated, judged, and presented at many events during his 25 years in the Leather community; served as an IML contestant handler and the ILSb contest coordinator for several years; and he held the role of 2017 ILSb head judge. Don is a Pantheon of Leather award recipient, a Chicago Hellfire Club Associate Member, and he is honored to return to IML for his fourth year as a Tallymaster.



## PUP VIDHRA

New York City, NY

Pup Vidhra, Northeast Puppy 2017, from Cincinnati, OH, is the founder of Ruff Pups CNKY. Through Ruff Pups, and later New York City Pups and Handlers, he has been actively involved in kink education and outreach, including leading Puppy 101 and 201 workshops since 2012. For his work in the community Vidhra has been honored with the Midwest Puppy Contest Good Puppy Award 2012, and was nominated for Bluegrass Leather's Connell-Stanley Leather Person of the Year 2013. And yes, his bite is worse than his bark.



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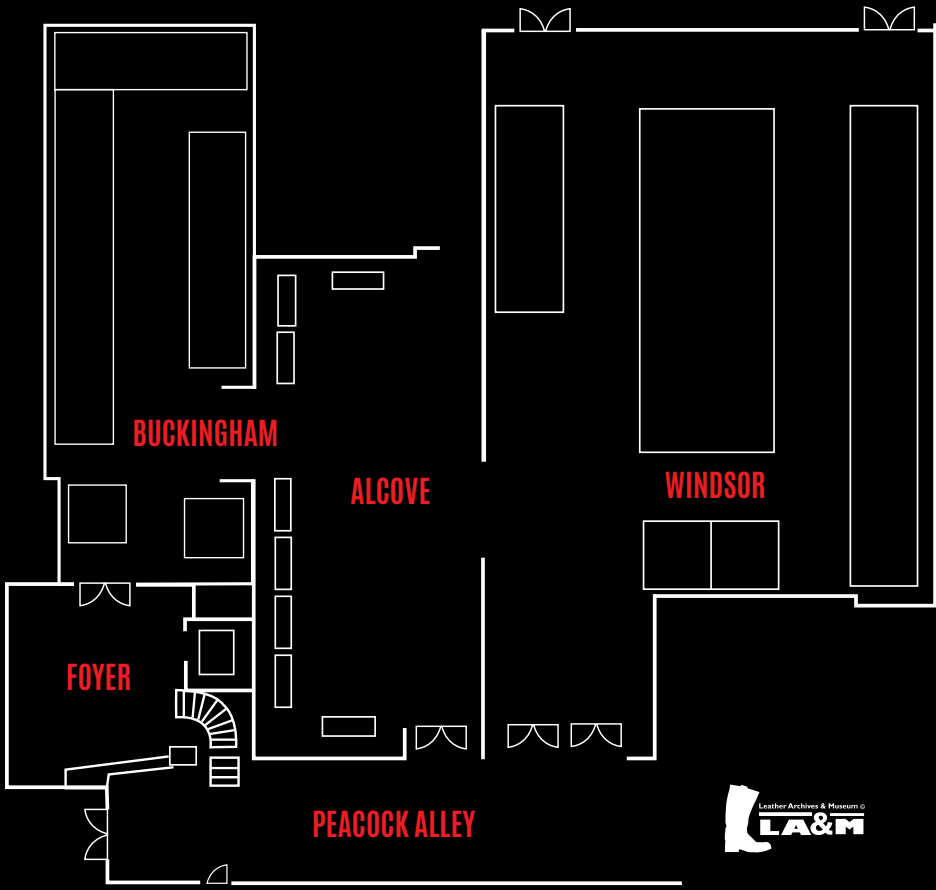
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## PLAZA ROOM

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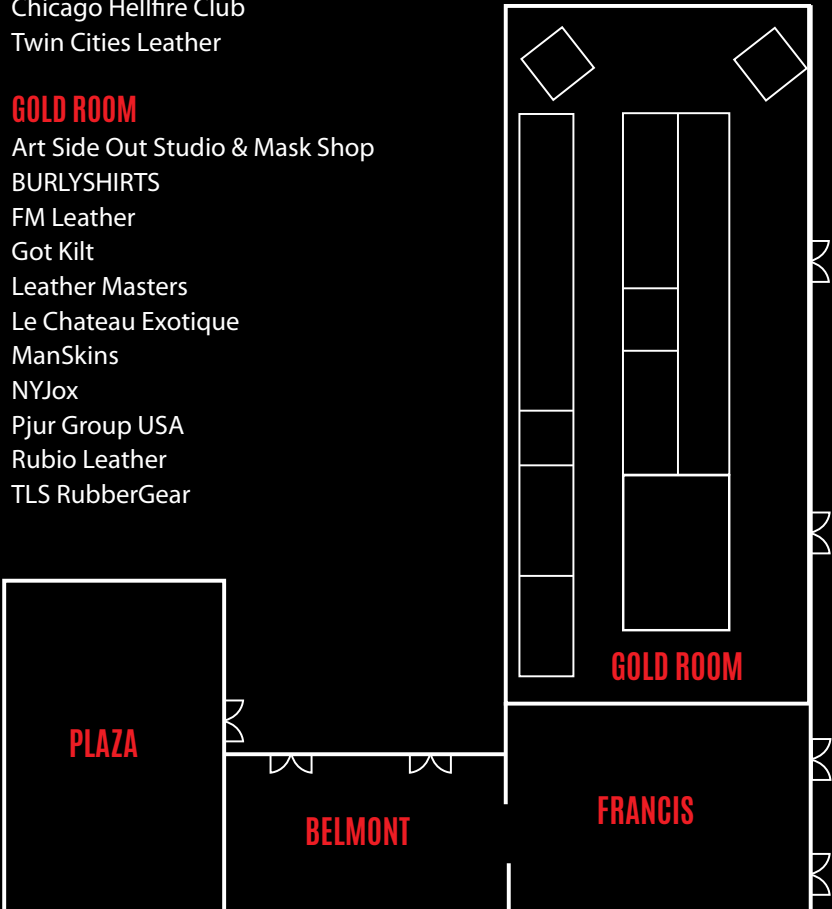
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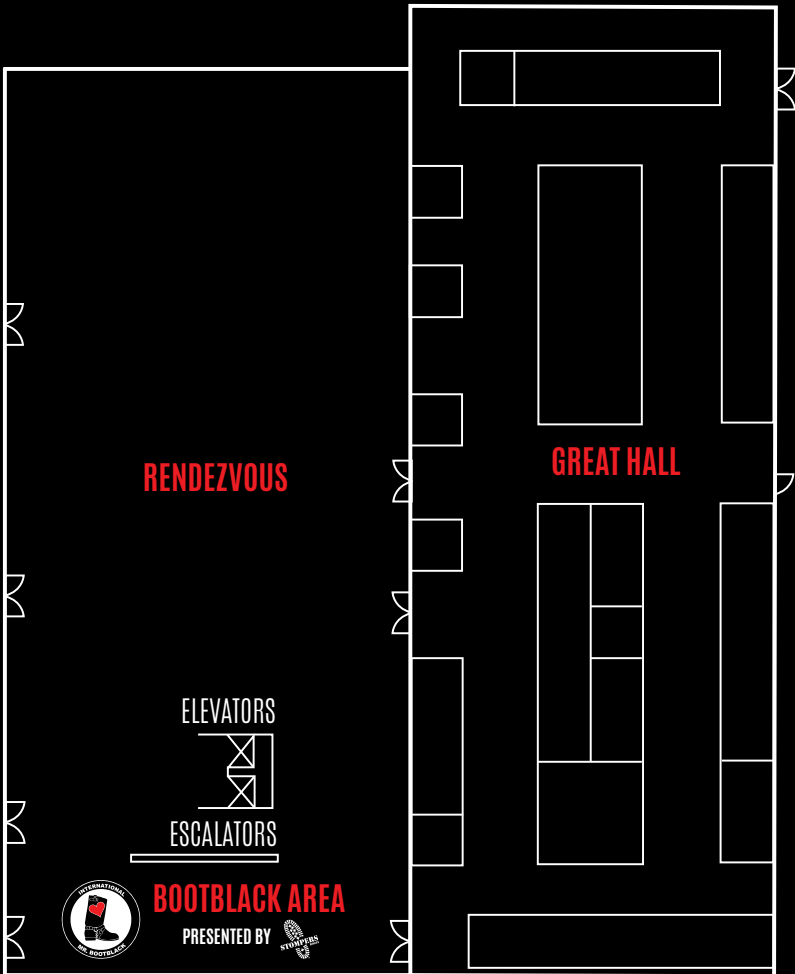
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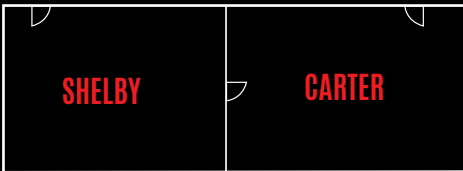
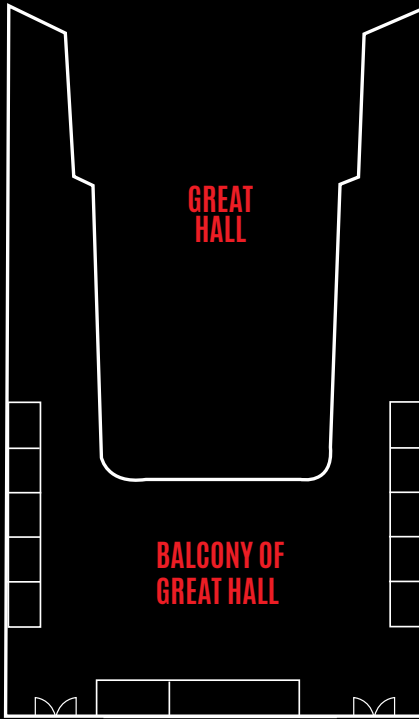


## RENDEZVOUS ROOM

International Mr. Bootblack Competition



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Ralph Bruneau, International Mr. Leather 2017



IML is, to me, a family reunion. It is the central gathering of our tribe. I was honored to be chosen IML #39 and have spent my title year traveling the world making relationships with you all. Your warm embrace has been amazing. Being IML has been about my mind and my body, about my heart and my soul, sexuality and activism.

I have shown up because that's what is needed – from all of us. We are a small group of renegades and misfits—important men and women—but outliers nonetheless. When we turn our backs on each other, it is a tremendous loss. It has been painful to witness too much needless and reckless hurt inflicted this year. I lived through the devastation of my generation when our country's leaders turned their backs on us. We cannot do that to each other.

Yes, there is difference. Yes, there is pain. Yes, there is ignorance.

I believe in the power of dialogue as a vehicle for change. It's my life and my livelihood for decades now. I urge you keep inviting each other to growth and enlightenment. My experience of this community is that there will always be—and that there has always been—difference and conflicting ideas. As many have said, we are not one community, but many with common affiliations.

How we treat each other, how we handle difference, matters greatly.

Chuck Renslow was an activist, a leatherman, a business owner and, in many ways, a politician. He spoke of the importance of unity. We, as a community, need to protect and unite. We also have an obligation beyond our community to protect and affiliate with those who are in need.

Our youth are our most vulnerable. I feel responsible to use my personal, professional and whatever titular power I have as IML to protect them. They need our advocacy. I have had the opportunity to travel the country and the world, raising awareness and funds for #BornPerfect, the fight to end Conversion Therapy. It's my honor and responsibility. No LGBT kid should ever be told that they are anything less than #BornPerfect. They are, I am, we are all born perfect.

In fighting for them every day, I fight for all of our freedoms: Personal, physical, sexual, relational and psychological. This is how I think, act and play and I'm having a hell of a time. I never thought this is where I'd be at 65, so thank you, IML. I have savored every minute.



**Ralph Bruneau**  
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# FAREWELL

Pawlish, International Mr. Bootblack 2017



Titleholding is simultaneously incredibly simple and overwhelmingly complex. What compels someone to take on this ridiculous, spectacular task? What do you do once you've earned it? How do you know you've done it right?

When I helped my husband, Bamm-Bamm, with his run, I knew International Mr. Bootblack was the contest for me. Each has its own flavor and IMBB is, without question, the endurance race of contests. 18-20 hours of stand time in three days, plus the other contest components. No other contest—no other event—puts someone through the same paces. The idea of winning was entirely secondary to the idea of experiencing it, in the same way one might say they ran the Boston Marathon. 100 pairs of boots later, I made it to the finish line.

But ... then what? Cue the inevitable question: "What will you do if you win?" IMBB affords its titleholder a very different experience than the other international bootblack titles. There are a few events we are invited to by tradition, and the rest is left to us. Some choose to focus on working a stand as much as possible, while others choose to use it as a platform for change.

Me? I had an incredible privilege, benefitting from the work that others like Bamm, Erick, Jeff Tucker and others within IML did to dramatically—dramatically—change the contestant experience. For the first time in its history, IMBB's contestants were part of the larger IML experience. I walked with my state's group for opening ceremonies. We participated in portions of the contestant orientation. We were with our IML class backstage before the final night of the contest. So I felt the best thing I could do was just to cherish that privilege. To highlight and celebrate it by being as present and as genuine as I possibly could. I would like to think that I did that.

Finally, I'd like to recognize two specific people. First, Ralph, who has been nothing less than the gold standard, both in his own right as International Mr. Leather and as a compatriot on this crazy, crazy ride. His kindness, his authenticity, and his presence are gifts I treasure. Ralph, thank you.

And none of this would have happened without my husband, who graciously, sometimes painfully, let me bungle my way through this year my own way. Through everything, having him in my life and to come home is a comfort I can't begin to describe. I only hope I show him the kind of love and appreciation he deserves and shows me.

Thank you to everyone who shared space with me. It's made this past year incredibly rich and I'm so profoundly proud to be International Mr. Bootblack 2017.

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Left: Chuck Renslow in the 1950s. Center: Renslow at the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, 1979. Right: Chuck Renslow on a motorcycle at the Touché leather bar, 1978.  
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**Bear Naked Chicago** 7:30 pm - 4 am, Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St.

**Men's Room** Come hang with the mens as IML weekend gets an early start. 9 pm, Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., [www.sidetrackchicago.com](http://www.sidetrackchicago.com)

## Thursday, May 24

### IML Opening Ceremonies

Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor. Event includes the introduction of judges, contestants and number selection. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m. Congress Plaza Hotel, 520 S. Michigan Ave., [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com)

**XXX Live Show** Featuring Skynmen Alex Hawk and Ray Dalton. Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St., [www.steamworksbaths.com](http://www.steamworksbaths.com)

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### Chicago BearFest Jump Start

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**NSFW Benefit for TPAN** Chicago's naughty Polaroid party, benefit for Test Positive Aware Network. 9 pm, The Sofo Tap, 4923 N. Clark

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## Friday, May 25

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**XXX Live Show** Featuring Falcon Men Mason Lear and Brian Bonds. Steamworks, 3246 N. Halsted St., [www.steamworksbaths.com](http://www.steamworksbaths.com)

**Friday at The Sofo Tap** Enjoy \$2.50 Miller Lite drafts on the back patio 3-7 p.m. Growl with the big boys at grrr ... Kinky Bear 9 p.m. - close. The Sofo Tap, 4923 N. Clark St., [www.thesofotap.com](http://www.thesofotap.com)

### Leather Pig Daddy 2

Rocco Steele returns. A benefit for Leather Archives & Museum. 10 p.m., Touche, 6412 N. Clark St., [www.touchechicago.com](http://www.touchechicago.com)

**Brüt: IML 40** IML weekend gets in full swing with DJs Peter Napoli, Ted Eiel and Dan Darlington. Brought to you by Hedonic Productions. 10 pm - 4 am, Fantasy Nightclub, 3641 N. Halsted St., <http://www.brutparty.com>

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## Saturday, May 26

**IML: Pecs and Personality** Ticket Packages available Ticket Sales Desk at Congress Plaza Hotel, 1st floor. IML contestants are judged on their appearance and stage presence. Doors open at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m. 8:00pm Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University, 50 E. Congress Pkwy., [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com)

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**Furball Chicago** Grind with the boys of IML to the music of DJs Ralphi Rosario and Ale Maes (Brazil). Event hosted by Daddy Ersin. \$16 in advance; \$20 at the door. 11:30 pm - 4 am, Metro Chicago, 3730 N. Clark St., <http://metrochicago.com/event/furball-chicago/>

**Chicago BearFest: Mr. Chicago Bear Contest & Bears n Boxers Party** See who will be chosen as the new Mr. Chicago Bear. 10 p.m., Touche, 6412 N. Clark St., [www.touchechicago.com](http://www.touchechicago.com)

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**IML: The Victory Party** Celebrate the new IML and IMBB with DJ/producers Tony Moran & Morabito. Presented by (and featuring a special performance by) Circuit Mom. Tickets available at [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com) and The Men's Room Chicago. 9 p.m., House of Blues, 329 N. DearbornSt., [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com)



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**Super Ripe Party** Cut loose after the big contest. Dim lights and hot go-go dudes. 9 p.m., Touche, 6412 N. Clark St., [www.touchechicago.com](http://www.touchechicago.com)

**Leather Queen!** Special IML edition with DJs Parris Mitchell (Dance Mania), Michael Serafini and Garrett David. Hosted by Lucy Stooles, JoJo Baby, Nico, Ivory, Debbie Fox and Ryan Willing. Special guest Rify Royalty. 10 p.m. - 4 a.m., SmartBar, 3730 N. Clark St.

**I Am Elle** Presented by Slo'Mo Party and Futurehood. DJs JD Samson, Audio Jack, Mister Wallace and Hijo Prodigio. Performance interventions by Brendan Fernandes. Produced by Kristen

Kaza. 10 p.m. - 4 a.m., Metro Chicago, 3730 N. Clark St.

### Monday, May 28

**IML: The Black & Blue Ball** Keep the party going at IML's official closing party. DJs/producers Tom Stephan and Karsten Sol-lors. Tickets available at [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com) and The Men's Room Chicago. 9 pm - 3:45 am, House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St., [www.imrl.com](http://www.imrl.com)

**The Sofo Tap: Recovery Party** Open at noon. \$5 Big Ass Long Islands, \$5 Prairie Red Bulls, \$4 all whiskeys, \$4 Stellas. The Sofo Tap, 4923 N. Clark St., [www.thesofotap.com](http://www.thesofotap.com)

**XXX Live Show** Featuring Falcon, Raging Stallion and NakedSword men Jonah Fontana and Aleks

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**Monday at Sidetrack** Party up on the roof deck all day. When the sun sets, come inside and enjoy show tunes until close. Sidetrack, 3349 N. Halsted St., [www.sidetrackchicago.com](http://www.sidetrackchicago.com)

**Memorial Day BBQ/Best Worst Drag Show** Get some eats at 2 p.m. If you're still awake, catch Chicago's Best Worst Drag Show at 2 a.m. Jackhammer, 6406 N. Clark St., [www.facebook.com/chijackhammer](http://www.facebook.com/chijackhammer)

**Beer Bust/Cookout/Survivor Party** \$1 drafts all day. Memorial Day cookout 3-7 p.m. Full Moon Survivor Party starts at 10 p.m. Touche, 6412 N. Clark St., [www.touchechicago.com](http://www.touchechicago.com)



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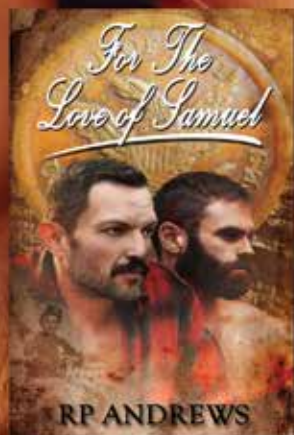


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In 2017, we met our new International Mr. Leather Ralph Bruneau (second from right). He began as Mr. GNI Leather 2016 and rose to the top of the field of contestants, including first runner-up Mr. San Francisco Leather 2017 Geoff Millard (right) and second runner-up Mr. Leather Europe Joe King. Also pictured is International Mr. Bootblack 2017 Pawlish.

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