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Ten Artists Tell Us About Their Pride |Alannah Farrell & Krzysztof Strzelecki

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June is colored with rainbow for Pride Month, the anticipated event that supports and celebrates the LGBTQIA+ community worldwide. From the first of the month, over 50 cities in Italy, from North to South, will host Pride parades, proudly advancing the voice of the unalienable rights of the rainbow community. We asked ten artists what Pride represents for them in 2024.



Alannah Farrell *Notes on Masculinity, A Tranny Tragicomedy*, 2023

"It means finally relaxing my irritated guts and having the maximum fun without worries. Experiencing this mood joyfully, creatively, and honestly with my beloved friends and trans and queer lovers.

Even in sectors we tend to think of as more open, like the art world, it's difficult and exhausting to exist as a trans, queer, or any marginalized person. For most of the year, my experience with the outside world is friction, tension, heightened awareness, and struggle for basic needs for myself and others. The liberating moments where I don't have to worry about those immediate problems are what Pride, joy, and safety mean to me." — *Alannah Farrell*



Krzysztof Strzelecki *Tuke's Beach*, 2024

"Pride has a deep meaning in my life, evolving with every experience and alongside my first Pride marches in Wrocław, Poland, and the vibrant parades in London.

First and foremost, Pride means 'belonging' to me. It's a moment where I feel deeply connected with a community that shares my struggles and triumphs. It marks a time when our rights move towards equality and align more closely with those of heteronormativity.

Pride also reminds us of the ongoing struggle for LGBTQ+ rights worldwide. Despite progress, many still face discrimination and persecution simply for being who they are.

The essence of pride and the spontaneous expression of liberation risk being overshadowed by corporate gestures of support, Pride walks becoming regulated by institutions, rainbow flags adorning company logos, etc. It's a time to march, not just to celebrate, but also to honor the sacrifices of those who paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Nevertheless, for me, Pride remains a moment of jubilation, a time to rejoice in our identity, embrace our freedoms, and celebrate life on our terms, with joy, freedom, and unabashed self-expression—a testament to the resilience and vitality of the LGBTQ+ community." , —Krzysztof Strzelecki