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Join your favorite comics for Gay Pride Celebration at the Laugh Factory of Long Beach. Christine O Leary, Carlease!, Jason Stuart, Lynda Montgomery and your host for the evening, Sandy Seacrest. Thursday, May 14th, 2009 7:45 PM. \$20.00 (plus 2 drink minimum). Tickets available online at [longbeachpride.com](http://longbeachpride.com).

#### BIO

**Sandy Seacrest** is an up-and-coming comic emcee on the Pride Circuit and other "In the Life" Events. You have seen her hosting Q Film Festival of Long Beach and the Long Beach Pride Star Series (3 years running!) at the Hot Java Cafe venue. Or you may have caught a peek of her trying to sneak into the VIP tent at Pride so she could steal a cube of cheese and lick the ice sculpture for refreshment purposes. She currently "works out" at the Gardenia in LA and is putting together a cabaret show entitled "Caber-GAY: Not Quite The Show You Expected" she hopes to debut sometime in her lifetime, if she's up to it.

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#### **Bio- Christine O'Leary** - [christineoleary.com](http://christineoleary.com)

With Ellen, Rosie and Lily, Christine O'Leary was named one of the 50 Funniest Lesbians In America by Curve magazine. "Intuitive Truth Telling Lipstick Lesbian Entertainer". By popular demand, Christine returns to Long Beach 3rd year running and there is no audience she can not penetrate, and that is hot! Christine intuitively interviews the audiences and is told that her off-the-cuff interactions and improv is her forte. ... "If people are generous enough to let me give them attention with my comedy, I promise to have them walk away socially promoted"....

#### **Bio- Jason Stuart** - [jasonstuart.com](http://jasonstuart.com)

Jason Stuart. Stuart has been making people laugh out loud with his hysterical performances all over the country since coming out in 1993. He has accomplished what few other gay comics have ever achieved: brutal honesty with humor in a world that's not always kind. Not only is Stuart an all-out crowd pleaser, but he transcends the boundaries of race, gender and sexual orientation with his edgy comedic style. Stuart's material about his experiences as a single Jewish gay man living in Hollywood is original, cutting edge and just plain funny.

**Bio- Carlease!** - [carleaseburke.com](http://carleaseburke.com)

Carlease! Doing comedy comes naturally for her; can't stop laughing!! When Carlease Burke rented John Travolta "The Cadillac of Mini Vans" in the 1995 feature film Get Shorty, she wondered if her unusual name would land her the high octane jobs in Hollywood. We may never know, but it certainly prepared her for 2 high beams in her film acting career: In Her Shoes opposite Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette directed by Curtis Hanson; and The Terminal with Tom Hanks, directed by Steven Spielberg. "Working with these two heavy hitters was amazing. They are truly the most powerful in their class." With many TV shows and national commercials to her credit; Carlease also produces and hosts her stand-up comedy show, "Laugh-A-Latte." Her reality solo show; "FIFTY! It Doesn't Look This Good On Everybody" will be running for the month of June at The Actors Group in North Hollywood.

**Bio- Lynda Montgomery** - [lyndamontgomery.com](http://lyndamontgomery.com)

Lynda Montgomery has been through many stages of Comedy spanning 20 years. As a gay rights activist, she was at the March on Washington following Jesse Jackson, In addition she has been a regular at Dinah Shore where she did a show with Ellen (before Ellen was "Out"), Lynda has worked too many comedy clubs to list locally as well as in Canada. She is a Canadian comic who lives in Long Beach, Ca where she spends many hours doing fundraisers for homo's and homeless dogs.

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L.B.L.G.P. is the 3rd largest pride organization in California (5th in the nation) and produces its annual Pride Celebration on the 3rd weekend of May. While the Celebration is the main project of the organization, it operates year-round and sponsors various philanthropic projects, as well as provides grants to other local nonprofits and scholarships to deserving students. Fore More Information Visit [www.longbeachpride.com](http://www.longbeachpride.com)