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So Out There

TOP 10 LEZ EVENTS Can't decide which lesbian festival to party at this year? We've done it for you.
Words Tanya Churchmich

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DINAH SHORE WEEK

Palm Springs, California, US
April 2nd-6th 2008

Thanks to a major plug by *The L Word* Season One, the Dinah Shore has achieved iconic status on the lesbian party calendar. In reality, it is two huge events, presented by former (now rival) business partners. Each has its own host hotels and tries to out-flash the other with parties and celebs (Club Skirts already has Jenny Shimizu and some *L Word* folk), so do your research before booking. But do reserve; there are often 10,000 guests, and the host hotels, where the big pool parties take place, are booked solid months in advance.
www.dinahshoreweekend.com
www.thedinah.com

AQUA GIRL

Miami, Florida, US
May 14th-18th 2008

With long-haired Latinas and tanned South Beach surfer babes, Aqua Girl is the eye candy lesbian circuit party. And it's a party for a cause, to boot. All funds raised go back to the Aqua Foundation for Women. Around 9000 lovely ladies show up for this event (including 2000 for the main pool party), and VIP access passes sell out every year, so book early.
www.aquagirl.org

DYKE MARCH SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, California, US
June 28th 2008

While dyke marches aren't big in Europe, in North America they're an integral part of most Pride celebrations. The San Francisco Dyke March is the big mama of them all, and 50,000 women participate each year, making it the largest lesbian event on the

planet. Their plan is simple: no official permit, no corporate sponsors, no men.
www.thedykemarch.org

MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Oceana County (160 km north of Grand Rapids), Michigan, US
Aug 5th-10th 2008

Music, performance, crafts, workshops, camping, veggie meals and women only – Mich Fest in all its glory. Some call it 'granola lesbian', but they've usually never been. Yes, it's 5000 women living together for six days, grooving to the beats of old favourites and up-and-coming lesbian performers, but it's also a chance to experience a true communal celebration.
www.michfest.com

GIRLY LOVEBALL

Barcelona, Spain
Aug 1st-7th 2008 (tbc)

Girly Loveball was born last August, and it's already the biggest lesbian celebration in Europe. Tons of cultural events by the

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day, it's the evening dance parties that really pop. Offering five full nights of clubbing 'til sun-up, the all-access pass is a steal for 30 Euros.
www.loveball.info

KEY WEST WOMENFEST

Key West, Florida, US
Sept 2nd-7th 2008

With clothing-optional pool parties (few opt), 'bare-it-all' bull-riding and a street dance, almost 4000 women invade the tiny town of Key West for Womenfest.

Includes events like dolphin-watching excursions, poetry readings and more.
www.womenfest.com

WOMEN'S WEEK PROVINCETOWN

Provincetown, Massachusetts, US
Oct 10th-19th 2008

P'town is nippy in October, but still the ladies over-run this queer beach town for Women's Week. Low-key but lovable, it attracts couples in their 30s-50s to the Masquerade Ball, comedy and golf tournament. Book early – women-owned inns are reserved up to a year in advance.
www.womeninnkeepers.com/ww.html

CINEFFABLE LESBIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Paris, France
Late Oct 2008

The world's most successful lesbian film festival, attracting upwards of 6000 women to 70+ movies, exhibits, a tea dance, debates and more, over five days. Many screenings are in English, and ticket prices haven't changed since 1992.
www.cineffable.fr

YORK LESBIAN ARTS FESTIVAL

York, UK
Oct 23rd-26th 2008

After scaling down in 2007, YLAF is back full force, for four days, in 2008. A lesbian culture extravaganza with literature, performance, workshops and an outdoor concert. The book festival (guests inc. YLAF patrons Val McDermid, Stella Duffy and Sarah Waters) and the Saturday night Club DIVA party (the biggest dyke night in Britain) are definite highlights.
www.ylaf.org.uk

Get carried away
'Wow! That's what I call hands-in-the-air dancin'. Michigan, you rock!

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GIRLFEST

Coolum (135 km north of Brisbane), Sunshine Coast, Australia
Late Jan 2009

This Australian summer long weekend takes place at one resort hotel, which means no travelling from place to place like so many other events. Lots of pool fun, stand-up comedy, bands and dancing. Those Aussie gals enjoy a little drinkie or eight, so bottled water and your favorite hang-over remedy are must-haves. **D**
www.girlfest.org

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