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with us

**Celebration '90**  
**GAY GAMES III & CULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
VANCOUVER, CANADA  
AUGUST 1990

### Quick Facts about Celebration '90

**Date:** August 4 - 11, 1990, eight days

**Location:** Vancouver, Canada

**Major activities:** Individual and team competitions in 27 sports; a world class cultural festival; opening and closing ceremonies

**Projected Audience:** Participation in every aspect of Celebration '90 is open to any individual; the cultural festival and ceremonies will be designed to share with the general population

**Venues:** City parks, recreation centres, swimming pools, public and private school gymnasias, public and private theatres, universities and colleges. Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be in B.C. Place Stadium.

**Budget:** \$1,250,000; largely self-sufficient from entry fees, admissions, private fundraising, corporate sponsors

**Participation:** 5500 athletes, 4500 cultural festival artists, 5000 nine day spectators; 11,000 short term spectators from Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta, other Canadian provinces and California

**Accommodation:** Hotels, guesthouses, dorms, billeting

**Management:** Operated by Metropolitan Vancouver Athletics and Arts Association, a registered non-profit society with a twelve member working Board of Directors; currently 175 volunteers and one paid person

**Honorary Board:** A group of prominent Canadians lending their endorsement to the event

**Health Concerns:** The games have been endorsed by Vancouver's Medical Health Officer who says wide community support for the Games will "strongly assist those of us attempting to stem the tide" of AIDS. "The presence of gays in our community poses absolutely no risk to our non - gay citizens". City Health Chair Dr. John Blatherwick in a letter to Games organizers, June 1987

**Celebration '90 Club:** An organization with over 2,000 members from seven countries who pay a yearly \$10 fee for regular mailings and information.

**Business Backers:** A program for businesses wishing to show their support for Celebration '90. For \$250, these people receive listings in Games publications and receive use of the official Business Backer logo for their own ads.

### We invite you

From the Opening Ceremonies parade of participants to the Closing Ceremonies gigantic party, Vancouver, B.C. Will sparkle as host of the largest lesbian and gay event in our country's history.

Vancouver is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Celebration '90 participants can relax in the coastal climate and lifestyle. There are miles of beaches, many within walking distance of accommodation. Enjoy international, quality shopping and dining or spend a peaceful day in the mountains which are less than an hour out of the city center. Vancouver also has one of the better known nude beaches: Wreck Beach.

The nearest major city to Vancouver is Seattle, Washington - about 200 kilometres (125 miles) to the south. Vancouver is serviced by major airlines as well as trains and buses.

The metropolitan area has approximately 1.5 million people. One of the centers of gay activity is situated in a high density residential area located between the major commercial downtown district and famous Stanley Park, North America's third largest city parklands.

Count me in

I want to be a member of Celebration '90.  
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It all began in San Francisco with the 1,300 athletes of Challenge '82 followed by 3,500 participants in Triumph '86. Now Vancouver, proudly offers the world Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival.

The eight day event will celebrate the thousands of personal triumphs which make up the lesbian and gay lifestyle. In a positive and supportive environment we will share and celebrate the myriad of accomplishments that have made us the powerful, creative and loving women and men we are.

Celebration '90 is centered on the principle of Inclusion. Everyone is welcome - people of all ages, colors, sexual orientations. Athletes and artists with all degrees of skills can take part because winning in Celebration '90 means doing one's personal best.

As with the first two Gay Games, women and men will participate in equal numbers and together wherever possible. Age group divisions will ensure the most enjoyable competitions for everyone. Our invitation to participate goes particularly to those special interest groups who sometimes feel excluded by major gay events. We also welcome the physically challenged.

In short, everyone who supports the inclusive principles of the Gay Games is welcome to participate. The dominant spirit of Celebration '90 is openness and honesty where no one needs to disguise any aspect of their lifestyle.

## Gay Games III

- There are no qualifying trials or regional eliminations for the Gay Games. All preliminary competitions are part of the Games themselves.
- The emphasis is on participation rather than competition.
- Entries will open in July 1989 and close in the spring of 1990. There will be an entry fee for each person for each sport. Fees will be discounted for early registrants.
- In sports where facility limitations make it impossible to accept all entries, they will be accommodated in the order they are received.
- Official regulations for each sport will be available from the Celebration '90 office in June 1989.

These sports will be offered for registration:

Triathlon	Marathon
Basketball	Wrestling
Power Lifting	Track & Field
Volleyball	Water Polo
Racquetball	Equestrian
Swimming	Golf
Cycling	Darts
Tennis	Croquet
Softball	Martial Arts
Billiards	Squash
Physique	Badminton
Soccer	Touch Football
Bowling	Ice Hockey
Diving	



Scott McLennan

## The Cultural Festival

The Festival will provide a showcase for the creative achievements of gays and lesbians from all over the world as well as provide 'hands on' experiences and sharing for the artists who attend.

In keeping with the Celebration '90 principle of inclusive participation, the cultural activities will range from main stage spectaculars to learning workshops.

Many major lesbian and gay cultural groups have agreed to participate.

The cultural planning committees are asking for proposals now so that individual interests from the whole community can be built into the program

Some plans already submitted include Photography and Visual Arts Shows, an Artisan Bazaar, Square Dancing, Choruses, Video and Film Festivals, Dance Presentations, Chamber Music, Theatre, Band Concerts, and a Writers and Readers Festival and Book Fair.



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## Keep in Touch!

Become an official 1990 Celebrant today!

Already over 2,000 women and men from 22 countries have joined Celebration '90.

Your \$10 annual membership entitles you to our quarterly newsletter as well as up to date information about the Games and Festival as events unfold.

Your membership is also a way of saying you believe in the Games and everything they stand for. We are becoming a significant international group; please do your part to make us stronger!

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