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**Drag Artist Pioneer Lady Bunny to Emcee Damien Center's Grande Masquerade on October 16**

*Event raises vital funds to support the Center's mission to end the spread of HIV in Indiana*

*Attendees will be required to show proof they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours prior to the event*

**INDIANAPOLIS** - [Damien Center](#), Indiana's oldest and largest AIDS service provider will hold their 34<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising event [Grande Masquerade: Majesté](#), on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, 350 West Maryland St., Indianapolis. The Majesté-themed masquerade ball will feature dinner, live entertainment, and a silent auction. Grande Masquerade has become one of Indianapolis' premier philanthropic events drawing more than 600 attendees and raises vital funds allowing Damien Center to continue offering its one-stop-shop approach to HIV prevention and care free of charge. In 2020, the event was held virtually to continue the annual tradition while offering a safe alternative to large gatherings.

Guests attending Grande Masquerade will also be entertained by drag artist pioneer Lady Bunny, who will emcee the event. Lady Bunny is a multi-talented drag artist, comedienne, DJ, actress, singer/songwriter and most famously, the emcee and creator of Wigstock, the outrageous drag festival of drag and music which electrified New Yorkers every Labor Day for over 20 years. She has headlined gay pride events worldwide and has been lucky enough to share a stage with many of her idols including, Patti Labelle, Joan Rivers, and Jennifer Hudson.

Bunny has also made the leap to television and film, with appearances on Sex and the City, The Comedy Central Roast of Pamela Anderson and in the feature films Dragtime (HBO), The Out List (HBO), To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything Julie Newmar, Part Girl, RuPaul's Drag U and can be seen in the upcoming feature film My Dead Boyfriend opposite Heather Graham.

**Who:** Celebrity guest Lady Bunny

**When:** Saturday, October 16, 2021  
6 p.m. – VIP reception  
7:30 p.m. – Dinner and main event

**Where:** Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, 350 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis, IN

**Tickets:**

- \$150 for general admission
- \$250 for VIP reception that includes entertainment, complimentary cocktails, and early access to the silent auction
- Guests may also purchase a table for 10 at general admission of \$1,500, VIP at \$2,500, or Royal Court (VIP Premier) at \$3,000.
- To purchase tickets visit: [www.damien.org/tix](http://www.damien.org/tix).

**COVID-19 Safety Plan:**

To ensure the health and safety of our guests, attendees will be required to show proof they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours prior to the event. Additionally, Damien Center will provide on-site rapid COVID-19 testing for convenience and masks will be given to all guests upon entry. It is suggested that guests wear their masks for the duration of the evening except while eating or drinking. Hand sanitizer will be available at each table and additional social distancing protocols will be implemented.

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**About Damien Center:**

Damien Center is Indiana's oldest and largest AIDS service organization and leads the effort to prevent the spread of HIV. The Center opened in 1987 and offers a one-stop-shop model of care that includes preventive, supportive, and medical services that empowers people in Central Indiana affected by HIV/AIDS to move forward each day with dignity so they may live abundant and productive lives. Damien Center believes passionately in the dignity and worth of every person who seeks their services and strives to be a safe and welcoming place so that no barriers separate people from the services they need to prolong and enhance their lives. For more information visit: <http://www.damien.org> or follow them on Twitter at @DamienCenter or like them on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/thedamiencenter/>

[Images of Lady Bunny Available for Download Here](#)

