



# YELLOW

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## YELLOW Nominees



VANCOUVER  
**PRIDE**  
SOCIETY

**Yellow - Sunlight (Community Superstar) This award recognizes an outstanding individual whose work has elevated the profile and prominence of Vancouver's LGBTQ community.**

### **Jaylene McRae (Jaylene Tyme)**

To say the least I am honored with the nomination. I am a proud member of Vancouver's LGBT community with an extensive history in community involvement. My journey with the Gay community began over 20 years ago in Calgary, AB. I came out there and was introduced to the magical world of Drag performance. "Jaylene Tyme" was born! Exploring my identity, I experienced a very colorful youth that was filled with excitement and tribulations.

I spent a good part of my 20's battling a drug and alcohol addiction along with experiencing much difficulty understanding my gender status. A lot has changed over the years and I consider my sobriety to be one of my greatest gifts. I have been clean and sober for almost 15 years! I have included a recent profile done on my experience with my journey to the career I enjoy today.

During my recovery in the last 15 years, I have become a very visible member in Vancouver's drag scene. I have held the titles Imperial Crown Princess 32 to the Dogwood Monarchist Society, Princess 27 (elected) to the Greater Vancouver Native Cultural Society and Empress 35(Elected) to the Dogwood Monarchist Society. I also represented Vancouver and Canada as Vice President of the International Court System (International LGBT charity and resource organization). I believe that we all have a responsibility to contribute to our community to ensure that it stays strong and safe.

I work as a make up artist at CurliQue Beauty(an extension of Blanche Macdonald Centre) where I enjoy leading a team of wonderful artists. Today my focus is to celebrate and encourage authenticity! I identify as a transgendered woman and artist. I make a point to share with people my experience with this journey. I have challenged fear, knowing that what really matters is not what people think, but rather, what reveals my true self. . This has included going through a legal name change process, rebuilding relationships with my adopted family and next week I will be meeting my birth mother!

I tell my story in hopes that someone who needs to hear it, does. I am truly grateful to live the life I have today! I owe it to the people who went through their own challenges to find their own personal pride. They are who inspire me to continue on this fabulous journey!

## Barb Snelgrove

### BOARD WORK:

- Vancouver Pride Society (*Started the media/tourism/marketing department which increased attendance from 30,000 to over 160,000 in 3 years, 13 years volunteer work with VPS*).
- Qmunity (formerly the LGBT Centre)
- The Dogwood Monarchist Society Charitable Foundation
- Vancouver InterPRIDE Conference (International Conference for Pride Organizers)
- IDKE (International Drag King Exhibition) Conference

**COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER WORK:** (*Out TV's 2011 Top Ten Queens & GayVancouver.net 2011 "Ten People Making A Difference"*).

- Vancouver City Hall LBTTQ Advisory Committee (2 terms-1<sup>st</sup>-Chair & 2<sup>nd</sup>-Co-Chair Sub Committee Economy). **HIGHLIGHTS:** Re-establish positive dialogue b/w CoV and VPS, Civic Status, Davie Village Revitalization Project
- Positive Living B.C. Red Ribbon Advisory Panel Member **HIGHLIGHTS:** Establish new Lease/Facility & funding for Positive Living BC/AIDS Vancouver.
- AIDS WALK for LIFE Community Advisory Committee (Increase profile and donation targets)
- Vancouver Police Department Diversity Advisory Committee (LGBTQ Liaison to VPD)
- The Diversity Project - Mentor/Advisory Role
- LOUD Scholarship Organization (Selection Committee)

### COMMUNITY WORK:

*Provide ongoing expertise/connections on a Pro Bono basis by community organizations, businesses, individuals and non profits as requested. Fifteen years working with LBTTQ organizations & media abroad to promote Vancouver's LBTTQ community and events. Volunteer, and/or donate, MC or provide Pro Bono consulting to many charitable organizations and hundreds of fundraising events over the years such as: Qmunity, VPS, Positive Living BC (formerly BCPWA), AIDS Vancouver, Loving Spoonful, YouthCo, CiTR Radio, DMS, GayGames 1990, Rhinestone Phoenix Society & Queer Arts Society Festival, The Pride Festival stage, WinterPRIDE, numerous IDOL competitions, Annual Diorama Christmas Fundraiser, The*

Annual “Gathering Place” Block Party (DTES), Picnic in the Park, DTES HIV/AIDS Community Testing Events, Youthquest, YouthCo, GLASS Choir, VPD "Cure For Cancer" Cut-a-thon, The Stardom Ball, Dine With Pride, holds annual “birthday” fundraisers, donating proceeds to various local charities. **Co-Producer/Organizer “It Takes a Village” Somalia Relief 2011 (brought together Davie Village merchants and residents, raising over \$12,000.00 for Somalia Drought Relief).**

Co-host of QueerFM Vancouver, weekly LGBTQ radio show reporting on queer events, culture, music and news to an international audience. Written for numerous local LGBTQ publications, including featured columnist for LOV Magazine. Reporter OutlookTV, (nationally as part of the extended OutTV Canadian queer news team), Freelance LGBTQ writer for such on-line publications as The Huffington Post, SheWired.com and Whistler Insider. Provides free on-line social media promotions to International. LGBTQ causes.

**Seven years as Senior Assistant to Vancouver Centre MP The Honourable Hedy Fry, Barb left her position in 2011 to take on the duties of Communications Manager for The 2011 North America Vancouver Outgames.**

### **Joel Nim Cho Leung**

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### **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

1993 - Co-Founder of 'Average Joe's', a Weekly Gay HIV+ Social Support Group

2009 - Spoke on behalf of McLaren Housing Society to maintain funding from BC Casino

2012 - The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Canada, Awarded by Spencer Chandra Herbert MLA (Vancouver West End Riding)

### **BOARD POSITIONS**

1996-1998 - Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS, Member at Large

1999-2003 - BCPWA (now Positive Living BC), Secretary 1999-2002

2007-2010 - Team Vancouver Sporting Society, Vice Chair 2008-2010

2008-2010 - Vancouver Gay Volleyball Association, Member at Large

2012-2013 - Vancouver Men in Leather, Secretary

2013- Present Vancouver Gay Volleyball Association, Member at Large

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

1996-1998 - Every-Other-Wednesday Poz Brunch server

1996- Present - AIDS Vancouver Grocery Program

2000-2012 - Vancouver Pride Society

2009-1011 - Out-Games 2011 Intern Volunteer Coordinator

2010 & 2011 - AIDS Vancouver Celebrity Dim Sum Coordinator

2010- Present - AIDS Vancouver Asian Outreach Program – Peer Counseling

2012-2013 - SAIGE Dream Centre Food Bank

2012 - Vancouver Queer Film Festival, Venue Coordinator

2013 - Vancouver Pride Society afternoon administration helper

2013 – Friends For Life Bingo assistant

Despite Joel's health problems, he has made it his mission to be a full-time "Super" volunteer. His co-workers/volunteers admire him for his reliability, dedication, and compassion. Joel has demonstrated his passion for helping disadvantaged in the West End of Vancouver and beyond.