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## 50 years of Pride

Detroit Historical Museum marks Pride Month with exhibit opening, panel discussion and reunion

The Detroit Historical Museum is marking Pride month with two events commemorating the first Gay Pride March in Detroit in 1972.

The first event showcases a new comic book project that tells the story of that first march.

The first LGBT pride celebration in Michigan, "Christopher Street Detroit '72," is being brought to life through a full-color, 32-page nonfiction comic book that will be distributed for free this summer.

Local illustrator Isabel Clare Paul and historian Tim Retzloff teamed up to create "Come Out! In Detroit."

The Detroit Historical Museum will feature a special summer exhibition highlighting "Come Out! In Detroit." An opening reception and release party on Thursday, June 2 will be jointly hosted by the Detroit Historical Society and the Walter P. Reuther Library at Wayne State University.

A second event will be held June 11 featuring a panel discussion, reunion and virtual gathering of 1972 march participants at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Michigan State University will also stage an exhibit on "Come Out! In



Illustrator Isabel Clare Paul (far left) hands out copies of "Come Out! In Detroit" outside the Vault at Midnight in Ann Arbor during Free Comic Book Day May 7.

Detroit" from June through August. The display will include Clare Paul's original pencil and ink drawings for the comic book and will incorporate materials from early MSU LGBT activists who were crucially involved in planning Michigan's inaugural LGBT pride.

MSU Special Collections will host a discussion on June 21 that will bring together the creators of the comic book with participants in the '72 march.