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**ON EVE OF HISTORIC WINDSOR V. UNITED STATES SCOTUS CASE
NYC PRIDE ANNOUNCES 2013 GRAND MARSHALS:
EDITH WINDSOR, HARRY BELAFONTE, EARL FOWLKES TO LEAD MARCH DOWN 5TH AVE.**

New York, March 25, 2013—NYC Pride announced that it has selected and confirmed Edith Windsor, Harry Belafonte and Earl Fowlkes as Grand Marshals for the 44th annual NYC LGBT Pride March. These individuals represent dedication, greatness and inspiration within the LGBT community.

Edith Windsor will be taking her fight against DOMA all the way to the Supreme Court after paying more than \$360,000 in federal estate taxes upon the death of her partner of 44 years. Harry Belafonte has been a longtime advocate for civil rights and universal equality on a global scale. Earl Fowlkes serves as the President/CEO of the Center for Black Equity, whose mission is to fight for health, social and economic equity in the Black LGBT community.

“We believe this year will be historic. LGBT rights are expanding across the country and these individuals embody the soul of a movement far from over. They are tirelessly fighting for all of us. They are the great waves in a sea of hope: Edith's never-ending battle for marriage equality, Harry's unending fight for human rights, Earl's focused leadership and selfless spirit. So with great pride, we congratulate them and honor them for their unwavering dedication to the idea of a more just and verdant future for all peoples,” said Chris Frederick, Managing Director of NYC Pride.

“This year's Grand Marshals have enriched the LGBT community through their dedication, accomplishments and commitment to the LGBT civil rights movement. By recognizing Edith Windsor's historic court case, Harry Belafonte's trailblazing activism and Earl Fowlkes' outstanding LGBT leadership, we hope to inspire further action in attaining worldwide equality,” said Mike Dunlap, March Director for NYC Pride.

The Grand Marshals will lead this year's LGBT Pride March, which runs from Midtown along 5th Avenue to the West Village along Christopher Street. For more information on the March and this year's Grand Marshals, including full biographies, please visit nycpride.org/events and click on the March tab.

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Heritage of Pride works toward a future without discrimination where all people have equal rights under the law. We do this by producing LGBT Pride events that inspire, educate, commemorate and celebrate our diverse community.

For more information regarding NYC Pride and our 2013 roster of events, please visit www.nycpride.org.

Heritage of Pride, Inc. is the official Organizer & Producer of New York City's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Rally, March, PrideFest & Dance