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COMMITTEE CANCELS EIGHTH ANNUAL APRIL FOOL'S DAY PARADE

The New York April Fool's Day Committee has canceled the eighth edition of their annual celebration.

"We have scrapped plans for the traditional parade because of the insistence by gay activists that they march under their own banner and crown a Queen of Fools," said a spokesperson from the Committee. "The parade is dedicated to the notion that folly is a trait of the entire human race. We would rather not march than give in to the forces of separatism. We believe that in nominating Cardinal John O'Connor for the year's coveted award, we spoke out on behalf of our gay brothers and sisters."

The parade, which usually travels down on Fifth Avenue from 59th Street to Washington Square at noon on April 1st, followed by the coronation of the King of Fools, spotlights impostors costumed as the nominees for the King's crown. The public is invited to participate, in or out of costume, with or without a float. Hundreds of marchers and thousands of spectators made merry in last year's event, which proclaimed **Geraldo Rivera** Fool of the Year.

Amy Fisher, Joey Buttafuocco, Mary Jo Buttafuoco, Woody Allen, Mia Farrow, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Harry Connick, Jr., and late entries David Koresh and Mohammad A. Salameh are just a few of the Fools who had been nominated this year.

The New York April Fool's Day Committee was formed in 1986 to remedy a glaring omission in the long list of New York's annual ethnic and holiday parades. These events fail to recognize the importance of the day designated to commemorate the perennial folly of mankind.

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