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The New York April Fools' Committee Is Proud to Announce

NEW YORK CITY'S 26th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

"If It Wasn't For Bad Luck I'd Have No Luck At All"

The **26th Annual April Fools' Day Parade** will begin at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street at 12 noon, Friday, April 1, 2011. Rain or shine, the parade will march down Fifth Avenue to Washington Square Park for the post-parade festivities and selection of the King or Queen of Fools from the costumed marching look-alikes.

The theme for this year's parade is "**If It Wasn't For Bad Luck I'd Have No Luck At All.**" The parade will kick off with a **Bob Dylan** classic "**A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall**" sung by the very vocal **WTF! Chorus** including General **Stanley McChrystal**, ex-Republican Party Chairman **Michael Steele**, actors **Lindsay Lohan** and **Charlie Sheen**, Representative **Charlie Rangel**, and deposed Egyptian President **Hosni Mubarek** look-alikes. Color commentary will be provided by Governor **Mike Huckabee**. It may be inaccurate but it will be colorful.

This year's floats will be lead by **Grand Marshall Tony Heyward**, whose **Lap Pool float** filled with crude oil will feature BP, Halliburton and Trans Ocean executives bobbing in the muck. Parade attendees are encouraged to bring stuffed birds, animals and fish to toss into the pool as the float passes. Next will be the corporate-sponsored **Supreme Court float** featuring justices completely covered with corporate logos waving banners proclaiming "Corporations Are People Too!" They will be followed by the **Congressional Marionette Show float** with lobbyists pulling the strings of dancing elected officials. Next is the giant **Royal Wedding Cake Piggy Bank** driven by Elton John, featuring Prince William and Kate Middleton on top. Uniformed royal guards will be asking for spare change from the crowd to help pay for the wedding. And then there will be the **Middle-Class Backyard Russian Spy float** equipped with lawn chairs, a barbecue, and an above-ground pool. The beautiful sexy Russian spy Ana Chapman will be handing out hot dogs to the crowd. Next is the **State of Arizona float** driven by Governor Jan Brewer as a wall is being constructed by illegal Mexican immigrants. This will be followed by a motorized 30-foot miniature of the **USS Enterprise** commanded by Captain Honor projecting lewd and lascivious videos for the crowd to see. The **Pope** will make an appearance in his new decked-out **Pimpmobile** tossing colored condoms Mardi Gras-style to the crowd. Throughout the parade **fleeing Arab Dictators and Tyrants** will dash along carrying bulging suitcases overstuffed with American dollars. The Topeka **Westborough Baptist Church float** will bring up the rear protesting everything and damning everyone to Hell.

The marching celebrity look-alikes will include Wisconsin Governor **Scott Walker** shouting "Screw Unions!"; Topless Representative **Chris Lee** asking "Anyone seen my shirt?"; Reverend **George Rekers** with his rent-boy asking for forgiveness; Texas Republican Representative **Joe Barton** apologizing to BP for the U.S. government shakedown; South Carolina Democratic candidate **Alvin Greene** asking "What? Who? Me?"; Representative **Michele Bachmann** looking for anti-Americans; the Duchess of York, **Sarah Ferguson**, offering to sell access to her ex-husband Prince Andrew for £500,000; Speaker of the House **John Boehner** crying; **Brett Favre** sexting naked photos to beautiful women; Pastor **Terry Jones** burning the Koran; Delaware Republican senatorial candidate **Christine O'Donnell** as a witch casting spells; Supreme Court Justice **Clarence Thomas's teabaggin' wife Gini** screaming for Anita Hill to apologize; airline passenger **John Tyner** yelling "Don't Touch My Junk!"; and **Roman Polanski** shouting "Get There Before the Hair!"

As the parade ends at Washington Square Park, the party begins, featuring live music, food, concessions & entertainment. **McDonald's** will be serving kiddie meals with a prize of cadmium-laced Shrek glasses. The **TSA booth** will be offering free Polaroids of your naked body scan. **Mel Gibson** will be distributing a CD of his "Best Rants Against Blacks, Jews and My Wife". The **Texas School Board** will be giving away rewritten textbooks portraying their own version of history. Texas Representative **Deborah Riddle** will host a day care booth for "terror" babies born to illegal immigrants. The Times Square Car Bomber **Faisal Shahzad** will be giving a how-to demonstration using recalled Toyotas. A clandestine **U.S. Psy Ops booth**, posing as a Hawaii time-share office, will convert all visitors into war-mongering hawks; Free massages will be available, sponsored by Vice President **Al Gore**.

The **New York April Fools' Day Parade** was created in 1986 to remedy a glaring omission in the long list of New York's ethnic and holiday parades. These events fail to recognize the importance of April 1st, the day designated to commemorate the folly of mankind. In an attempt to bridge this gap and bring people back in touch with their inherent foolishness, the parade annually crowns a King or Queen of Fools from parading look-alikes. The King of Fools from the 2010 parade was **Glenn Beck**.

The public is encouraged to participate, in or out of costume, with or without floats, and may join the procession at any point along the parade route. Floats can be no wider than 10' and no longer than 30'. They can be self-propelled, towed, pushed or pulled. Customized bicycles, tricycles, baby carriages and aerial balloons are welcome. All participants are costumed look-alikes, and the Parade Committee assumes no liability for damages caused by satire. Parade floats and marchers must be at 59th Street and Fifth Ave no later than 11:30 a.m.

We are grateful to the Koch Brothers, Donald Trump, the NY State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts and Mayor Michael Bloomberg for their annual support. We also welcome WPIX-TV, who will sponsor the live telecast this year. Confetti for the parade is graciously provided by Wikileaks.

The King of Fools will be chosen based on the loudest cheers at Washington Square Park. The winner will reign through March 31, 2012.

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