

# ATTENTION NEWS ASSIGNMENT & CALENDAR EDITORS:

The New York April Fools' Committee is Proud to Announce  
NEW YORK CITY'S 39th ANNUAL FOOLS' DAY PARADE

# “DEMOCRACY AT THE GUILLOTINE”

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New York's irreverent April Fools' Day Parade returns, poking fun at the past year's displays of hype, hypocrisy, deceit, bigotry, and downright stupidity!

For the 39th year, the public is invited to create outrageous floats and dress up as look-alikes in colorful costumes to reflect the folly of corrupt politicians, crooked corporate leaders, silly celebrities, and whoever else has been a total fool in the past year.

The theme of the 2024 parade is “*Democracy at the Guillotine*”, so dress appropriately. Marchers will assemble at Fifth Ave and 59th St at 12 Noon, Monday, April 1, and proceed downtown to Washington Square Park, site of the climactic crowning of the King of Fools.

This year's parade will be led by the Majority U.S. Supreme Court Justice choir and MAGA Legislators. They'll be marching out of step and singing Marvin Gaye's “*I Heard it Through the Grapevine*” out of tune. Following will be Grand Marshall Donald Trump, posing as the emperor with no clothes, as he sells the last scraps of his clothing to help pay for his legal judgements.

Since most of these public officials have not lived up to their oaths to protect America against all threats foreign and domestic, following closely behind them will be the Grim Reaper peddling the Mobile Guillotine float in a symbolic gesture to inspire people to kill the traitors at the ballot box this November and help save our democracy.

The public is encouraged to participate, in or out of costume, with or without floats. Floats should be no wider than 10 feet and no longer than 30 feet and can be self-propelled, towed, pushed or pulled. Customized bicycles, tricycles, baby carriages, and helium balloons are welcome. Participants are invited to bring political effigies for beheading at the Mobile Guillotine at Washington Square Park.

Says organizer Joey Skaggs, “*This election year, heads will roll. Don't be deceived by fools. Don't vote them in and wherever possible, vote them out. Vive La France!*”

As the parade enters Washington Square Park for the crowning of the King of Fools, effigies of corrupt politicians, lawyers, liars, and thieves will be symbolically beheaded at the actual working guillotine. There will be plenty of blood and gore. A show you won't want to miss.

• *The April Fools' Day Parade Committee takes no responsibility for damage caused by satire.*

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