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The New York April Fools' Committee is Proud to Announce NEW YORK CITY'S 29th ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS' DAY PARADE “Everybody Must Get Stoned”

The **29th Annual April Fools' Day Parade** will begin at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street at 12 noon, Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Rain or shine, the parade will march down Fifth Avenue to Washington Square Park for the climactic selection of the King of Fools from the costumed marching look-alikes.

The **New York April Fools' Day Parade** was created in 1986 to remedy a glaring omission in 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 of Fools from parading look-alikes.

The theme for this year's parade is “**Everybody Must Get Stoned**.” The parade blasts off with **Bob Dylan's** hit song by the same name sung by the **U.S. Congress Marching Band**. **Grand Marshall Barack Obama** marches toward the ever moving “red line.” He will be joined by **Toronto Mayor Rob Ford** trying to march unassisted. Color commentary will be provided by **Dennis Rodman**.

The first float will be the **U.S. Land-Based Nuclear Missile float** with all participants either stoned or sleeping. This will be followed by President Ken Hamm with his **Creationist Museum Flintstone float** featuring Barney & Wilma and Dino the Dinosaur. Then comes the **Westboro Baptist float**. *Bystanders beware:* the Baptists misunderstood the theme of the parade and will be stoning other marchers and spectators. Then there will be a **Commercial Airplane float** looking for the right place to land. **Mike Huckabee's Vagina float** will provide educational material on the physical and political function of the vagina. Pushing the limits of float size this year will be the **Discovery Channel's Megalodon Monster Shark float**, which will explain any peculiar parade odors. Expect an intentional gridlock at 34th Street and 5th Avenue as **New Jersey Governor Chris Christie supporters** slowly make their way cross town to the Lincoln Tunnel.

Marching celebrity look-alikes will include the shirtless **Russian President Vladimir Putin** shouting anti-gay slurs; **Carlos Danger**, a.k.a. **Anthony Weiner** texting selfies; Fox News's **Megyn Kelly** shouting “Santa is white. So is Jesus. Just get over it!” while **San Diego Mayor Bob Filner** tries to cop a feel and a kiss. Also see weathercaster **Al Roker** pitching his new Depends line to a twerking **Miley Cyrus**; Duck Dynasty's **Phil Robertson** quoting from his duck bible; celebrity chef **Paula Deen** with her mouth taped shut; and **Geraldo Rivera** and Arizona's Maricopa County **Sheriff Joe Arpaio** teaming up to find suspicious-looking people wearing hoodies or carrying backpacks. Bringing up the rear will be the **2013 King of Fools Ted Cruz** shouting, “Shut it down, shut it down!”.

As the parade enters Washington Square Park, the festivities will begin. Food concessions will include a **salmonella-infected chicken tasting**; **10 million pounds of McDonald's mighty wings**; **recalled Chobani GM yogurt**; and **lab-cloned hamburgers**. All will have caffeine added to provide an energy boost to speed your way to the hospital. There will also be a **Fukushima glow-in-the-dark sushi bar**. Beyond food concessions, there will be an **NSA Booth**, manned by Dir. of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, where you can get free transcripts of your important phone calls and emails; a **Get-your-Measles-Here booth** courtesy of Televangelist Kenneth Copland; and a **Target Customer Service booth** where you can reclaim your identity. Come prepared with your Social Security and PIN numbers. The **Obamacare Sign-up booth** will be temporarily down.

This year's parade will be televised live by **Fox News**. London's recently extracted **15-ton Monster Blob sewage of congealed fat and baby wipes** will be rolled down 5th Avenue to clean up after the parade, then ceremoniously set aflame.

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 for the generous support of billionaires **Sheldon Adelson** and the **Koch Brothers** and for an **Anonymous donation of Bitcoins**. Free food and drinks, plus luxury hotel room gift certificates will be provided by the **IRS**.

The **King of Fools** will be chosen based on the loudest cheers at Washington Square Park. The winner will reign through March 31, 2015.

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