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**SINGER BRIAN JUSTIN CRUM, AS SEEN ON
AMERICA'S GOT TALENT, TO APPEAR AT
2016 COME OUT WITH PRIDE**

Orlando, Florida — September 22, 2016 — Fresh off his star making appearance as a top finalist this season on NBC's *America's Got Talent*, rising superstar Brian Justin Crum is making his first post-competition appearance Saturday, October 8th at Orlando's **Come Out With Pride festival presented by Orlando City Soccer Club**.

On the show, Crum captivated audiences with mesmerizing renditions of Radiohead's "Creep" and Queen's "Somebody to Love", and on October 8th he'll be bringing his trademark passion and voice to the new Pride Stage presented by Wawa within Orlando's Lake Eola park. Come Out With Pride is thrilled to be able to have Brian perform in Orlando, as well as taking part in the parade as part of his commitment to the LGBTQ+ community.

"I am so honored to be performing at this year's Come Out With

Pride festival,” said Crum. “Back in June after the horrific attack at Pulse, I helped create the #RestInPride campaign. I’m so grateful for the opportunity to perform for and bring some light to the people of Orlando.”

“We are unbelievably excited to have Brian perform, not only because he’s an amazing singer but also because his message is one of hope and optimism,” said J.D. Casto, Entertainment Director for COWP. “His story resonated with millions of viewers on the show, and we know his presence and music will be uplifting for the entire Orlando community.”

Crum grew up in San Diego before performing in touring productions of *Wicked*, followed by roles in *Altar Boyz*, *Grease*, and *Next to Normal* on Broadway, where he shared the stage with fellow 2016 Pride performer Tony Winner Alice Ripley. He later sang with Queen original band members Brian May and Roger Taylor in the rock theatrical *We Will Rock You*, earning rave reviews, calling Brian “a triumph!”. He now lives in Los Angeles where he is currently working on his much anticipated upcoming EP.

Crum joins an unparalleled entertainment lineup at COWP that includes actress Michelle Clunie (*Queer as Folk*, *Teen Wolf*, *The Usual Suspects*), actor Peter Paige (*Queer as Folk*, co-creator: *The Fosters*), cast from *The Fosters*, Tony Award winners Michael Cerveris (*Fun Home*, *The Good Wife*, *Fringe*) and Alice Ripley (*Next to Normal*), comedian Matteo Lane (*Nightly Show*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*), comedienne, speaker and activist Sabrina Jalees (writer: NBC’s *Crowded*; *Transparent*, *AfterEllen*; *Tedx*), singers Eli Lieb & Brandon Skeie (singers/songwriters, “Pulse”) and RJ Aguiar & Will Shepherd (YouTube celebrity vloggers “Shep689”).

The annual festival, now in its 12th year, is expected to attract over 150,000 visitors and aims to celebrate diversity, honor lost friends and heal Orlando in the wake of the devastating attack at

the Pulse nightclub on June 12. Come Out With Pride, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers, and through its mission provides scholarships and grants via its 'Pride Gives Back' program.

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