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Deborah Cox to headline 2010 Pride Festival at The Forks

Winnipeg, MB – The Winnipeg Pride committee is pleased to announce that R&B singing sensation Deborah Cox will headline this year's Pride Festival, taking place June 6, 2010 at The Forks in downtown Winnipeg.

"We are thrilled to bring Deborah Cox to Winnipeg this summer in support of Pride activities," said Barb Burkowski, Chair of the Winnipeg Pride committee. "This is a big year for us – the Pride Festival is moving to The Forks and we are putting together a line-up of top-notch entertainment to mark the occasion."

Cox is a Canadian R&B singer-songwriter and actress. Her 1998 song "Nobody's Supposed to Be Here" held the record for the longest-running number one single on Billboard's *Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Singles & Tracks* chart (14 weeks), a record held for nearly eight years. She has achieved 10 number-one hits on Billboard's *Hot Dance Club Play* chart, and is often cited as Canada's top R&B artist. Her last studio album, *The Promise*, was released in November of 2008 and featured the hit single "Beautiful U R".

The performance by Deborah Cox is made possible, in part, by Winnipeg Pride's partnership with Manitoba Homecoming 2010.

"We are working with a number of great sponsors this year, and we are particularly excited to partner with Manitoba Homecoming 2010," said Burkowski. "Through this partnership – and with the assistance of Destination Winnipeg – we are able to present a roster of performers that will appeal to members of the GLBTTQ* community, the greater community of Winnipeg, and hopefully draw supporters from neighbouring cities, towns, provinces, and states."



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Additional details about Winnipeg Pride festivities for 2010 will be made available in the coming weeks and months. For more information regarding this release, please visit:

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