

SNOWBLOWER 2015

February 8 –14

A festival of workshops, activities and parties for guys into

Mz. Snowblower 2015 Contestant Entry Form

(to be returned to the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, in person at 19 Main Street, Ottawa, ON, or by email to heather@aco-cso.ca)

Contestants for Mz. Snowblower identify as men and as part of the LGBTQ community, are 19 years or older, and reside in the National Capital Region. If their application is accepted, the contestants are expected to attend the following competition events:

Cocktail Meet-and-Greet, January 9, 2015

All Show Dates (locations TBA)

- January 16, 2015
- January 23, 2015
- January 30, 2015

Mz. Snowblower Gala, February 14, 2015

- Contestants may sign up to rehearse on-stage for the Gala prior to the performance, and meet with A/V staff.

At every competition show, Mz. Snowblower contestants will be raising donations via tip-tickets, the amounts of which will count towards their final scores.

Photos and names of contestants, assistants, judges, and officials may be published online and/or in print. All participants agree to have their street-legal photos published. The photographer, producer (AIDS Committee of Ottawa--ACO), its officers, and its agents will not be held liable for any consequences resulting from a person's photo and/or name being published. The copyright for all photos will remain with the photographer.

The producer, ACO, is granted a license, free of charge, to use the photos in print and online for the purpose of promoting its own activities. This license is granted solely to the producer, ACO, and is non-transferable. Contestants in Mz. Snowblower may use the photos for personal purposes only. Any other use by contestants, whether commercial or non-commercial, must be the object of a separate agreement.

The producer, ACO, and all contestants agree that the photographer may use the photos in print and online to promote their own work. This may include posting the photos to the photographer's web site, Facebook page, and online galleries. This may also include entering the photos in photographic competitions and using the photos to support the creation of promotional materials for Mz. Snowblower or ACO. Any other use by the photographer, whether commercial or non-commercial, must be the object of a separate agreement.

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Note: Fields marked with an asterisk will be kept completely confidential. All fields must be completed; contestants wishing to use a stage name during the competition may include one on the appropriate field.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Stage Name (if applicable): _____

*Address: _____

*Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

*Email: _____

Please tell us why you'd be a fabulous Mz. Snowblower 2015:

Tell us what you think people should know about HIV/AIDS:

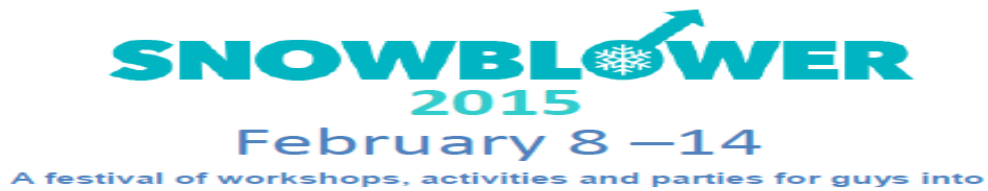
Tell us all about how you shine as a performer

I hereby apply to compete in the Mz. Snowblower competition, and accept and agree to abide by all the rules, regulations, and guidelines established and contained herein.

I will not hold the producer or any affiliates liable for any injury to my property, person, or reputation as a result of this competition. I agree to be photographed throughout this competition as outlined above.

Contestant Signature _____ Date _____

Producer Signature _____ Date _____



Roles and Responsibilities of Mz. Snowblower 2015

The titleholder will be responsible for organizing or attending four events per year in the National Capital Region. The beneficiary of the events, located in the National Capital Region, must be a community service agency, program, or project working with men who have sex with men and integrating two or more of

- HIV prevention/education programs
- social support for people living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs)
- HIV research
- community work increasing access to HIV treatment
- anti-stigma work regarding living with HIV/AIDS
- campaigns or drives to increase HIV testing

Events organized or attended by Mz. Snowblower will revolve around Snowblower (mid-February), International Day against Homophobia/Transphobia and the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial (mid-late May), The AIDS Walk (mid-September), and AIDS Awareness Week (last week of November)/World AIDS Day (Dec 1).

Mz. Snowblower will also represent the AIDS Committee of Ottawa/Snowblower during Capital Pride during their title year.

In addition to participating with these events, the titleholder will

- work to build positive relationships within Ottawa's LGBTQ community, especially in regards to reducing stigma and raising awareness of the needs of people with HIV/AIDS
- consistently represent the mission and values of the Mz. Snowblower title and competition, along with those of its producer (the AIDS Committee of Ottawa).
- help to educate the community about the links between sexual health and expression and other forms of health (mental, emotional, and physical), as well as about kink, leather, and the diversity of sexual expression in the Community.
- promote the continued growth of a vibrant and diverse community and culture in Ottawa that embraces people of all backgrounds, orientations, fetishes, and kinks as partners and allies.

Missions

Mz. Snowblower:

To develop and expand community bridges in National Capital Region through education, mentorship, and community action. To this end, Mz. Snowblower will work on our founding principles.

ACO:

The AIDS Committee of Ottawa (ACO) collaborates with other organizations and the PHA community to promote the well-being and quality of life of persons living with or closely affected by HIV/AIDS. The ACO also works to reduce the barriers that foster the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

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Principles of Mz. Snowblower

Celebration: not just through the Mz. Snowblower event, but with the Community as a whole, both within Ottawa and in solidarity with Family elsewhere in Ontario.

Education: about HIV/AIDS, healthy sexual expression, personal safety, and personal accountability.

Responsibility: to our partners, playmates, lovers, friends, families, and communities.

Trust: between those in the Community and the allies supporting it, recognizing that trust is built over time as we all grow and work together to build a stronger community.

Objectives

- Help to develop and present the Mz. Snowblower competition as a signature part of the Snowblower festival in February.
- Promote the sustainability and growth of a vibrant, welcoming community in the National Capital Region
- Raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, and how it impacts people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and men who have sex with men in the National Capital Region.
- Encourage the community's knowledge and awareness of sexual health/expression and how it affects other forms of health (mental, emotional, physical)
- Support HIV/AIDS education, research, and service work being done for the community in the National Capital Region.