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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund and Team Metro  
are excited to announce the Exclusive Dallas Performance of

# **AMERICAN IDOL 2018 Finalist ADA VOX**

IN **“NIGHT OF STARS”** ON SEPTEMBER 8TH. 2018.

THE Premier Fundraising event by TEAM METRO for LIFEWALK  
Dallas will be in the World-Famous Rose Room inside S4.

**June 27, 18 | Dallas, TX:** The Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS Fund (GDMAF) presents **“Night of Stars”** featuring ADA VOX of American Idol 2018. This **EXCLUSIVE** one-night-only performance is the first performance in Dallas by Ada Vox. Joined by other local performers, Night of Stars will take place on September 8, 2018 in the world-famous Rose Room at Station 4 (S4) located at 3911 Cedar Springs Rd, Dallas. A limited number of General Admission, VIP tickets and VIP Sponsor Packages are all now available for pre-sale online at: **“GDMAF.org/STARS”**

Tickets are limited and this event, including the special performance by Ada Vox, will sell out fast so don't wait, get your tickets early! Night of Stars is the annual fundraiser by Team Metro with all funds going towards LIFEWALK Dallas which in return benefits HIV/AIDS patients and organizations, like GDMAF, and others, all across the DFW Metroplex. Night of Stars is being brought to you by the support of our generous sponsors including Caven Enterprises, Station 4 Rose Room, AHF Pharmacy, On The Border, Omni Hotels, Divas & Dj's, and the Dallas Voice.

*Additional local artist names and details will be available online.*

*For Interview requests, please email Joseph Flores at: [press@gdmaf.org](mailto:press@gdmaf.org).*

*\*Ada Vox interviews limited to official credentialed members of the Press.\**

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## **About Ada Vox:**

Ada Vox, a San Antonio drag queen who has been singing her heart out on ABC's 2018 reboot of "American Idol." As a Semifinalist and Top 8 contestant, Her appearance marks a first for the TV competition show and she was one of the standouts from the audition rounds thanks to her performance of "House of the Rising Sun." When Katy Perry asked if she was going to take this competition seriously, Ada responded, "I'm not here to play with anybody. I'm here to chase my dreams and make them come true."

Ada Vox auditioned for American Idol back in 2013 when she was known as Adam Sanders. In one of his Season 12 performances, he got a standing ovation from three of the four judges with his rendition of Etta James's I'd Rather Go Blind. Despite this, he got eliminated after Hollywood week. After he appeared on Season 12 of American Idol, he started getting threats on social media. He revealed on this year's show right before his audition: 'People attacked my weight, my sexuality, telling me that I was horrible, that I sucked, that I don't deserve to be here, that I shouldn't be who I am. And I let it get to me in a wrong way. It killed me inside. It killed me inside almost as much as people were telling me that I should kill myself...I was contemplating lots of things that I shouldn't have.'

Adam did not let that deter him from his dream and when he heard the show was coming back to ABC this year, he decided to audition again as his alter ego Ada Vox. He said: 'I was an OK singer then - I was. But I'm a hundred times better now than I ever was then. I'm vocally better, I'm a better performer, I'm a better entertainer, I'm more prepared as an adult now to take on the challenges that come with a competition like this.'

Adam was born in San Antonio, Texas, and has worked at a seafood restaurant by day and drag queen by night. The 24-year-old is a University of Texas graduate and lists his influences as Lady Gaga, Beyonce, Aretha Franklin, Patti Labelle and more. Ada has made history and is the first Drag Queen ever to make it all the way as American Idol's 2018 Top 8 finalists!!!

## **About Team Metro and GDMAF:**

Team Metro consists entirely of volunteers, including the GDMAF board members, all coming together to raise awareness and funds for the annual LifeWalk Dallas event in October. In 2017, Team Metro raised \$27,475 of the overall total of \$420,744. Team Metro has set a goal of \$27,000 for 2018.

**Anyone interested in learning more about Team Metro, making a donation to the team or team member, or wanting to join our team, fundraise and walk with us on October 7, 2018, can visit the LifeWalk Dallas website at: [www.lifewalk.org](http://www.lifewalk.org) and search for "Team Metro."**

The Greg Dollgener Memorial AIDS fund, GDMAF, is the presenting organization of Team Metro and Night of Stars; a North Texas-based 501c3 organization founded in 1996 with a mission to provide emergency needs to individuals living with HIV/AIDS that are otherwise unable to receive other social services or emergency assistance. In addition to individuals, GDMAF provides financial support to other North Texas Programs once their primary funding is exhausted.

***Additional information is available online at: [www.gdmaf.org](http://www.gdmaf.org)***

## **About LifeWalk:**

**October 7, 2018**, LifeWalk is the Dallas AIDS Walk brought to you by Prism Health North Texas. The event promotes awareness of the infection's continued presence in our community and to raise money to support those impacted by the infection.

The walk is a 5K or 3.2 miles through the beautiful Turtle Creek/Uptown neighborhoods. The walk kicks off from Oak Lawn Park. Before and after you walk, check out the festival hosted on the park grounds. Take advantage of food, beverages, health education, music, games, and more. The entire event is family (2 & 4-legged) friendly.

This walk began in 1990 in response to the AIDS epidemic in the local Dallas and national communities. LifeWalk has since grown into a movement to raise both funds and awareness for HIV/AIDS in North Texas.

Funds raised through the LifeWalk event benefit Prism Health North Texas and some other AIDS Service Organizations in North Texas. Prism Health North Texas, formerly AIDS Arms, has served Dallas and the 12 surrounding counties for over 30 years. With supporters like you, Prism Health North Texas advances the health of North Texas through a broad array of services:

- Medical care: providing HIV care and wellness services
- Testing: helping people know their status
- Prevention: getting to zero AIDS infections with effective HIV treatment, PrEP, and condoms
- Outreach & Education: Informing and mobilizing our community
- HIV Empowerment: Helping people with HIV to be healthy and strong
- Behavioral Health: promoting mental health and wellness
- Health Insurance Assistance: enabling access to HIV healthcare

All services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

LifeWalk Partner Agencies are valued nonprofit partners in the work of HIV prevention and/or direct services in our community. All of the partner agencies are registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations in the Dallas area and provide services that support HIV+ individuals or are have a program for HIV prevention efforts. Registered Partner Agencies can create a team for their organization to raise money through the Prism Health North Texas LifeWalk event.

***Additional information is available online at: [www.lifewalk.org](http://www.lifewalk.org)***

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