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QUEER YOUTH ARE 4 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ATTEMPT SUICIDE THAN THEIR PEERS AND 8 TIMES MORE LIKELY WHEN NOT SUPPORTED BY THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

Partnering and participating with evolve: pride amplified sends a bold message to youth that they are loved, valued, and welcome; and that we need them as part of a diverse, compassionate and culturally vibrant landscape here in Calgary!

Who: Calgary Pride Presents **evolve: pride amplified**
Featuring: Too Attached, Le Cirque de la Nuit
When: May 24, 2019 / evolve: gala for youth / May 25, 2019 / evolve: gala for you
Where: Arts Commons

Both events are joy filled, circus celebrations by Le Cirque de la Nuit coupled with the soul, hip-hop, music and storytelling genius of Too Attached. **Evolve: gala for youth** aims to create beautiful memories and community connections to last through challenging times. **Evolve: gala for you** is a grown up version of the May 24th event, complete with cocktail hour, meet and greet with our amazing artists, roving performances, a plated dinner, fundraising and show you won't forget!

TOO ATTACHED | Two siblings: Vivek Shraya & Shamik Bilgi. VIVEK is a multidisciplinary artist whose album with Queer Songbook Orchestra, Part-Time Woman, was nominated for the Polaris Music Prize. SHAMIK is a producer and beatboxer who has performed in 15 countries and toured with Method Man & Redman, Bassnectar, and Tanya Tagaq.
www.tooattached.com

LE CIRQUE DE LA NUIT | Established in 2013, Le Cirque de la Nuit is a one of a kind creative collective based out of Calgary. Cirque brings together the very best performers from across Canada and merges their talents with generous creativity, choreography, custom made props, decor, costumes, music and visual effects, creating a multidimensional, magic inducing experience. <https://www.instagram.com/cirquenuit/>

Advance tickets are exclusively available to initiative partners, or what we call Community Evolvers. Special thanks to our earliest Community Evolvers: **ATB Financial, WK Creations and TD Bank Group.** More to follow!

For more information please visit evolveprideyc.com

Tickets will be available for purchase on April 3, 2019 by visiting artscommons.ca/whats-on

Charitable partners in this initiative are Calgary Queer Arts Society, Skipping Stone Foundation and Centre for Sexuality.

Specific needs at this time include | Businesses and organizations interested in partnership opportunities (Dynamic recognition strategies available) | Folks interested in joining our 100% volunteer run event committee | Donations of raffle, auction and take-away bag items (600 take-away bags)

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