



# Paint the Town Colorful with Pride



URBAN CULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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## Venue

Former Residence of the  
Ambassadors of Spain, 2801 16th St  
NW, Washington, DC 20009

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## Admission

Free

## Credits

Commissioned and produced by the  
Cultural Office of the Embassy of  
Spain in Washington, D.C. as part of  
Capital Pride Alliance's Paint the  
Town Colorful initiative

The Cultural Office of the Spanish Embassy in Washington D.C. joins Capital Pride Alliance's Paint the Town Colorful with Pride with a crochet mural sporting a portrait of Spanish writer Federico García Lorca.

Los Angeles-based artist [London Kaye](#) has created a 10 foot wide mural displayed at the entrance of the Former Residence of the Ambassadors of Spain. The work shows a portrait of famed spanish writer Federico García Lorca along with a quote taken from his play Mariana Pineda: "On the flag of freedom, I embroidered the greatest love of my life," one of his most famous phrases in defense of human freedom and love.

The mural has being crocheted in individual pieces by members of the LGBTI+ community and other members of Kaye's public art collective, [Love Across the USA](#).

The project follows the momentum of the Embassy's participation in the 2019 *Capital Pride Parade*, the last one celebrated in the city since the pandemic. This year, the [Capital Pride Alliance](#) organizes [Paint the Town Colorful with Pride](#), a monthlong celebration as countless homes, businesses, and neighborhoods collectively show their pride using an array of lively decorations, signs, and art. Adding to a variety of outdoor art installations as part of its cultural program, this year the Embassy's Cultural Office chose this public display of support, not only to the LGBTI+ community, but to its intersection with the arts.

A pioneer in LGBTI+ rights, in 2005, Spain became the third country in the



world to legalize same-sex marriage for all citizens and the first to establish equality in regard to adoption by same-sex couples. Today, LGBTI+ rights are a key part of Spain's foreign policy agenda in the area of human rights. A member of the [United Nations LGBTI Core Group](#), Spain actively contributed to the EU Guidelines on the rights of LGBT+ people, adopted in 2013.