NOH8 CAMPAIGN



www.NOH8Campaign.com



THE NOH8 CAMPAIGN IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION WHOSE MISSION IS TO PROMOTE MARRIAGE, GENDER AND HUMAN EQUALITY THROUGH EDUCATION. ADVOCACY, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND VISUAL PROTEST.

On November 4, 2008 Proposition 8 passed in California, amending the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. The defeat provoked a groundswell of initiative within the GLBT community at a grassroots level, with many new political and protest organizations being formed in response.

The NOH8 Campaign is a photographic silent protest created by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska (adambouska.com) and partner Jeff Parshlev in direct response to the passage of Proposition 8. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world, with "NOH8" painted on one cheek in protest.

Over six years since its inception, the NOH8 Campaign has grown to over 50,000 faces and continues to grow at an exponential rate. The campaign began with portraits of everyday Californians from all walks of life and soon rose to include politicians, military personnel, newlyweds, law enforcement, artists, celebrities, and many more.

While inspired by Prop 8, the scope of the NOH8 Campaign has developed to fight discrimination and bullying of all kinds. The message of 'No Hate' can be interpreted and applied broadly, and it relates to each person on an individual basis.

The NOH8 Campaign has received overwhelming support from around the world, and has appeared in various local and national news programs and publications. The images are widely used on various social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to put a face to the fight for equality and spark dialogue.

The NOH8 Campaign is a charitable organization registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation. Funds raised by the NOH8 Campaign are used to promote and raise awareness for Marriage Equality and anti-discrimination on a global level through an educational and interactive media campaign.



ADAM BOUSKA CO-FOUNDER & PHOTOGRAPHER

Award-winning Celebrity & Fashion Photographer Adam Bouska (born October 31, 1983 in Decatur, IL) is known for his unique style, currently operating his photography studio in Los Angeles, California. Bouska is noted for his work from magazine covers to book covers with celebrities including Jane Lynch, Barry Manilow, Meghan McCain, Alexa Rae Joel, Deepak Chopra, Lisa Ling, Hayley Hasselhoff, James Kyson Lee, and Jai Rodriguez.

Perhaps most recognizable for his signature NOH8 Campaign portraits, Adam is no stranger to activism. Bouska teamed up with partner Jeff Parshley to develop a calendar to benefit AIDS Project Los Angeles in 2008, and Adam paired with Found Animals for 6 Packs / 9 Lives, an edgy calendar project promoting cat adoption. Recent work includes a national ad campaign featuring Nia Vardalos for HelpUsAdopt.org.

Adam Bouska was recognized by Instinct Magazine's Leading Men of 2009, The Advocate's 40 Under 40, Frontier's 25 Angelinos Making a Difference, and most recently the 17th Annual Out100. He was also recognized as the West Hollywood Community's Leading Photographer and the 2008 and 2010 Weho Awards. His work has been featured on a variety of broadcasts and publications including The New York Times, Life & Style Magazine, Guinness Book of World Records 2010, Chelsea Lately, TODAY Show, The View, and more.

Creating the NOH8 Campaign with partner Jeff Parshley is Adam's proudest work to date, and he hopes to continue traveling the world putting a face to the fight for equality.

JEFF PARSHLEY **CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE PRODUCER**

When he laced up his shoes and ran out of the house one November night in 2008 to join the post-Proposition 8 protests with his partner Adam Bouska, Jeff Parshley (born in Nashua, NH on February 23, 1981) had no idea he was about to become an activist. The experience moved him to speak out, and that spirit inspired him to create the concept of a NOH8 photo with Adam.

After attending culinary school in New Hampshire for two years, Jeff decided to pack up and move across the country to Los Angeles. He established himself as a General Manager in the heart of the West Hollywood community. Parshley approached Adam Bouska to produce a 2009 charity calendar for AIDS Project Los Angeles; a project that would raise more than \$12,000 for the organization.

Having enjoyed that small taste of what it felt like to be an activist, Jeff has found his true calling as a leader of Team NOH8. His work with the campaign includes coordinating celebrity involvement in both NOH8 photos and videos, producing and overseeing the NOH8 public service announcements, planning and coordinating upcoming open photo shoot locations, and much more.





INTERESTING STATS & FACTS

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS









1.3 MILLION

750K FOLLOWERS 230K FOLLOWERS 2 MILLION VIEWS

FB.COM/ NOH8CAMPAIGN

TWITTER HANDLE: @NOH8CAMPAIGN

INSTAGRAM NAME: @NOH8CAMPAIGN

USERNAME: NOH8CAMPAIGN

EVERY FACE COUNTS

Over 50,000 Supporters have posed for NOH8 photos with nearly 27,000 Solo Photos and 15,000 Group Photos.

HIGHEST TURN OUT

842 Supporters in Dallas, Texas on October 16th, 2011 at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration.

NOH8 IN MY ST8

There have been nearly 250 official NOH8 photo shoots in 45 of the 50 United States, plus D.C.

BE HEARD

Nearly 350 Supporters who have participated in an official NOH8 photo shoot have submitted stories about why they posed.

MY NOH8

Over 4,500 supporters from across the world have submitted their own amateur NOH8 selfies to our website.

NOH8 WORLDWIDE

DID YOU KNOW?

- The NOH8 Campaign began with Co-Founder Jeff Parshley's MySpace Photo.
- + Grammy Winner Mya performed in NOH8 gear at LA Pride 2011.
- Hip-Hop Pioneer Darryl "DMC" McDaniels issued an Anti-Homophobia Hip-Hop Challenge through NOH8.
- December 13th has been declared Official NOH8 Day in the City of West Hollywood, CA.
- Republican Cindy McCain, wife of Senator John McCain, made headlines twice for her NOH8 involvement; first for her photo, and later for her involvement in an anti-bullying PSA. Her NOH8 photo became one of AOL's Top 10 Downloaded Images in January 2010.
- Mel B. (Spice Girls' Scary Spice) hosted NOH8's 2nd Anniversary Celebration.
- + Co-Founder Adam Bouska has photographed all 40,000+ official NOH8 photos.
- Over 100 U.S. Congressmen have posed for NOH8 photos, including 12 United States Senators.
- The NOH8 Campaign won "Best Viral Campaign" at the 5th Annual Mashable Awards.



NOH8 has hosted official events in 18 additional countries including Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Philippines, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Kingdom.







































COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

THE NOH8 CAMPAIGN HAS HOSTED OFFICIAL EVENTS IN COMMUNITY VENUES ACROSS THE NATION!



PRIDE CELEBRATIONS

Cape Town Pride in South Africa, Vermont, Los Angeles, Orange County, Long Beach, Bakersfield (CA), South Florida, Miami (FL), North Carolina, and Las Vegas. Co-Founders Adam Bouska and Jeff Parshley were named Grand Marshals of the 2010 Stonewall Street Pride Festival in Wilton Manors, FL. San Antonio Pride 2012's Theme was 'A NOH8 City', requested by local 6th Grader Gavynne Rodriguez. Adam Bouska was named Grand Marshal.



SCHOOLS

Macalester College (St. Paul, MN), California State University - Northridge (Pride Center Grand Opening), Spelman College (Atlanta, GA), University of Houston (TX), El Camino Real Charter High School (Woodland Hills, CA), University of Montana, and Black Hills State University (Spearfish, SD), Texas A&M University (College Station), Northern Arizona University, Illinois State University, Rutgers University (New Brunswick & Camden), University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa & Birmingham), Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, University of Arkansas, Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA), Austin Community College (TX), Alvirne High School (Nashua, NH), University of Philadelphia, and Ramon Cortines School for Visual & Performing Arts (Los Angeles, CA).



CHURCHES

Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (Dallas, TX), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Salt Lake City), Hollywood United Methodist Church (Hollywood, CA), Big Red Church (Fresno, CA), Mission Gathering (San Diego, CA), Countryside Community Church (Omaha, NE).



CONFERENCES & EXPOS

2012/2013 Center for Excellence in School Counseling and Leadership's "Supporting Students: Saving Lives" Educators Conference

2012 Platinum Sponsor of the Long Island GLBT Expo

2012 Alaska Pride Conference

2011 Gay & Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference in Minneapolis, MN



AIDS WALK

NOH8 has hosted teams for AIDS Walk Los Angeles (2010/2011/2012/2013)

AIDS Walk New York (2011/2012), and AIDS Walk San Francisco (2012), raising over \$70,000 for local HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention Services.

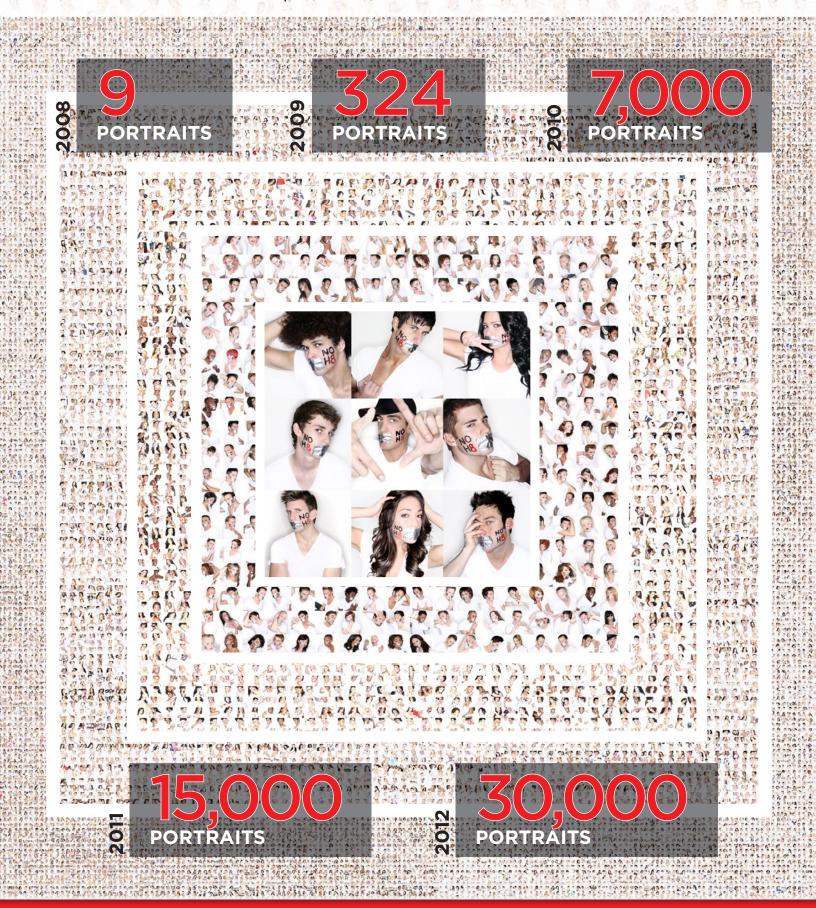












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FEATURES & PRESS











Los Angeles Times

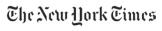




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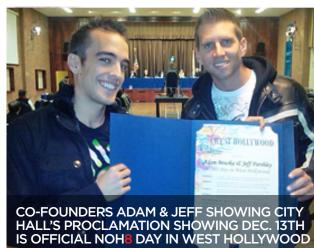
NOH8 CAMPAIGN BEHIND THE SCENES & EXTRAS



















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