# Mass Wedding Celebrates Same-Sex Marriages in Mexico City



Mexico City witnessed a monumental event on Friday with 147 same-sex couples celebrating their nuptials in a mass wedding ceremony. This event was part of the city's Pride Month celebrations, highlighting both the personal commitments of the couples and the ongoing fight for equal rights.

The ceremony began with a performance by the Gay Choir of Mexico City and was followed by a standardized civil ritual where couples exchanged vows. Groom Ricardo Mercado remarked on the emotional and energetic atmosphere created by the gathered community.

This collective wedding has become an annual tradition in Mexico City, which was one of the first metropolises to legalize same-sex marriage in 2009. The event, supported by the local government, offers a cost-effective way for couples to marry.

The 2023 celebration also included the participation of transgender individuals finalizing their gender change processes. In the previous year, the event returned after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, featuring a large wedding cake adorned with rainbow frosting.

The mass wedding symbolizes Mexico City's longstanding tradition of advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and providing a platform for communal celebration during Pride Month.