

Nate Phelps to Speak at Godless Rally While Father's Church Protests

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Washington, DC - Nate Phelps, son of Pastor Fred Phelps of the notorious anti-gay Westboro Baptist Church, has agreed to speak at the March 24th Reason Rally in DC - even as his family's church plans to picket the event. Nate Phelps, an atheist and outspoken supporter of LGBT rights, is the latest addition to the event billed as a celebration of secular values. He joins a lineup featuring prominent nonreligious speakers and entertainers including Richard Dawkins, comedian Eddie Izzard, and the band Bad Religion.

The Westboro Baptist Church, famous for protesting at soldiers' funerals with signs reading "God Hates Fags" has announced they will attend the Reason Rally. Nate Phelps severed ties with his family on his 18th birthday, and now calls his father's actions "evil."

"Nate Phelps brings a powerful voice and story to the rally," said Reason Rally organizer David Silverman. "He shows us all that if you can come out as an atheist in that family, it's possible anywhere."

The Reason Rally, billed as the largest gathering of the secular movement in the nation's history, is a free event on the National Mall with the intent to "unify, energize, and embolden" nonreligious Americans to gain legislative and social equality.

More information about the rally can be found at ReasonRally.org.

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