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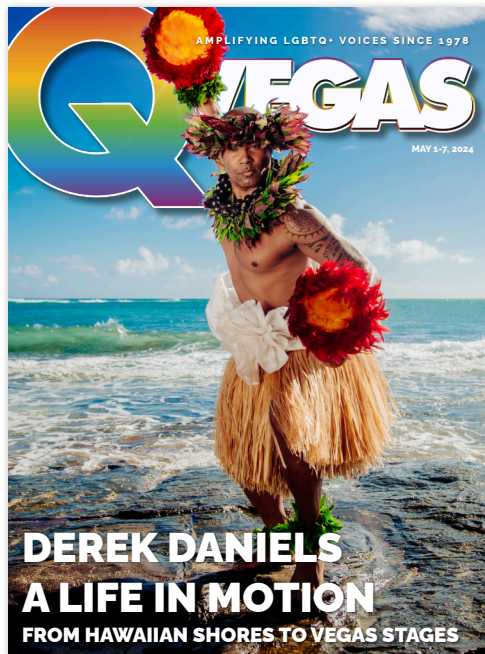


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Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

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Summer is almost here! Get your tickets to the HRC Gala on May 11, Temptation Sundays opens May 12, and dust off your cowboy boots for the NGRA Big Horn Rodeo May 24-26.



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May 2024



Honey, let me spill the celestial tea for all you Scorpio divas out there, because May 2024 is gonna be a month full of drama, but the good kind, darling! The stars are aligning to serve you a cocktail of passion, transformation, and a pinch of mystery that will have you gagging. It's time to strut into your power, embrace your inner queen, and let the world know who's boss. Opportunities are knocking, so put on those heels, throw on your most fabulous outfit, and sashay away into your destiny. Remember, you're fierce, you're fabulous, and nobody does it quite like a Scorpio. Keep that stinger ready, because this month, you're not just participating, you're owning the runway of life!



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SHOW OF THE WEEK

CHIPPENDALES

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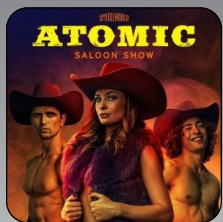
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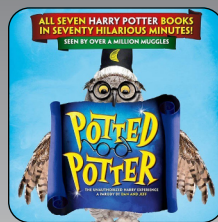
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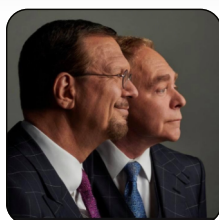
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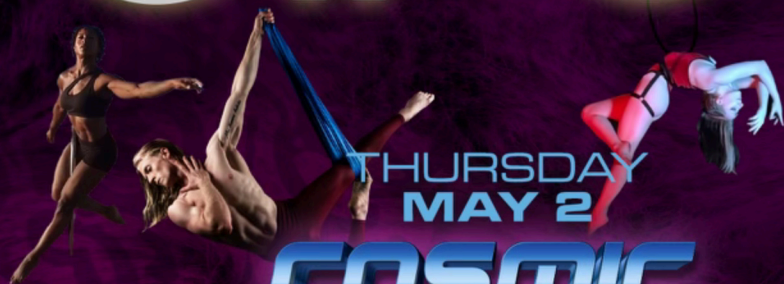
This election season, the QVegas website will host a comprehensive and insightful webpage dedicated to the 2024 elections for the state of Nevada, offering a treasure trove of information tailored to the LGBTQ+ community.

This page aims to serve as a one-stop destination for voters seeking clarity on the electoral process, key dates, candidate profiles, and important issues at stake within the state. Emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility, it will provide resources on voter registration, polling locations, and methods to vote, ensuring every voice in the community is heard.

To receive updates about the Voter Guide, please register at QVegas.com/vote.

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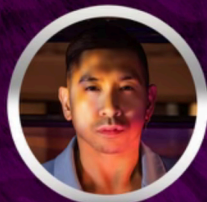
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SEASON 13

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Derek Daniels: A Life in Motion *From Hawaiian Shores to Vegas Stages*

by Garrett Pattiani

In the world of performance, few artists embody the spirit of their culture and the essence of showbiz as vividly as Derek Daniels. From the lush landscapes of Hawaii to the glittering lights of Broadway, Paris and Las Vegas, Derek's journey through dance, teaching, and choreography speaks to a life richly lived. As we sit down with this storied performer, he shares insights from his impressive career, his ongoing projects, and his future aspirations.

Roots in Rhythm

Born and raised in Kaneohe, Hawaii, Derek's initial steps into the world of performance were influenced heavily by his rich Tahitian and Hawaiian heritage. "It began with hula at a young age," Derek recalls, describing his early days learning under the guidance of his cousin, Palani Kahala, a master Kumu Hula. "Being part of a family deeply embedded in hula, it wasn't just an option; it was a way of life."

His passion for dance expanded during his high school years as he explored jazz, ballet, and modern dance, always intertwining these with his foundation in Hawaiian and Polynesian dance. This blend of traditional and contemporary styles not only shaped his artistic voice but also paved the way for his global journey in dance.

From Island Stages to International Fame

After high school, Derek's talent catapulted him from the local stages of Guam to the bustling cities of Japan, the Moulin Rouge in Paris, the Bolshoi theatre in Moscow and eventually to Broadway. "My first international break came when I moved to Guam, performing in Polynesian shows," he

shares. The pursuit of dance then took him to Osaka, Japan, where he spent years teaching a blend of hula, ballet, jazz, and modern dance.

The bright lights of New York City beckoned in the early '80s. Derek's break into mainstream American entertainment came unexpectedly when he and a friend attended an audition for the TV series *Fame* in Los Angeles, landing roles that would later take him back to New York. "That audition wasn't just a job; it was the opening of a new chapter," Derek reflects.

His time in New York and Paris was a whirlwind of opportunity. From starring in *Cats* on Broadway, lead dancer in the *Moulin Rouge* to choreographing for celebrities like Grace Jones, Hugh Jackman, Boy George, The Pet Shop Boys, and Salt N Pepa. Derek has performed all throughout Europe including Vienna, Berlin, Rome, Greece, and Switzerland to name a few. Derek's career was a testament to his versatility and magnetic charisma.

Embracing Las Vegas

The allure of Las Vegas eventually drew Derek into its orbit. The city's vibrant entertainment scene offered a new stage for his talents. "Vegas seemed like the culmination of everything I'd experienced and learned along the way," Derek explains. His work in Vegas has been a blend of production, direction, and performance, creating shows that dazzle and inspire.

Celebrating Heritage and Culture

Today, Derek is focusing on a new project, a Luau show for Gipsy Las Vegas in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Month.

"This show is not just about entertainment; it's an educational journey through the history and culture of Hawaii," he says. Using his deep knowledge of Polynesian culture, Derek aims to craft a show that combines authentic Hawaiian dance with the spectacle of Las Vegas.

Legacy and Advice: As our conversation turns to legacy, Derek's thoughts are on the future and the impact he hopes to leave. "My goal has always been to touch people's lives, to teach and share the beauty of dance," he says. For young performers just starting out, he advises, "Know yourself, be open to learning, and focus on sharing your art, and not on becoming a star."

Derek Daniels has lived a life that many only dream of, a journey through dance that has taken him from the shores of Hawaii to stages across the world. As we look forward to his upcoming show in Las Vegas, it's clear that Derek's story is one of passion, dedication, and the relentless pursuit of artistic expression. In a world that often focuses on the destination, Derek Daniels reminds us that the journey itself is where the dance really happens.

Derek Daniels' Upcoming Shows

AAPI Month Celebration Luau at Gipsy Las Vegas on May 11, May 18, May 25, and June 1.

Regular Performances at various venues in Las Vegas, showcasing a blend of traditional Polynesian and modern dance styles.

Derek Daniels' vibrant career and his dynamic presence both on and off the stage offers QVegas readers a glimpse into the life of a truly remarkable performer.

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BAR & NIGHTCLUB GUIDE



VENUE OF THE WEEK



Flex Cocktail Lounge, a cherished establishment nestled in the vibrant heart of Las Vegas at 501 E Twain Ave, has been a cornerstone of the local nightlife scene for over 30 years. Renowned for its welcoming, small-town ambiance set within the bustling energy of the city, Flex offers a unique blend of comfort and excitement, catering to both Las Vegas locals and tourists alike.

Open 24/7, this bar, club, and lounge provides an array of entertainment options that cater to a wide range of tastes. Whether you're looking for a relaxing night out with friends or an energetic evening filled with dancing and live performances, Flex has something to offer everyone.

Each week at Flex is packed with themed nights and special events that promise memorable experiences. Tuesdays feature "Classic Tuesdays," where guests can step back in time from 8 PM to 1 AM with Hall of Fame DJ RC. On these nights, the lounge comes alive with the sounds of vintage vinyl and turntables.

Wednesdays transform the venue into a vibrant karaoke bar with "FlexVIBE Karaoke" from 9 PM until late. Hosted by the charismatic Mr. Rey, this event invites patrons to take the stage and showcase their singing talents in a fun and supportive environment. It's a perfect opportunity for guests to let loose, enjoy the camaraderie, and sing their hearts out.

The excitement continues into Thursdays with the "My O My Show" at 9 PM, hosted by the fabulous Stephanie Danderson. This event features a variety of live performances, including drag shows and musical acts, providing an eclectic and entertaining evening that celebrates diversity and artistry.

Club Flex takes over on Thursdays and Fridays starting at 10 PM, with electrifying DJ sets from DJK and DJ Iris. These nights are dedicated to dance and music lovers, featuring live sets that keep the energy high and the dance floor buzzing until the early hours.

Drink specials are 2-8 happy hour twice daily (am&pm).

Flex Cocktail Lounge is more than just a bar—it's a community hub where the old meets new, and everyone is welcome. With its robust schedule of events, friendly atmosphere, and relentless commitment to providing a safe, entertaining space for all, Flex continues to be a beloved destination in Las Vegas's nightlife landscape.



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