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As Ru herself says, “Learn to love yourself, ‘cause if you can’t love yourself, how the hell you gonna love somebody else?”

Our Las Vegas Queens certainly love themselves! We found in compiling this special edition, the love each other, too.

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MAGNUS HASTINGS' WORLD OF DRAG

The Photographer Snaps All The Leading Girls For New Book

[by Mike Bahr]

Magnus Hastings' new coffee-table book, *Why Drag?*, offers readers a rare glimpse at a generation in drag.

Inspired by the photographer's renowned New York art exhibition, *Why Drag?* began in the summer of 2014, when Hastings set out to travel through North America to shoot some of drag's brightest talents and biggest names. With his camera in tow, Hastings made his way across the country for two years, snapping hundreds of intimate portraits while posing models the question: *Why drag?*

The book offers answers from the industry's top talent, in the form of gorgeous photos by Hastings accompanied by short stories that are marked by their humor and, oftentimes, sincerity. Queens featured in the book include Bianca Del Rio, Courtney Act, Jackie Beat, Adore Delano, Jinkx Monsoon, Lady Bunny, Detox, and Sharon Needles. The legendary Boy George writes the book's foreword.

Magnus Hastings' affection for his subject runs deep, and if only in his meticulous attention to

detail, it shows in earnest from cover to cover. "I think a big part of *Why Drag?* is rooted in that little effeminate boy who was shamed out of doing what made him happy," says Hastings. "I grew up resenting that childhood version of myself until one day, I had such a wave of love for him. I realized how extraordinary and beautiful he was, how fearless. Somehow I think this honors him."

Hastings' reputation precedes him as the eminent man behind the lens when it comes to all things drag, so it only makes sense that his volume of drag portraits would push boundaries, provoke thought, and put the unapologetic on parade. Prevalent cityscapes include New York City, Los Angeles, and the artist's drag city of choice, San Francisco.

"I have such a soft spot for San Francisco drag," says Hastings. "And the incredible way they create something for just one night. That's kind



of been skipped by the mainstream, but it's a huge part of my book."

Inside the pages, you'll see pageant queens strut in full regalia while waiting for a bus. A pair of queens, one hundred pages apart, call upon the courage drag gives them to set aside anxiety, finding solace behind winged tips. Bianca Del Rio digs into a Barbie doll with pins and needles, reflecting on how drag lets her sharp tongue fly free, while Adore Delano gives great face in front of a McDonald's while rocking a Budweiser one-piece, shot on the streets of West Hollywood.

"Adore Delano is a fantastic representation of an important side of drag," says Hastings. "That punk rock, I-don't-give-a-shit edge that gets watered down the more mainstream it gets. Drag is meant to be challenging and dangerous as far as I'm concerned, not safe and sponsored by Disney."

"Drag doesn't make much sense." So writes Alaska Thunderfuck, pictured off of Melrose Avenue. "It takes up all of your time, consumes most of your money, and may subject you to some of the most extreme ridicule on the planet."

"But I imagine it is like being a nun or priest," she continues. "Once you get the divine calling, you have no choice in the matter and you belong to drag for life."

A testimony to the photographer's talents as a portraitist, *Why Drag?* also serves as a timely

reiteration that in a drag culture - where pushing boundaries is the exception rather than the rule - there will always be a need to stand up for grit.

"I want people who don't know drag to be opened up to its beauty and its comedy," says Hastings. "It's a wonderland, and I want people to go there."

Magnus Hastings' *"Why Drag?"* is available everywhere books are sold on May 17 via Chronicle Books.



Photos: Magnus Hastings











Shangela has become one of the most recognizable and well liked drag queens around the world. Last month she became the latest queen to headline The Strip with a dual-residency at the steamy and erotic 53X at Paris Las Vegas and Drag Brunch at Treasure Island. We were curious to get to know more about her and share this interview with our readers.

Tell us more about your background, who is the person behind the make up and hair. Where are you from? What were you like as a kid? All of the questions you would cover on a first date, LOL.

First date questions?!? Oh Lord...I'm so bad at dating. But here goes...I grew up in a small town called Paris (Texas). My grandpa was a livestock farmer, my Mom was an Army vet and my first job was at a Grandy's restaurant. I was active in pretty much every activity in school—captain of the debate team, president of the student council and the first varsity male cheerleader ever. Overachiever fish, lol... But it led to me getting a full leadership scholarship to SMU in Dallas, and being the first in my family to graduate college. During my college years is where I first started backup dancing for queens in Dallas (including

my drag Mom Alyssa Edwards) and fell in love with drag entertainment.

Now at some point you decided to start doing drag - did it start out as something fun or did you know that you wanted to make a career out of it early on? Tell us how you knew that drag was in your future and what your plans were.

I actually fell into doing drag on accident. I was living in LA working a 9 to 5 job in PR, and some drag friends asked me to choreograph a number to Single Ladies for them. The night before the show one of the queens in the show pulled out and the others asked me to fill in. Luckily someone loaned me some lip gloss and lashes, and the rest is HERstory.

What genre of drag would you say you are? Who were your role models and influencers in the type of drag style you do?



Being from Texas, I grew around up around show queens. I fell in love with all the glamour, rhinestones ... And of course all the fierce lip syncing to greats like Whitney Houston, Deborah Cox and Jennifer Holliday. I think my drag is influenced by all that as well as the fierceness I learned from watching (and competing in) drag pageants. I loved watching queens put together a package and then give their all in the quest for the crown. You can't half step at a pageant, baby... and that's why I always feel it's important to bring 100% entertainment to the stage at all times.

We all know you were a hit on RuPaul's Drag Race. What was that like for you and how did that change the trajectory of your life? What did you learn from that experience and how did you apply it to your personal life? How did you apply it to your career life?

Drag Race was never an immediate golden ticket for me. It was actually quite the rollercoaster. I went into season 2 after only five months of doing drag, but I was determined I was going to win. I even quit my day job in PR to go compete on the show and follow my dream. After only two days of shooting though I was back at the house! The first queen voted off. I was devastated. I was like "I'm

unemployed. I'm in debt. What do I do now?" But I didn't give up. I decided to focus on building a drag career and when the following summer came, the producers of Drag Race called.

They said they'd noticed how much of a name I'd made for myself (winning California Entertainer of the Year pageant, landing a guest star role in drag on network TV, and developing my own shows on the West Hollywood drag scene). So they invited me back (in the infamous box) to compete on RuPaul's Drag Race season 3. I always wanted to make a name for myself in entertainment, but I never thought it would be as a reality show drag queen LOL.

That being said, I've never felt more thankful or blessed because of this opportunity. I stayed 100% true to myself when filming the show, and I think that's helped people connect with the real me through their televisions. And now because of my exposure on Drag Race, I've been able to connect with fans around the world and experience amazing support for my art. I've always wanted to entertain ... It was dream as a kid. But now I feel that I owe it to my fans to be the best entertainer



I can be. So that they can see that no matter what life throws at you, whatever the turns, you can rise to the top and be a Winner.

Naturally, being on TV means that you become a role model to others out there. Can you give some advice to people who look up to you and tell them something that would be inspiring?

All the queens from Drag Race have been gifted with having these amazing followers who soak up so much of what we do. I like to say I have some of the most die hard fans out there, and I am committed to doing my best to inspire them to do the same. I'm not perfect in any way. I have my flaws, my challenges, my fears... But something I like to tell those who look to me for inspiration is that we all only get one life. You've got to live it to the fullest. Living a full life starts with happiness. And no one is going to give you happiness...you have to find what makes you happy and choose to hold onto that happiness each day...no matter what. Smile. Laugh. Be joyous. And when u live life in this positive way, you'll find that the things you do and create - even your interactions with others - will be better. Love yourself and don't be afraid to put in the work to make your dreams come true.

What is the story behind your super famous catch - phrase "Halleloo" Did I even spell that right? LOL

Good job! You nailed it boo! I never intended to make Halleloo a "catchphrase". I'm a country queen that was raised sitting in the pews next to my grandma at St Baptist Church... When you were thankful for something you said Halleloo. (Well, they said Hallelujah, but I've always gone for the shortcuts in life lol). Back in the early seasons of Drag Race, we were all just being free and loose with what we said (and how we behaved)...we weren't thinking like "oooh, I should say this so I can sell it on a t-shirt later"... But I'm super happy it caught on. It's a positive statement that goes along with how I live my life. And now people around the world are saying Halleloo—how amazing is that?!? Funny note... It was recognized by the NY Times in 2011 as one of the top ten phrases to come from reality TV, right

between GTL and Prostitution Whore!

Now, we bet you have some other projects you are working on, what can we expect from you in the near future? Do you have anything that you want to share with your fans?

It's been five years since I competed on Rupaul's Drag Race, and I've thankfully been "werqin" ever since. I've done international tours, I've guest starred in and out drag on scripted TV shows like "2 Broke Girls," "Glee," "Community," "The XFiles," and more. I wrote two full-hour stand up comedy shows, one of which called "LaQuifa is Halleloosin' It" is now available on DVD on Shangela.com. I've created music, music videos, taught kids to death drop on TV and even co-starred beside my greatest inspiration in an online series called "Jenifer Lewis & Shangela." I've performed for Miley Cyrus, Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj and Cher...(like WHAT!?!?) I've done a great deal, and I have no plans to slow down. I'll give you a quick run down on what's to come...

In addition to hosting and performing in 53X here in Vegas, I'm also now hosting a new drag brunch every Saturday at Señor Frog's Treasure Island. I'm featured in two independent films hitting the scene this year -- the gay thriller "Kiss Me, Kill Me" (currently being shown in festivals across the US) and "Hurricane Bianca" (scheduled for release in late 2016). I just wrapped filming six episodes in our third season of "Cocktails & Classics" on LOGO. I'm currently working on a music album for late summer release, an upcoming podcast show, and more episodes of my YouTube series "Living With Shangela." Three years ago, I started a drag management group called Say What Entertainment, and the company was recently featured in Forbes magazine as an innovator in the LGBT community. I look forward to continuing to grow my company and offer more opportunities for LGBT entertainment. I appreciate all my fans for continue to support me as I wear them out with so much content! Oh, did I mention I'm hosting the Rupaul's Drag Race crowning in NYC on May 16?!? Whew!

So what are you doing now? You recently moved to Las Vegas to star as the host of 53X, tell us more about that and what people can expect when they come to see the show. How can they get tickets?

Yes, it's true. I've relocated to Las Vegas to host and perform five nights a week in a new residency at the Paris Hotel. It's a fun and sexy show called 53X, from the producers of Chippendales and creative director Bryan Cheatham. It's a dream come true to headline a show as a drag queen here on the Las Vegas strip. It's Vegas...the capital of entertainment...and through this awesome new show, I'm able to turn up with audiences nightly alongside a super talented (and gorgeous) cast of dancers. I'm having a blast...and probably putting on some extra pounds eating and drinking at Beer Park and Hexx Restaurant every night after the show. Thank God for waist cinchers!









If you could have us ask you anything, what would you want us to ask you? In every interview, is there something that you wish someone had asked but didn't?

I always get asked about the great highs in my life, which I love talking about. But my journey hasn't always been a smooth ride. I grew up as a half black/half Saudi Arabian gay kid in a religious Baptist household in the South.

My parents divorced when I was very young, and my Mom was gone for years at a time serving in wars in the US Army. I didn't always feel like I fit in in my small town, nor was I always comfortable being myself. We grew up poor, which is why I think I'm a workaholic now to ensure me and my family never worry about finances. My dream is to one day star in a scripted sitcom on network television, but the road to that has had challenge after challenge.

With the constant auditioning comes lots of rejection. And even when projects have gotten close (I've filmed pilots for NBC, HBO and LOGO that we're sure to go), they've fallen through at the last minute and I've been left

feeling lost and devastated. It happens a lot in Hollywood. I've had close friends pass away, I've had relationships fail, I've been stolen from my people I trusted. One of my lowest moments happened in late 2013 when I broke my leg while performing on stage in New York. I spent three weeks in a NYC hospital, had a titanium rod put in, and then went through four months of physical therapy learning to walk again.

Obviously, there have been some pitfalls along my journey. But that's life... It's not all glitter. But the true test is how you deal with it. And I can proudly say, that I wear my smile as a badge of honor. No matter what I've experienced, I can honestly say that my proudest moment is when I can look in the mirror and say "Still standing. Still dreaming. Still happy. Still here." It's important to me to talk about these experiences because I hope it gives others confidence and inspiration in their own lives. I wrote a song called "Werqin Girl" and I live by those words every day: I am a Professional. I came to WERQ.



Hooker!

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

No one is shocked when you are driving in Vegas with the top down, and the family from the Kentucky ask what Cirque du Soleil show you work at Lady... my fav is going thru Drive thru at 5 am in full tilt drag and the young kid says here is your change Ms...I love it.

Where do you perform?

My home bar is the Fun Hog Ranch every Wednesday 8pm Show Tunes, Comedy and today hottest Videos,
Will do just about any Show for Vodka and a Bud Light
When I need gas money-3rd & Fremont @ the 2nd lamp post.



Years in Drag? 25 years

Drag queen or transgender? Please! I'm a Heifer in a dress

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Super Gay

Drag Mother Airel Lee Macintirer

Favorite RuPaul Queen Derrick Barry

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Michelle Holliday

Favorite Vegas Queen Jimmy Emerson

About Kitty Litter

Single, was married for 28 years

Empress 22 of Colorado Springs Co 1997

Director Of Fund-raising 2016-

Grand Marshall NGRA 2009

RPC, Chair Corporate ,Sponsorship ,Entertainment Beverage Manager

SNAPI Board 2003 to 2007 Director of Corporate Sponsorship, Director of Entertainment

Employer: Westfield Eye Center Billing Manager



When in doubt, freak them out!

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Drag is different and has so many different characteristics. I appreciate the older queens in Vegas because they are not as cutthroat.

Where do you perform?

I perform at Flex Cocktail Lounge from time to time but have basically performed everywhere in town.

About Britney Glam

I am everyone's worst nightmare. I enjoy taking my drag to a darker side. I love classic horror movies. My motto is, anyone can be pretty but only I can make you wet your pants!



Years in Drag? 3 1/2 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Orphan

Favorite RuPaul Queen Sharon Needles

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Jimmy Emerson

Favorite Vegas Queen Alex Serpa



Get It!

Catch Phrase

Where do you perform?

Thursday - Monday in Frank Marino's DIVAS, at the LINQ Hotel and Casino

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Diversity



Years in Drag? 27 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Artist

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Favorite RuPaul Queen Shannel

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Jimmy James

Favorite Vegas Queen India Ferrah

About Mr. Kenneth Blake

Raised in Tucson, Arizona, Kenneth has been entertaining audiences from childhood. Extensive vocal training afforded Kenneth the opportunity to tour the country and parts of the world before the age of 15.

Kenneth began his professional female impersonation career in 1991 and has gone on to hold the titles of Miss Gay Tucson America 1997, Miss Gay Arizona America 1998-99, Honorary Tucson Miss Gay Pride 2000, Miss Gay Western States America 2001, Miss Gay National NCC USofA 2001 and Miss Las Vegas Pride 2016. In March of 2004, Kenneth's longtime dream became reality when producer Nobert Alleman asked him to join his Las Vegas production An Evening at La Cage starring Frank Marino; where he resided until its close in 2009.

You can now catch Kenneth as Madonna, Dolly Parton, Lady Gaga and performing his signature song "What Makes A Man, A Man?", Thursday thru Monday nights at the LINQ Hotel and Casino in Frank Marino's DIVAS Las Vegas. Showtime 7:30pm.



Not too much

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

The art

Where do you perform?

I perform at Flex and Las Vegas Lounge

About L.A. Jewel

I'm a hairstylist and makeup artist I'm been involved with the gay community for 20 years I'm part of the imperial royal court family I started a organizations 20 years ago called LA and friends to raise monies to kids living with HIV or AIDS (reach out) I'm also a for a former Miss Gay Las Vegas at large 2001



Years in Drag? 4 1/2 years

Drag queen or transgender? Transgender

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Ts

Drag Mother Toni James

Favorite RuPaul Queen Shannel

Favorite Vegas Queen Coco Van Cartier



If I blow it they will come.

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

The number of talented queens that come through and the ones who have stayed.

Where do you perform?

Frank Marino's Divas. At least 4 times a month when Frank has media obligations or is under the weather. The show is at 9:30PM every night.



About Brian Keith

Inspired by Priscilla, queen of the desert my career started of crisscrossing the country with 3 queens in a Honda Accord with car top luggage carrier. After an abrupt end I ended up working at the legendary Finocchios in San Fran eventually becoming the host. Put together my own show displaying talent to tourists from a staged located on the rear deck of a ferry boat...yep...fairies on the ferry. That show closed after a year and a half and the drag went into deep storage. About 8 years later after being rejected to fill in host for a show in Lake Tahoe, the phone rang. On the other end was the voice of an old friend and a new opportunity! Frank Marino asked if i would be able to host his show while he was away. And so for countless nights on a unpredictable schedule for the last 6 years, I have quietly filled in for the longest running headliner in Las Vegas. I moved here 2 and a half years ago. Day time career is as an ER Rn. Happily partnered and have 2 great dogs.

Years in Drag? 20 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Multiple inspirations

Favorite RuPaul Queen Shannel

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Kenneth Blake

Favorite Vegas Queen Frank Marino



The higher the hair the closer to God.

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

I think my favorite thing would be that entertainers come and go here so there's always something fresh happening in nightlife. I think with us being a vacation destination we have a real advantage over other city's. We have talented queens who are always pushing the envelope with the art form.

Where do you perform?

I perform though out the Las Vegas area and around the USA. You can catch me at Flex cocktail lounge, Freezone nightclub and Charlie's Las Vegas dates and times very.



Years in Drag? 17 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Christina Carruthers

Favorite RuPaul Queen Bianca Del Rio

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Nina West

Favorite Vegas Queen Dominique Shappelle

About Visa D'Kline

Visa D'Kline has been entertaining audiences for the past 4 years here in Las Vegas. Originally from central Pennsylvania Visa has been a gender technician as she likes to call it for well over 17 years. Visa impersonates such celebrities as a Liza Minnelli, Megan trainor, and Sia. Through the years she has also done such legends as Joan Rivers, Brittney Spears, Stevie Nicks, & Joan Crawford to name a few. When Visa's not doing impersonations she like to bring her comedic acts to the stage or host live events. She's also been known to sing a few tunes from time to time.



Love you babe

Catch Phrase

Where do you perform?

I do drag queen bingo at Piranha Nightclub on Thursday nights at 8:30 and on Friday night I'm with fabulous funny Friday hosted by Jimmy Emerson at Badlands Saloon.

About Michelle Holliday

I started this journey 34 years ago and it's been a fun Journey this journey started in Louisiana and then it grew while I was in Florida I travel the world and then I landed here in Vegas and I've been here ever since I didn't Miss Gay Las Vegas I been Miss Pride and I can Empress 8 are the Royal Sovereign Court and I've had a fun Journey I'm not doing bingo at Piranha Nightclub and I'm a cast member with funny fabulous Friday hosted by the legendary journey Emerson and I'm still traveling having fun meeting people I love the world of drag it's a learning and it's fun.



Years in Drag? 34 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother The legendary Tiffany Arriagas

Favorite RuPaul Queen Latrice Royale

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Joey Brooks

Favorite Vegas Queen Jimmy Emerson



If you can hide it, decorate it

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Meeting people from all over the world

Where do you perform?

I host/perform 3 nights a week at Free Zone

-Wednesday @ 11:30PM

-Friday @ 10PM

-Saturday @ 10PM



About Angel Phoenix

My name is Angel Phoenix, a 27 year old California Native recently re-located about 5 months ago to Las Vegas with my fiancé and Manag-Bear, Jason. Since moving here I've worked hard to establish myself in a new area. Performing at a variety of local venues, and recently taking over as hostess of a weekly drag show, Drag Madness, at Free Zone. I have been performing for about 4-5 years now and love every minute of it. I would describe my style of drag as ghetto girl next door, I enjoy looking cute and girly, while performing Trina, Missy, and Lil Kim. I also enjoy putting characters together with a ghetto twist. I have made it my life's mission to be an example of beauty at any and every size. Whether you are a size 2 or 22 we all have something beautiful to share with the audience.

Years in Drag? 4-5 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gayner than the day is long

Drag Mother Drag Father actually a Cali bear named Jake Garcia

Favorite RuPaul Queen Delta Work

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Vicky Vox

Favorite Vegas Queen Drea Dash



When life's a drag, go see a DRAG SHOW!!!

Catch Phrase

Where do you perform?

I have performed in every little and large room in the state of Nevada, doing either Stand-Up Comedy, Drag Performances, or acting as Show Hostess. My favorite drag bar is Flex, working with the #QOLV



About Ms. Tawdri Hipburn

Ms. Tawdri Hipburn (aka-Eric Clarkson) has been entertaining millions the world over, from Musicals to Stand-Up Comedy, to Night Clubs and Radio, for decades. A German native of Southern California, Tawdri grew up in the suburbs of Los Angeles, travelling often into the city as well as overseas, visiting family & friends, exploring the entertainment industry, and experiencing different styles worldwide. From childhood, musical theatre & the comedic arts became an instant calling. Hipburn took the stage as a female impersonator performing as numerous characters such as Bette Midler, Mama Cass, John Water's famous Divine, and many, many more. With a strong emphasis on Blue-Humor / Off-Color Humor, Tawdri's title "Everyone's Favorite Drag Queen" was born. Many have said that shows get old when you can memorize every line... However Ms. Hipburn has always had the gift of Improvisation and Dry Humor, making no two shows ever the same! Live from Vegas, it's #Tawdri from FB to IG!

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Me...

Years in Drag? 33 long ass years

Drag queen or transgender? One I am and one I do...

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Such silly questions in 2016

Drag Mother Nope

Favorite RuPaul Queen Bianca DelRio

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Jimmy James

Favorite Vegas Queen Aaliyah Skyy



One look and your mind is blown

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

The glitz, glam, and inspiring atmosphere!

Where do you perform?

Twice a month at Share Nightclub

About Farrah Moan

Farrah Moan is a Texas based drag queen new to Las Vegas. She's performed in Houston, Dallas, Austin, Los Angeles and is now the newest resident drag performer at Share Nightclub. Her ultra fishy, glamorous persona and seductive, burlesque-y, show girl style has catapulted her to success. She's been featured in the first two issues of Queen Magazine, the first high end international fashion magazine dedicated to the art of drag, as well as numerous other publications. She's also worked with renowned photographers from all over the country. You can catch her shoes twice a month at Share nightclub, and every Friday and Saturday greeting you at the door.



Years in Drag? 4 1/2 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother None

Favorite RuPaul Queen Violet Chachki and Alyssa Edwards

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Vanity Faire from Australia

Favorite Vegas Queen Derrick Barry



“Bless and Release”

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

I love the diversity and the extraordinary talent across this town! From the Cow Patties to the Pageant Queens to the Queens on the Strip - Vegas has a bit of everything for everyone!

About Norma Llyaman

Norma Llyaman has been described as “the saw dust and the glitter” that remains after the circus tent has been pulled down and left town. Known as The Bearded Lady of Las Vegas, Norma enjoys bringing old school theatrics and camp to the stage whenever she performs. Her unique style of bawdiness and eclectic performance makes her a fan favorite entertainer within the Las Vegas LGBTQ Community.

“I am a firm believer of “Pay It Forward! Give til it hurts and then give some more!”

Norma lives in a haunted house in Las Vegas with her husband Derek Guerrero and their cat - Madame Leota.



Years in Drag? 15 years

Drag queen or transgender? Neither! Norma is a Thespian with female tendencies!

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Norma is all of the above and then some!

Drag Mother Aunt Doris and Aunt Juanita

Favorite RuPaul Queen Ginger Minj

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen It's a TIE! - DIVINE and Charles Pierce

Favorite Vegas Queen I Love them all! (I'm not getting shanked!)

Where do you perform?

Norma is a true gypsy bohemian and can be found wherever the wind blows her. She recently began the Annual Christmas Eve Churchin' Revival for Wayward Orphans on December 24 at Charlie's Las Vegas.



“Big body, bomb face”

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

You get to meet a variety of people different every weekend because we do live in the city of sins.

Where do you perform?

Performed once at Goodtimes Night Club on Tropicana & Spencer in October 2015.

About Nicki Vanity

I'm a Vanity Queen. I love dressing up, I love make up. I love hair. I love looking “fishy.” I love Nicki Minaj—my friends call me Nicki. I love when people look at me. Either it's a good or bad way I love attention. I love having that mean, fierce look on my face but I am a nice, outgoing, friendly queen .



Years in Drag? 2 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen / Cross Dresser

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Favorite RuPaul Queen Roxxy Andrews / Adore Delano / Violet Chacki / Pearl

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Ariel Versace & Aquaria

Favorite Vegas Queen India Ferrah



It's whatever bitch!

Catch Phrase

Where do you perform?

Every Friday and Saturday on Latin nights at Goodtimes bar located on Tropicana and Spencer. Occasionally at Flex, Charlie's, FreeZone, Share, Piranha. I love to dress up!

About Natasha "LaWhatever" Mendez

Natasha is an exotic Gurl very Latin and sexy. She is "LaWhatever" because she does whatever she likes.

Her name was give by accident at her first performance when she was backstage the host of the show asked this newly queen her name. She didn't have a drag name so she said Roberto which is his boy name lol the host gave her 5 minutes to think about a name. When the time was up she gave 3 names to the host and asked the host to pick one by sayin just call me "whatever". Meaning pick one of these names.... So I ended up with la whatever.



Years in Drag? 4 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother None

Favorite RuPaul Queen Sharon Needles

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Paloma Makary

Favorite Vegas Queen India Ferrah

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Diversity and talent.



Really Bitch

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

The drag shows in some of the night clubs

Where do you perform?

Piranha Nightclub

Goodtimes Nightclub

About Jackeline Milan

Well what can I say about my self.

I guess I'm a really humble and friendly person, I'm one of those guys that gets along with anyone just fine I'm a really ambitious person in the good way I'm never happy with my self until I achieve whatever I have in mind. I'm Mexican born and race came to the USA when I was 15 I'm an independent person and consider my self a really responsible person. I been doing drag for almost 4 years I started on a Halloween day as many other Queens lol. I have a close circle of friends that I can count and relate on.



Years in Drag? 3 1/2 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Natasha Mendez aka La Whatever

Favorite RuPaul Queen Bianca Del Rio Phi Phi O'Hara Pearl

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Diana Makary

Favorite Vegas Queen India Ferrah



Oh Shade!

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

I love the huge diversity of drag styles here in Las Vegas. You can go out on any night & find showgirls, camp queens, comedy queens, glamor queens, pageant girls every style from a to z. And I love that there's a place for it all, every venue truly has its own personality & that's reflected in the queens that work there.

About Fantasia Saxton

Born & raised in Phoenix, AZ I moved to Las Vegas in the summer of 2001, where I began my career as a drag artist. I have performed all over the nation thanks to the art of drag & drag competition. I am a huge foodie & love cooking classic recipe's as well as trying new ones. My partner of 3 years & I are both huge fans of Broadway theatre & are often found at the Smith Centre. Recently I turned my love for dance & fitness into a new career by becoming a certified Zumba instructor.



Years in Drag? 16 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother None

Favorite RuPaul Queen Raja

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Barbra Seville

Favorite Vegas Queen Kenny Kerr forever

Where do you perform?

I am a cast member in the weekly Thursday night show FlamBOYance at Flex cocktail lounge where I can also be found hosting Flashback Friday every third Friday of the month.



What happens happens I always say lol

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

Well I love the bars more then the night club's here in Vegas because in the bars like Flex an Badlands you are more interactive with the crowd an I love that an it's more personable to me an The girls are always fun backstage and really helpful when you need help doing something.

Where do you perform?

Well when I get the chance I'm doing shows all over Flex, Charlie's, and Badlands.

About Mimi Monet

Well I'm a fun person to be around in an out of drag. I love being fun an laughing it up around with friends an the people around me.



Years in Drag? 9 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Nikita LaFemme

Favorite RuPaul Queen Raven

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Sassy Ross

Favorite Vegas Queen Kaina Jacobs



A LAAARGE?!!

Catch Phrase

Where do you perform?

I perform all around town, but I am part of the regular cast of FlamBOYance, Thursdays at Flex Cocktail Lounge. **About Cheyenne Sia Desoto Mykels**

I am the whitest Mexican to do Asian drag. Lol. First thing about me is that I am a nerd, forever and always, which will always separate me from my fellow queens. I cosplay, do impersonations, sew, paint my own mug, and always strive to do better than what others say about me whether its good or bad.



Years in Drag? 6 years

Drag queen or transgender? That's a Man, Maury

Gay, Straight, or Bi? 100% Gay

Drag Mother Vicktoria Mykels

Favorite RuPaul Queen Kim Chi

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Aurora Sexton

Favorite Vegas Queen My Sis Fantasia Saxton



The Dazzling Diva

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

The Glamour, the energy, but most of all the patrons. If they are there by showtime they have come to be entertained!! I have never felt more welcomed in all the places i have twirled as I have here in Vegas. You guys Rock!! I hope to be one of your favorites!!



About Dymond Onasis

I have been performing in the art of female impersonation since Oct 2005. I got my start by entering the Baddest Bitch Contest at the Quest club in Birmingham Al. Took three months to win the contest but when I did my career started. Moved to Atl in 2007 and was seasoned as an entertainer. I have performed all across the US. Was featured on a Vh1 reality tv show in 2014. Was Atlanta's third favorite entertainer 2015 in The Georgia Voice. Active member and supporter of New Covenant Atlanta, where i participated in various community outreach programs. I moved to Las Vegas April 2016 to further my career and add to

Years in Drag?	11 years
Drag queen or transgender?	Transgender
Gay, Straight, or Bi?	BUYsexual -Lol
Drag Mother	Lexington Onasis
Favorite RuPaul Queen	Shangela Laqueffa Wadley
Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen	Shawonna Brooks
Favorite Vegas Queen	Shangela

my drag resume. Lol. I'm here chasing "The Dream" of being a true showgirl. Currently i been making my rounds twirling at all the local favorites spots that will book me. I'm really enjoying to get to know the community of Vegas. The people here are truly kind!! Im so glad to call Las Vegas Home!!

Where do you perform?

I have been featured at Freezone, The Eagle and have upcoming dates at Rendezvous, Badlands and Piranha. For bookings please email Dymondonasis@gmail.com



Big things come in small packages

Catch Phrase

Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

My favorite thing about Vegas is the ability to perform at my favorite venues with ease. Since I established my name here I have a following that I appreciate. Also I love the diversity and sisterhood here. Last but not least, I love that a lot of my family and friends are here. Drag family as well as real family definitely make Vegas a part of me. Family is very important to me.

About Alei'aloHa Savage

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I am the daughter of the late Tracy Savage. I moved to Vegas in 2000 before my freshman year of high school. I started as GoGo dancer at Flex, and would see the drag shows. I was fascinated by the transformation and thought to myself, perhaps this is something I could do every now and then for fun. A friend asked me to dress up for her birthday, and before I knew it, I was doing drag all the time. It



Years in Drag? 4 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Drag Mother Tracy Savage

Favorite RuPaul Queen Shangela

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Queen BEE Ho

Favorite Vegas Queen Selena D' Angelo (My drag Aunt)

enabled me to express myself, through the language of music. It gave me something more than being a GoGo boy. I hosted my own show at Eagles, held the title of Miss Firecracker Las Vegas in 2013, and worked at the infamous Drink and Drag Lounge. In 2014 My partner and I moved to Texas, where we gave birth to our beautiful daughter Anuhea. Our daughter is biologically ours due to my now Fiance being a transgender man. We moved back to Vegas the beginning of 2016, & got engaged April 2016, the day after our daughter's 1st birthday after 2 years of dating.

Where do you perform?

I perform locally at Flex, Charlies, Freezone. I perform perhaps once or twice a month due to fatherhood. I'm looking forward to performing at Pride 2016. I do many guest spots for charities and events.



Favorite Thing About Drag In Vegas?

There is such variety in the Vegas Drag scene. Every queen brings a different personality and energy to their craft. Rarely are two shows the same.

Where do you perform?

I can be seen performing in shows for the Royal Court and other organizations. We have shows monthly at Charlies and Flex.



About Diana Prince

I have been performing in drag since 2010. With an abundance of guidance and assistance from others, I was named Miss LV Pride 2011. For the past several years I hosted Tuesday Bingo at Charlies. In December of last year, I was elected Empress 18 of the Imperial Royal Sovereign Court of the Desert Empire, along with my husband Matt as Emperor. Together, we are representing Las Vegas across North America. Our goal this year is to raise as much money as possible for four local charities. Check out desertempire.org or my Facebook page for all our upcoming events. See you all around Vegas!

Years in Drag? 6 years

Drag queen or transgender? Drag Queen

Gay, Straight, or Bi? Gay

Favorite RuPaul Queen Bianca Del Rio

Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen Dolly Levi

Favorite Vegas Queen The Artist Formerly Known as Jewdi Vine



About Edie

EDIE is the creation of Christopher Kenney who began his career in his hometown of Portland, OR where he was “ballet napped” right out of high school. He danced professionally in the ballet for eleven years with 5 ballet companies including Ballet Oregon, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet and Ballet Chicago. After moving to New York to pursue musical theater, his alter-ego EDIE was born. Many gigs soon followed including dancing with Roseanne on the MTV Video Music Awards at Radio City, with Rosie O'Donnell on her 1000th show, and on “Sex and the City.” His Broadway dream came true in 2006 when he was cast in the Roundabout Theater’s Tony-nominated revival of “The Three Penny Opera” with Alan Cumming and Cyndi Lauper. Since 2008 he has starred as EDIE, the “Mistress of Sensuality” in Cirque du Soleil’s long-running hit show “Zumanity” at the NY-NY Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. As the emcee of the show, EDIE has performed over 3700 shows for over 3 million people.



Years in Drag?	A While
Drag queen or transgender?	Drag Performer
Gay, Straight, or Bi?	Gay
Drag Mother	No
Favorite RuPaul Queen	Bianca Del Rio
Favorite Non-RuPaul Queen	Too Many To Name

Where do you perform?

Emcee of Cirque Du Soleil’s ZUMANITY



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QVegas had the opportunity to hop on a call with Dixie and find out what her plans are for Las Vegas. It was hard to track her down since she's always on the run from the po-po (when her ankle bracelet starts acting up she needs to get on the move) so when we got a call from a pay phone in Colorado we knew it must be her.

RIIIIIIIINNNNNNGGGGG!

Hello this is QVegas, is this Dixie - the most famous Tupperware sales woman in the world?

Why yes it is! Technology is so fancy these days, I just can't keep up! *(referring to the fact that we had conferenced in a 3rd line and had more than 2 people on a call)*

I can't help but think of how creative she is. We were able to see Dixie perform the last time she was in Vegas, and it's no wonder why she has achieved such success in the Tupperware world. Here you have a person that was so genius and created a show that simultaneously sold Tupperware. But that's the thing, it's not about selling anything. Her story inspires women to be something and to learn how to be a independent, productive, and even learn how to start a business. Dixie is relatable to so many women and the ability to empower the audience is truly remarkable - all wrapped up in a bunch of laughs and incredibly creative stories.

If you ever get a chance to hear Dixie speak,



you will notice real quick an accent and some words that will give away that she is from Mobile, Alabama and some of her phrases are so southern it will just crack you up!

“Just get on your knees cause you know Jesus is watchin’”

“It was so cold and snowing where I was and it was tax day - it just made me want to punch a kitten.”

“Vegas is one of my favorite cities in the entire world and I’m so happy to be coming back. Everyone is so neighborly while I’m there, it’s like a homecoming. Everyone says to me ‘you’re so pretty’ and I’m like ‘I know’. I wish I could stay for months and months but have to keep moving to avoid the police!”

Do you have new stuff to show us this time?

“I always have new things to bring with me and new games and my creative storage solutions are going to impress. I can leave satisfied knowing that food everywhere is going to be fresher. There is nothin worse than going over to someones house and having them try to put a soggy cucumber in your mouth.”

Do you find any of your children trying to walk in your same footsteps and take over your empire?

“Oh no - my kids are back home in Mobile and I have someone watching them. I’m too busy drinkin’ and having fun. I do have a daughter that might be interested, but she is working that

corporate latter... she’s real purdy.

When people come to your show, what can they expect? Do they get to meet you?

“Well of course! What kind of Christian would I be if I didn’t allow people to take pictures with me”

What do you like to do while you are in Vegas?

“Eatin’ Drinkin’ and of course seein’ the shows. I’m not too much of a gambler but, I love shows and shopping. I got to see Zumanity and Absinthe and I LOVED it. I almost got a roller skate to the face! I even get to call some of my friends on those little cards those nice people hand out on the strip. I call the number and these really nice girls show up, we talk and we braid each others hair. They are so friendly and then they ask me for money and I figured that’s just the culture of Vegas.”

“We are going to make it like the Bellagio water show; except no Bellagio, no water, and with Tupperware. Ha!”

The beloved Dixie Longate brings pure theatrical bliss to The Smith Center, May 17-22 inside the Troesh Studio Theater Tuesday, May 17 through Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Ticket prices start at \$33 and can be purchased at <http://www.dixiestupperwareparty.com> or <http://www.thesmithcenter.com/event/dixies-tupperware-party>

CONDRAGULATIONS DERRICK

On the April 25th episode of RuPaul's Drag Race, Las Vegas' native Derrick Barry was sent home, finishing the season in fifth place. From a spot-on Britney Spears in Snatch Game to a full-on transformation during a political parody, Derrick managed to beat out over half of the Queens this season.

We're so very proud of you!



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