

A vibrant street scene from the Memphis Pride Fest. A large crowd of people is gathered on a city street, many holding rainbow flags. In the foreground, a large rainbow flag is being held by participants. The background shows city buildings, street signs (including a 'SPEED LIMIT 25' sign and a 'NO TRUCKS OR BUSES' sign), and colorful, swirling rainbow decorations hanging from the top of the frame.

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2023

PRIDE GUIDE

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Parade | 1pm | Beale Street

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Moth Moth Moth

Moth Moth Moth is an inter-dimensional insectoid witch princess, who's taken refuge on Earth with creativity that is out-of-this-world and will transform your soul. You can find her home base is in the dirty south of Memphis, TN where she hosts regular drag shows, advocates for LGBTQIA+ Rights, expands your imagination and celebrates the community.



MR. MID-SOUTH PRIDE 2023-2034

Eli Golden

I consider myself to be a modern Renaissance man. I love to be able to use my gifts and talents to serve my community. Professionally I am a chef and entrepreneur who has a love for the creative arts. I love my city of good abode. Cooking, community engagement, volunteering, tennis, travel and spending weekend with loved one's. President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association, professional board member of the Overton Park Shell, advocate for WeCareTN (trans organization) volunteer for Frayser Connect.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Hey there, fabulous people! We are so excited to welcome you to Memphis Pride Fest 2023! Our all-volunteer board has been working super hard for you, overcoming all the extra challenges to make this event big and spectacular for our community. This weekend is going to be an explosion of colors, joy, and love, celebrating diversity and equality like never before. So, let's put on our PRIDE hats, dance to our favorite beats, and make unforgettable memories together! The Mid-South Pride Board can't wait to see you there!



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GRAND MARSHAL #1

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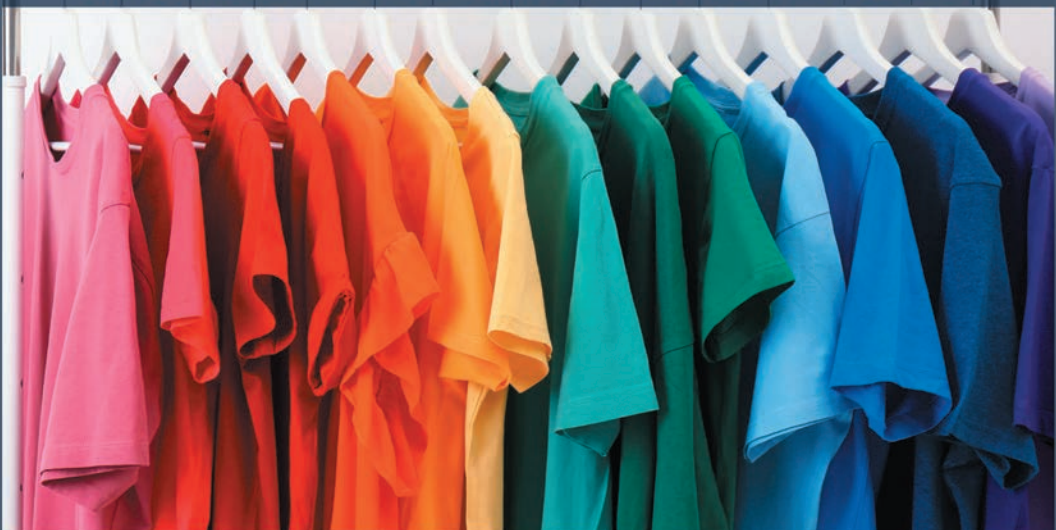
Mrs. LaRonia D. Hurd-Sawyer holds a Masters of Public Health from the University of Memphis (2009), Master of Nursing with emphasis on Clinical Nurse Leader UT Memphis (2015), Mrs.

Hurd-Sawyer's graduate thesis focuses on the incarcerated male population and HIV/AIDS in the South. Mrs Sawyer is currently a Psych RN focusing in Infectious Disease. Mrs. Hurd-Sawyer completed her graduate internship at the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, where she researched and compiled the 2008 Syphilis Rapid Ethnographic Community Assessment Report for the Memphis/Shelby County area. Mrs. Hurd-Sawyer has been invited to present her research findings at numerous HIV/AIDS and mental health conferences in the Southern states. LaRonia is the Executive Director and one the founder of Partnership To End AIDS Status Inc. (PEAS Inc) that was formed in November 1, 2009 by a group of women to eliminate HIV/AIDS and other health disparities in Memphis communities.



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GRAND MARSHAL #2

Torrey Harris

Representative Torrey C. Harris is 'our own Mid-South pride', if you know what I mean! He is the first and currently the only openly LGBTQ+ State Lawmaker in the Tennessee Legislature.

Representative Harris has been an active member in the Memphis, TN community for over a decade, and continues to make an intentional impact in marginalized communities all over the city, but more specifically his home district, right here in District 911 Representative Harris fights daily for

equality and change for black and brown communities, young people, and LGBTQIA+ all across the state, and makes sure that policies and legislation are fully explained and understood by those who usually are left out of political conversations.

Representative Harris is board member for various organizations throughout the city of Memphis, including Methodist University Hospital, Headliners Memphis and Board Chairman of CHOICES Reproductive Health, just to name a few. He is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and Executive Committee member of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Torrey has been acknowledged for the great work he does not only for Tennessee, but his continuous commitment to representing the LGBTQ+ community. He is the 2022 Harvey Milk Legislator of the year, 2021 MBJ 20 under 30 honoree and a 2019 Legends Humanitarian award recipient.

Representative Harris is a constant reminder that no matter who you are, what your background is, or the color of your skin, there is greatness in every single one of us!

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PRIDE MONTH EVENTS

PRIDE NIGHT AT 901FC

**Saturday • June 3rd
7:30 pm**

Cheer on your favorite players as they take on their opponents in a thrilling game that promises to be an exciting affair for all. We are thrilled to bring you this opportunity to celebrate your identity, your community, and your team. Keep an eye out for further information, as well as a link to purchase tickets for the event. Together, let's make this PRIDE Night one to remember!

PRIDE DAY AT THE MEMPHIS ZOO

**Sunday • June 11th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Roar with pride as we celebrate a colorful and inclusive day at the zoo! Join us for an unforgettable Pride celebration, where love, acceptance, and diversity take center stage. Explore the wild wonders and create lasting memories. Let's come together and embrace the beauty of every creature, human and animal alike!

TRI-STATE BLACK PRIDE

Thursday • June 15th-18th

Join Tri-State Black Pride as they honor the rich history, culture, and achievements of the Black community. Embrace unity, empowerment, and love as we come together for a weekend of events, performances, and inspiring conversations. Let's amplify Black voices and create a powerful, inclusive space where everyone can thrive.

QUEER PROM

**SATURDAY • JUNE 24TH
7:00 PM**

Join OUTMemphis in showing Tennessee that we are here and aren't going anywhere! Help us celebrate queer resilience and pride by joining us for an evening of drinks and dancing to benefit our life-saving services for LGBTQ+ youth and adults.

PRIDE NIGHT AT REDBIRDS

**Friday • June 30th
7:05 pm**

Calling all fans! Get ready to hit a home run for equality and inclusivity as we celebrate Pride night at our ballpark. Join us in showing support for the LGBTQ+ community, embracing diversity, and spreading love. Let's create unforgettable memories, cheer on our team, and make a statement of unity together!

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JUNE 4TH 11-2 PM

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Baker Donelson	Green Bee Real Estate	Nimbuscreationsllc	The Artisan's Place
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Black Lodge	Hodgepodge Collective	Oasis Vibe	The Orpheum Theatre Group
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Cazateatro	Ibis	Planned Parenthood of Tennessee and North Mississippi	Unity Church of Practical Christianity
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Brenda Newport

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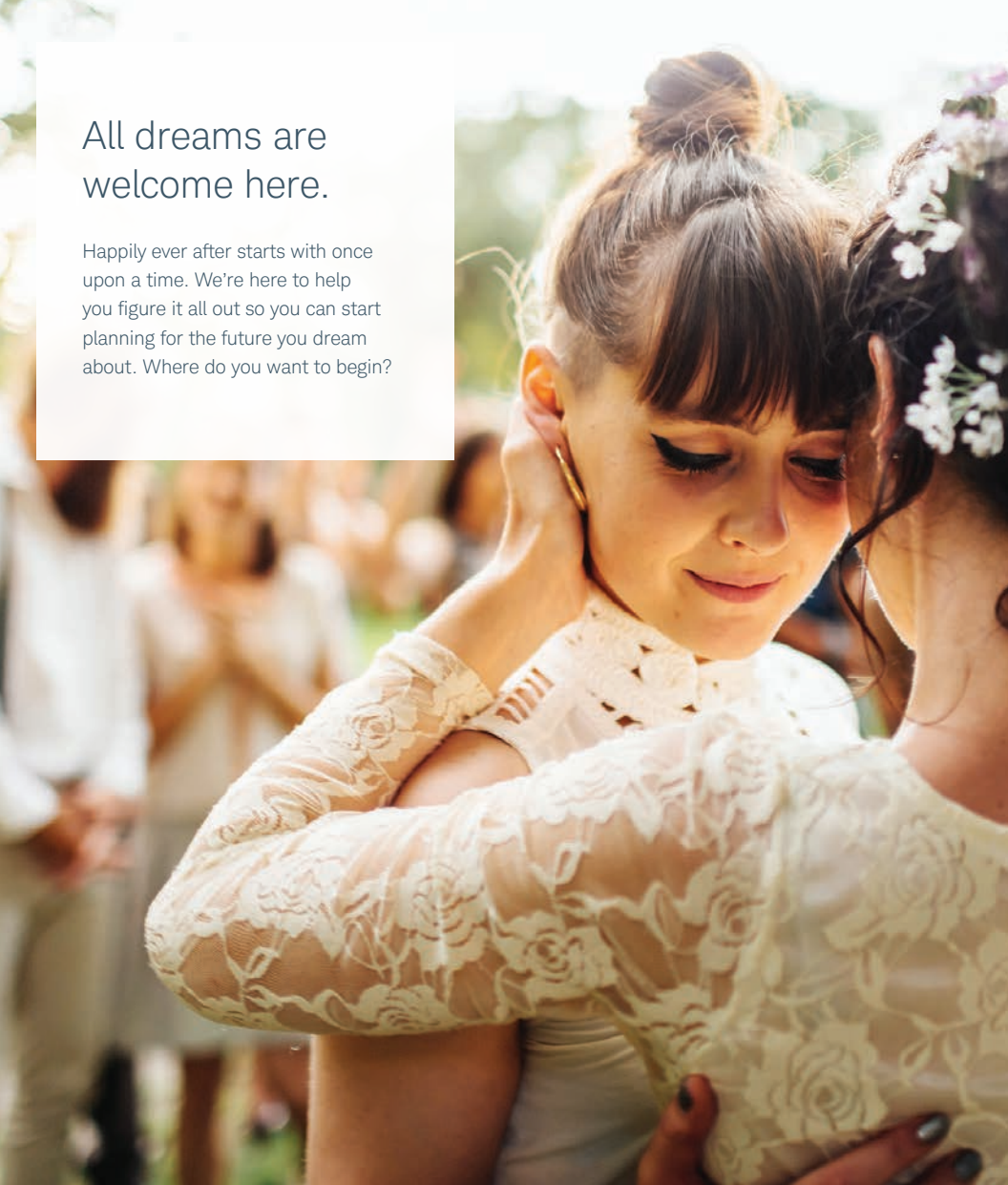
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Aubrey Ombre

Hello my name is Aubrey Ombre I am at 32 year old trans woman. I have been doing drag shows for 10 years going on 11, I have been an activist since 2003, I have also been a karaoke hostess and DJ. I have helped out with numerous charities and have mentored a lot of the Next Generation that looks up to me. I'm a former Miss D.R.U.'s Place, a former Miss Mid-South Pride. I am also your current Miss Gay Memphis. My journey started back in October 15th, 2010 when I first stepped on the scene I knew nothing about clubs, drag or the LGBTQ. I was pretty much a bookworm. I stayed home and studied and work and went to school. My mom and dad are Christian and strong in their beliefs and somehow had life planned out for me to live in their shadows but thankfully it did not work out like that. I became someone greater so I had my first shows in 2010 and happy climbing my way to the top every since. I will continue being humble and doing for others in my community and continuing giving everyone hope and making people Smile as I do for myself.

GLORY HOLES

June 3rd



ZOEY ADAMS

June 3rd



PRIDE FEST ENTERTAINMENT



Alisabeth Von Presley

A rocker raised on a well balanced diet of Michael Jackson, Pat Benatar, and a plateful of glitter. This Iowa girl has left a memorable impact on stages from Los Angeles to New York — with stops at “American Idol” and “Cabaret In The Courtyard” in between. Touring on the heels of her pop/rock album “Diamonds In The Blackout,” this Iowa native performs with a flair for the dynamic and theatrical; she’s most easily described —

can she be easily described? — as a “passionate performance roller-coaster tied up in pleather pants and sequin stilettos.” Or as one musical critic wrote, “when Alisabeth sings, the neon rainbow melts into a swirling puddle.



Shanice R. Cassadine

Hello everyone my name is Shanice R. Cassadine. I am a 36-year-old male. I’ve been doing the art of female impersonation for over 17 years. I started doing the art of female impersonation to escape the way of life of the troubles and things I was going through my accomplishments in my field. I am a former Miss Prairie State ANS, Miss Seymour’s Pride, Miss Mid-South Sweetheart, and Miss Little Rock Firecracker.

My current title is Miss Mississippi US of A. On my down time, as Shanice, I go by the professional name of Kentrell Brown. I am a father of a two-year-old son whom I am proud of. In my spare time, I am a seamstress, a hair stylist and makeup artist.



Devon Davenport Phillip

Devon Davenport Phillips has been in the entertainment industry for 18 years. Getting his start as a male entertainer in the community at several entertainment venues in the MidSouth before landing his first cast position at Spectrum Memphis! Having held several local titles and state titles such as Tennessee Pride of America, Mr. Gay Arkansas USofA At Large and Mr. MidWest Entertainer of the year before going on to

capture the title of National Mr. USA UNLIMITED BEAR! Devon’s home bar is D.R.U.’s Place and you can find him there emceeing and performing as a male lead and cast member! HAPPY PRIDE MIDSOUTH!!!!

PRIDE FEST ENTERTAINMENT



Chinese Connection Dub Embassy

The reggae band Chinese Connection Dub Embassy was created by Omar, David and Joseph Higgins in 2010 bringing hard hitting originals and revamped covers that leave dance floors Irie all around. They released their first LP 2013 "The Firm Foundation" with the lead singles Heavy Meditation & Tyrant. They've played festivals all over such as Beale Street Music Fest, Wakarusa,

Grateful Fest, W.C. Handy Fest etc. and they've opened for such artists as T-Pain, Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, The Wailers, The Slackers, Mephiskapheles, etc. After the passing of their fellow band leader/brother Omar Higgins in 2019, Joseph and David are now leading the band to continue the legacy that was built on the foundation of unity. They took a newer dancehall and roots reggae approach to their 2020 project "Crew Vibez" they have been featured in Reggaeville, Memphis Flyer, Irie Magazine and Afropunk. 2023 they are gearing up to release their next project with the leading single "Runnin (Reflection)" Out on all DSP's. They're more motivated than ever to continue the legacy of spreading truth and rights while keeping their vibes flowing through and through.

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Luna Luella

Heyo! My name is Luna Luella I am 27 years old and I have been an entertainer for 6 years now. I started Drag as a fluke because I was told by family and friends that I should try it out after I talked about how amazing and cool it is. Never thought I would be where I am today with drag and it's great! It really is an escape for me and I got to meet some amazing folks because of drag. I consider my drag very much high energy with some dorkyness thrown in there

and utter confusion haha. Drag truly means so much to me. It introduced me to my community and my second family. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Luna Luella.



Blood, Graffiti and Spit

Blood, Graffiti and Spit got together in early 2021 to pay tribute to the iconic punk rock musical Hedwig and The Angry Inch written by John Cameron Mitchell and composed by Stephen Trask. We are made up of several established Memphis talents. On lead guitar Grant Beatty (JOYBOMB), Bass/ Keyboards by Dee Torrel(WYXR Memphis 91.7 FM), Drums murdered by

Alex Moseley(Small Town Heat), and fronted by drag performer Holly Walnuts. The story of Hedwig is one of being lost and found, misrepresentation and proclamation, man and woman, top and bottom. It is a story about victimization, internal and external struggles, and reclaiming your place in the world. The search for your other half and eventually realizing that the "other half" was in you all along. Our show features elements of rock, pop, punk, honky tonk, ballad and humor. While Hedwig is the common thread that binds us, the chemistry we have found together has given birth to original music as well. Sing along with us, and find something you yourself may have thought that you were missing.



Will Ryder

Will Ryder is the King of the Castle and has been performing for 14 years now in his hometown of Memphis, TN. He is the longest consecutive performing Drag King in Memphis history with a plethora of titles under his belt. He is the host of The Dynasty nights, which is a Drag King troupe in Memphis that he put together in 2016. He has a wide range of performing capabilities..he can make you laugh, cry and want to get up and dance.

He is also known for his cool shoes and always be the King of a Bling!! This guy can do it all!! If you see him on a flyer be sure to go check out the show!!

PRIDE FEST ENTERTAINMENT

Kameron Michaels



Dane Young (born July 23, 1986), known professionally as Kameron Michaels, is an American drag performer who came to international attention after competing on the tenth season of *RuPaul's Drag Race*. Originally from Columbia, Tennessee, she began her career in Nashville, where she performed locally from 2004 or 2005 until her appearance on television. Since her season aired in 2018, Michaels has been a staple of several domestic and international tours that feature *Drag Race* contestants, including *Werq the World*, *Christmas Queens* and

Drive 'N Drag. She has also appeared on a number of web series produced by *World of Wonder*. In June 2019, she released "Freedom", her debut single and music video. Since January 2020, she has been a staple cast member of *RuPaul's Drag Race Live!*, a residency show in Las Vegas, and also stars in the accompanying VH1 miniseries *RuPaul's Drag Race: Vegas Revue*.

Michaels identifies as a muscle queen, that is, a drag queen whose aesthetic embraces a built, muscular body. Because of her physique, she is known by the nickname "The Bodybuilder Barbie".

She is also noted for her tattoos, which cover her forearms, her chest and part of a leg

Michaels auditioned for the seventh season of *Drag Race* in 2014, but she did not receive a callback. She then auditioned for the tenth season in an effort to overcome a difficult breakup.

[On her audition tape, she highlighted that, as a muscle queen, she was a type of character the show had never seen before. She was selected to participate, and her season aired in 2018. She finished as a runner-up, together with Eureka O'Hara, behind winner Aquaria.

Lady Camden



Drag performer who rose to fame on season 14 of *RuPaul's Drag Race*. She was the first English person to appear on the American edition of the show. Her *ladycamden* Instagram account showcases a collection of drag portraits that emphasize candy colors and pastel palettes. She has amassed 410,000 followers. She studied dance and was originally a professional ballet dancer. She became interested in drag after her dance career was derailed by an injury. Her tagline is "Hello, you sexy bi**es". She has also appeared in the

show *RuPaul's Drag Race: Untucked*. She was born in England and later resettled in Sacramento, California. Her mother is a milliner, and her father has worked as a nightclub manager.

After dancing with the Slovak National Ballet, Wheeler danced with Sacramento Ballet from 2010-2015. He then danced and choreographed for Smuin Ballet, based in San Francisco, from 2015-2018. In 2019, he premiered *Take Five*, a piece he choreographed for Smuin Ballet set to the music of Dave Brubeck.

In 2022, Wheeler competed on season 14 of *RuPaul's Drag Race* as Lady Camden. She won episodes 7, 12, and 14, as well as three cash prizes of \$5,000. She landed in the bottom 7 on the Snatch Game episode, and had to participate in a lip-sync tournament, winning the second round against Bosco.

In the finale, she reached the final two with Willow Pill and the two queens participated in a lip-sync battle to Cher's cover version of ABBA's "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme! (A Man After Midnight)". She lost the lip-sync and finished as the runner-up, winning a cash prize of \$50,000.

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HOST

Devon Davenport Phillips

Devon Davenport Phillips has been in the entertainment industry for 18 years. Getting his start as a male entertainer in the community at several entertainment venues in the MidSouth before landing his first cast position at Spectrum Memphis! Having held several local titles and state titles such as Tennessee Pride of America, Mr. Gay Arkansas USofA At Large and Mr. MidWest Entertainer of the year before going on to capture the title of National Mr. USA

UNLIMITED BEAR! Devon's home bar is D.R.U.'s Place and you can find him there emceeing and performing as a male lead and cast member! HAPPY PRIDE MIDSOUTH!!!!



HOST

Rebekah Random

What would happen if Lisa Frank and Nancy from The Craft has a baby, we are not sure but it might be very much like Rebekah Random. She is hosting shows across the mid south and is SnowQueen At Large 2023.



HOST

Iris Lefleur

Iris Lefleur (aka Joseph Grant) has been performing for the Memphis community since 2009. Last year Iris accepted a promotion with Hollywood Feed as a Store Manager in Augusta, GA but has returned to continue her support for not only her community but the state during these trying times to show that drag is not a crime and stand along with her fellow artist.

Iris has spent his drag career devoting his talents to giving back to our community. Performing in and organizing more fundraisers and benefits than he (or she can count). Serving with groups like Mystic Krewe of Pegasus, Friends of Georges, Operation Stand Up, Mid-South Pride, Love Doesn't Hurt as well as benefits created to help so many individuals in our extended Memphis family. During her very lucrative career, she has competed in numerous pageant from capturing the titles Miss Gay Memphis 2013 to Miss Mid-South Pride 2014 to having the please of being Miss Gay Tennessee America 2014 and Miss Gay Tennessee US of A 2019 in which she went to compete for the National Titles of Both (Miss Gay America and Miss Gay USofA. From Traveling across the Mid-south and further to working with Celebrities (Miley Cyrus' Stand by You Peacock Special).

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HOST

Trey Alize



I introduce to you Trey Alize. They call me the Mystery Flavor... all 31 flavors and then some. I'm a proud drag king/male illusionist from Nashville, TN. I have been in the art of drag entertainment for over 15 years. My career began at the Cabaret Episode II here in Nashville. Since then, I have been on cast and show co-host at Play Dance Bar. Along with a former show director and cast member at Chameleons Lounge. Currently I serve as co show

director and co-host for the King Explosion Show at Fusion Night Club in Clarksville, TN. The world of drag has blessed me to travel all across Tennessee, the U.S., and across the pond to London. Along this journey, I've had the honor to capture a top 10 spot in USofA MI, the title of Mister Nashville Pride 2016, selected artist and featured headliner for Austin International Drag Festival, and winner of the 1ST YouTube International Drag King contest "King Me, Rise of a Drag King." The most valued being Mister Nashville Pride due to its connection to my community and my life. On and off stage I am a proud lesbian who believes in inclusivity, equality, and the freedom to live as your most authentic self...for everyone. Drag is my passion and creative exploration into exactly that. My drag can't be contained inside any particular box, nor can the life I choose to live. Regardless of what legislators are trying to do.

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Danika D'Voe

Hey, I'm Danika D'Voe, and I live in Memphis TN. I've been doing drag for a little over ten yrs, but preforming for about four. Drag has saved my life in more than one way. You can always find me around at Dru's Place in Memphis or Momz HonkyTonk in Humboldt. I am former Miss Arkansas USA Unlimited 2021-2022. I have been a part of Jackson Pride for the last two years. You can find me on Facebook under Daniks

D'Voe and my CashApp is \$thstormby83 or Venmo is @Bryan-Young-117. Add me on Facebook anytime. I love meeting new people and fans. Always remember "Love is Free, but Hate could cost a life."

Thank you so much,
Pepp



DèMonte Knight

Hello, my name is DèMonte Knight and I am drag king and also a transguy! I've been preforming going on 4 years now and I love every moment of it! I live in Arkansas, but preform mostly in Memphis, TN where I started at D.R.U.'s Place. I'm also a security officer and massage therapist — so you can say jack of a few trades LOL! Doing drag for me is my get-away from reality and being able to step into this magical world

where people love you regardless and support you and the feeling is just amazing. I have a two-year old son who loves to watch other performers and myself when we have family friends days. That encourages him to get on stage and dance a lil' himself. So I'll never know... he might get into theater or dance when he gets older! My goal with doing drag is to put a smile on people faces because you never know what people going. If I could take their minds off that situation for a second, then I did my job! That's just a little about me!

Your's truly,
DèMonte Knight.

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Imagene Azengraber

Imagene Azengraber's titles include: TriStates Snowqueen at Large 2023, Miss Arkansas USA Unlimited at Large 2022, Miss Tupelo Pride 2019-2022, Winner of The Host Competition Dru's Place 2019, Miss Dru's Place 2019, Miss Little Puzzle piece 2017, Queen Pegasus 2015, and Miss Gay Facebook Memphis 2014. She began performing in 2012. She hosts Drag Bingo all about town and is affectionately known as the Bingo Queen

of Memphis as well as the buttermilk pie queen and her company Ima's Famous Buttermilk Pies. Her Drag Bingo recently won Best Drag Show of the Year 2023 at D.R.U.'s Place. It is on the first Sundays at 3 PM at D.R.U.'s Place. She has done shows and performed at Black Lodge, D.R.U.'s Place, Crosstown, Atomic Rose, The Liquor Store, Blind Bear, Hernando's Hideaway, the Hi-Tone, Momz Honky Tonk – Humbolt, TN, as well as many other venues in the area.

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Zoloft

Zoloft (they/them) has been performing in drag for eight months and was labeled the Newcomer of the Year at the 2023 FAB Awards. As a performer, Zoloft centers joy and emotional honesty in their numbers. Zoloft loved theatre and dance growing up but hated being typecast. Drag gave them the opportunity to create their own persona and cast themselves. Outside of drag, Zoloft is a middle school math teacher and tries their

best to advocate for LGBTQIA2S+ students and staff. Lastly, Zoloft would like to remind everyone: Don't forget to take your medicine!



Vanessa Collins

I'm 33 Sagittarius I love to perform been doing drag for eight years. I love to bowl, laser tag, bumper cars, movies and things like that. I'm very passionate about what I do. I'm planning to keep going on and be the best!



Fendi LaFemme

Mississippi-raised and Memphis made, Fendi LaFemme, is a well-versed performer who travels the United States to provide entertainment and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community. In her time as an entertainer, Fendi is a former Miss Oxford Pride, Miss Pegasus, and Miss NEA Pride. She has many other accomplishments, one of her favorites is her award-winning documentary "The Hollidays in Mississippi." She is the show director of The

Beauties on Beale - Beale Street's First Biweekly Drag Brunch, Code Pink Oxford, and has many other shows throughout the South. Make sure to follow the Beale Street Barbie on all social media @fendilafemme. Happy Pride!

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Mama Tried

Mama Tried is an unambiguously gay cowboy duo composed of drag performers Ponyboi and Ennis Envy. Their first show was Magical Miss Mothie's Mothership, held monthly at the Hi Tone, and they have since performed at venues throughout Memphis. Pony and Ennis are endearing rascals who love a good time, and they're here to take you on a bull-ride through the Wild Wild West of your dreams.



Courtney Evangelista

Hi my name is Courtney, I'm 33 years old. I'm a newcomer on the scene even though I've been doing drag since I was 18. I love doing drag shows its not just a hobby for me, it's life. I am a father of six. Two are biological and the rest are bonus. I like to hang with my kids in my free time going to theme parks and beaches enjoying sun, fun, and sand. My future goals is to go to *Rupaul's Drag Race* and bring the crown home for Memphis, TN and put my city on the map. Thank you so much for this opportunity and I'm looking forward to performing for you guys.

A portrait of Lady Pluto, a drag performer with dark hair styled in a beanie and wearing a blue and purple floral patterned top. She is smiling. The background is dark blue with colorful, swirling, rainbow-like patterns on the sides.

LADY PLUTO

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Pepper SueSage

I am Pepper SueSage and I am from Jonesboro, AR. I love the art form of drag, the freedom and joy it gives me! Taking who I am in my everyday life and exaggerating it to theatrical proportions, is what my drag is all about. That is why I aim to exude ultra-femininity while sporting the beard of a lumberjack. That's the essence of Pepp, and no one will ever take that from me!



Kamiya Iman Kelly

Kamiya Iman Kelly, 37 years old, is a native of Memphis, TN. She graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Bachelor's in Business Management. She has been in apart of the art of female impersonation for over 16 years. Kamiya is the first reigning Miss Mid-South Pride and has held other numerous titles across the Mid-South area.



Liv Laflauv

Heyy, Liv Laflauv here! You're current reigning Snow Queen 2023 and NEA's lip sync assassin, by the end of pride I'll have you saying, "OMG, I know her!"

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Marionna Cross

Marionna Cross might be a newer name but she is already converting audiences. She has brought crowds to their feet in Jonesboro as their Newcomer of the Year and is starting to make waves in the Memphis scene.



Polly Popjoy

The plucky Polly Popjoy promises to palpitate and please you with her playful performances. Perky and preposterous, she'll penetrate your... heart with her provocative package. Polly has been entertaining audiences for as long as she can remember, and plans to as long as she can. Catch her co hosting AFABulous and Sapphic Sunday with Ponyboi!



Shanice Kelly

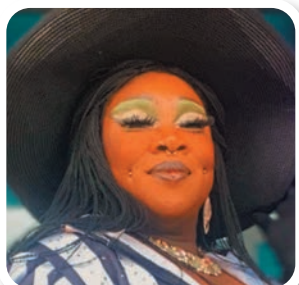
I've been doing drag for years since I was 19 and now I'm 36 and still holding. My drag parents are Raven Kelly and Krayola Casadana. I'm a former Miss Metro, a former Black Diamond, a former Miss Diamond Pride, and a lot more. I have performed from LA to Memphis Vegas, Arkansas and Nashville. I'm a real well rounded drag queen performer.

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Angel FX

Angel FX is no stranger to the mid-south. Over their 12 year span in drag they have performed in Missouri, helped bring drag to Jonesboro, AR, but she got her start at D.R.U.'s Place in Memphis. Angel FX is your Miss TriState SnowQueen and will be competing for the National Crown this January.



Sairen Strange

Upon the rocks the Sairen call has shattered vessels
numerous

But bringing sailors to their doom

The Sairen finds quite humorous!!

Sairen Strange is the abandoned love child of Chucky and Baby Firefly, this beautifully terrifying queen has two years of performing under their belt, and you can catch them performing all over the mid south and north east Arkansas!! The Mx NEA Pride 2022 is here to be your beautiful nightmare!



Angel of Azarath

Angel of Azarath (she/her) is a Memphis-based cosplay artist and belly dancer. She competed and won numerous cosplay competitions nationwide, and was recently named the Runner-Up Winner in Season 5 of War of the Roses at Atomic Rose. Angel is most well-known for her upbeat and charismatic energy, as well as creative costumes, and unique dance style.

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Akasha Mazzarati Steele Adonis

A native of Tennessee, but a resident of Little rock, AR. She has been nationally recognized as Miss Wessland Grand Empress, Miss Renaissance Plus, and 1st runner up to Miss Gay USofA at Large 2018 and 2022. Currently she is Miss Gay Tennessee USofA at Large 2022, a seamstress, makeup artist, and pageant participant (either competing, dressing, or judging). She has been involved in pageantry for almost 22 years with many different systems across the country including America, AAG, and EOY. Some of her other accolades are:

- Miss Gay Pyramid City USofA
- Miss Gay Fantasy USofA
- Miss Mid-South
- Miss Diamond State
- Top 12 finalist AAG at-Large 2012
- Arkansas All American Goddess at-Large 2012
- Top 5 finalist AAG at Large 2013
- Miss Gay Georgia USofA at Large 2017
- Miss Gay Ohio USofA at Large 2019

With love,

Akasha Mazzarati Steele Adonis



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India Taco

HALITO (hello) Rising from the superior Choctaw Reservation, India Taco welcomes you all to this years mid-south pride. Since moving to Memphis, India has shown top quality performances and is not afraid of any challenge/task that gets in their way. They believe that hard work, dedication, and commitment is the way to achieve greatness as a drag performer.

You can catch them hosting their Tuesday night show "Supreme Taco Tuesday" located at Canvas of Memphis in Midtown. All rise for your 2022 Miss Memphis Belle Comedy Queen, Thee Native Supreme, India Taco. YAKOKI (Thank you)!



Anivia C. Kelly

Has been a drag entertainer for many years in Memphis and all over the US. She is the heart and soul of what drag is all about. She is going to dance her heart out for you all at pride this year. You can catch it on the Glitz and Grind stage at 3pm.



Rawki Matrix

Rawki is a local Memphis entertainer who has been performing for 9+ years. He has performance arts ranging from drag to aerial arts, acrobatics, fire skills, tumbling, and dance. Known most commonly for his affiliation with QCG Productions, Rawki stepped into the drag scene 2 years ago at the one and only Dru's Bar in Memphis. The spotlight is no new thing for Rawki, he has years of performance background working

on the hype squad for the Memphis Grizzlies as well. He views the art of drag as the best form of self expression, because there are no limits to the creativity of performers. Variety is the key feature of Rawki's performance art. He is also your current reigning National SnowKing 2023, working with the rest of the SnowQueen court to raise money for their chosen Non Profit, The Child Advocacy Center of Memphis.

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Dyna Divine & Tink

Dyna DiVine, is joining us all the way from Birmingham, AL where she now splits her time between there and Memphis, with her wife, Jamie AKA Spikey Van Dykey. After spending 10 years in LA and NYC, She took her passion for the circus arts and created QCG Productions, an artist collective made up entirely of queer identifying performers and allies. Ashley Volner aka Tink is a native Memphian who started dancing at

age two. Domestic credits include dancing and choreographing for Memphis Symphony Orchestra, Opera Memphis, Memphis rapper Marco Pove, Bridging Souls Dance Company, JAMPack'd at STREB, Big Top Tease, Grind City Flow Arts Festival, and Poleluminati. She also had the honor of performing next to queer artist Julien Baker in her music video 'Appointments'. Ashley's international credits include dancing across Europe with AIDA cruise line and posing for NIKE in Japan's MILK magazine. Ashley is also a circus performer with QCG Productions.



La Mixsi

La Mixsi is an embodiment of my love for all things 'art'. Imagine a modern Frida Kahlo - minus the uni (sometimes). She is an over-thinker, noble and eclectic performer. Within two years of dedication in the art, my love for drag stems from never taking time to see the love around me, never seeing people who believe in me, never seeing it for myself. It was not until I decided to stomp around in beat up gogo boots for me to realize I

am accepted. You can love yourself for all the things that make you, you.



Shiklina

My name is Shiklina, from Venezuela now living in Memphis, I've been doing drag for two years. For the past two years I've achieved to win three competitions including Rainbow Rumble and Rainbow Rumble All Winners. Drag to me is everything I can express and feel, drag defines me as an entertainer and takes out my creativity. It's a form of expression and an artistic way to show others new areas of entertainment and passion.

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Spikey Van Dykey

I grew up in Birmingham, AL and moved to Florida to pursue my career as a performance artist. I went to my first drag show when I was 18 years old in 2001. I had no idea that this world even existed! A beautiful soul named Chivonne Street (Drag Queen) took the stage and had me in absolute awe. She was beautiful, she was enigmatic, and she was a drag queen. I thought to myself, this is it! I ached for that stage and a loophole

around transitioning, and that's when I created Spikey. Being a drag king, to me, is being fierce in a character that represents the male persona and exaggerating its strongest accents through performance, makeup, and costuming no matter the pronouns. A stud is an androgynous lesbian sometimes mistaken for a gay man. Butch is an extremely masculine lesbian that is sometimes mistaken for a man. Transgender entertainers are performance artists who have transitioned and still perform.



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Coco Flores

I am Coco Flores. I live in Marion, Arkansas and work here in Memphis, Tennessee. I have been doing drag for the past 12 years. I am a former Miss Dru's Place, 2015-2016 and a former Miss Arkansas USA Unlimited Classique 2021-2022. I have been a part of Jackson Pride for the last two years and I host a show at Momz Honky-tonk in Humboldt, TN. Currently I am the National SnowQueen Superior 2023-2024. You can find me on Facebook under Coco Flores and my CashApp is \$CoCo2Much4u.



Trabecca Collions

Happy Pride I AM Trabecca Collions Miss GALAXY WORLDWIDE 2023 Today I say stay strong pull up your sleeves and demand that everyone here your voice!!!



Wednesday Moss

Wednesday Moss is a 27 year old entertainer from the Memphis area who is celebrating her 8th year in drag. Wednesday is a former Tennessee National Showgirl and your reigning Miss Pegasus. In addition to being show director and cast member at Dru's Place in midtown, Wednesday can be seen twirling all over Memphis. Wednesday wants to wish everyone a happy pride and hopes you enjoy the most colorful weekend of the year!

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