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# 2025 PRIDE GUIDE

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

This year marks something extraordinary — the 50th Memphis Pride. Fifty years of showing up. Of making space. Of refusing to be anything less than visible, worthy, and powerful.

That kind of legacy doesn't happen by accident. It's built by people who kept going — even when it was hard, even when it felt like the world wasn't listening. It's built by chosen families, grassroots organizers, artists, elders, youth, and everyone who believed that Memphis needed a place for all of us. And they were right.

As we step into this historic celebration, we honor every voice that brought us here. But we also recognize this truth: our work isn't done. The fight for dignity, equity, and safety continues — and we can't afford to be divided.

Pride is more than a party. It's a call to action. A reminder that we move forward only when we move together. When we lead with care. When we lift each other up. The forces that want to silence us are hoping we'll stay fractured. But if we've learned anything over these five decades, it's this — unity is our strength.

So let's mark this 50th with joy, yes. But also with intention. Let's carry our history with pride and our future with purpose. This community has always been about more than survival. It's about building something lasting — something bold, inclusive, and deeply rooted in love.

Thank you for being part of that legacy. Thank you for being part of what comes next.

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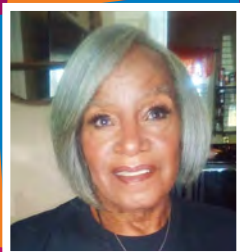
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# MEET YOUR GRAND MARSHALS



## Lacreteria Lamour

Lacreteria Lamour, a proud Black and Chinese trans elder, was born on September 29, 1947, and raised in Tupelo, Mississippi. From an early age, Lacreteria embodied resilience and purpose—joining the Army in their youth and later attending Lane College, where they studied Business Management with a minor in Spanish.

They were active in the Civil Rights Movement, working on voter rights—laying the groundwork for a lifelong commitment to justice.

Lacreteria went on to become a skilled barber and cosmetology

instructor, eventually gaining national recognition as a platform artist for Hawaiian Silky hair products. Their career and charisma took them across the United States and Europe.

Lacreteria is a survivor of anti-trans violence and domestic violence. Through it all, they never stopped showing up—for themselves or for community. Now based in Memphis, Tennessee, Lacreteria serves as the Volunteer Manager at WeCareTn and works as an HIV Educator and Prevention Specialist. They also mentor pageant contestants, teaching refinement and runway presentation with elegance and pride.

Their trailblazing work has earned them recent honors, including the Torch Award at the National Trans Visibility March in Los Angeles and the Living Legend Award at the Trans Girls Rock Gala.

At 78 years old, Lacreteria Lamour continues to inspire the Black TLGBQIA community as a fierce, unapologetic trans person—a living legacy of truth, grace



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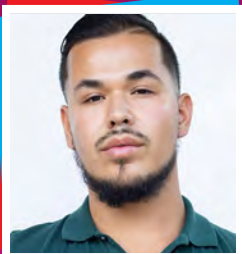
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## Jessie Claudio

Jessie Claudio is an activist, educator, and public health professional with over five years of experience advancing sexual health, community empowerment, and equity across the South. A proud first-generation Mexican-American and the first in his family to graduate high school and college, Jessie is the son of immigrants whose resilience continues to inspire his deep commitment to justice and healing.

Jessie's career has spanned citywide HIV testing and condom distribution, school-based sexual health programs, LGBTQ+ peer networks, and nonprofit capacity-building. He previously served as a regional HIV testing trainer in Tennessee, certifying providers in culturally competent counseling, testing, and linkage-to-care services. At OUTMemphis, he led health and wellness initiatives addressing sexual and mental health, substance use, intimate partner violence, and created supportive spaces for LGBTQ+ Latinx and BIPOC communities.

Currently, Jessie is the Community Building Manager at the Latino Commission on AIDS, leading the Latinos in the South program. Based in Memphis, he coordinates regional education and capacity-building efforts across NC, SC, TN, AL, LA, GA, MS, TX, and FL, serving Latinx, immigrant, Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ+ communities and those impacted by HIV. He also supports the planning of Encuentro, the Commission's signature Southern gathering on health equity.

His work strengthens collaborations with local stakeholders, coalitions, and health departments to expand access to inclusive services and reduce stigma.

For Jessie, health equity means more than services—it means access, dignity, and power. "To me, healthy living in the South means having a wealth of resources—not just medical—readily available for all, regardless of income, education, legal status, or identity," he shares. "I don't just want to leave people with information—I want them to leave feeling confident, empowered, and seen."

Jessie's leadership has been recognized through numerous honors, including the Trailblazer Award from Focus Mid-South Magazine (2018), Standing Ovation Award from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (2017), Light of Hope Award from the Shelby County Health Department (2017), and Leader of Tomorrow Award from Operation Stand Up (2017). He also proudly served as a founding team member of City Year Memphis in 2016.

## Community Calendar



Find out what your community is up to.

We need each other more now than ever!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>JUN 2025</b>	<b>OUTLAW MUSIC FESTIVAL</b>	RADIANS AMPHITHEATER AT THE MEMPHIS BOTANIC GARDEN
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<b>18</b>	SAVE THE DATE • 2026	
<b>MAY 2026</b>	<b>RIVERBEAT MUSIC FESTIVAL</b>	at TOM LEE PARK
<b>1-3</b>	SAVE THE DATE • 2026	
<b>MAY 2026</b>	<b>SMOKESLAM BBQ FESTIVAL</b>	at TOM LEE PARK
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## Welcome to Memphis Pride Fest 2025!

We're so glad you're here.

From all of us at Mid-South Pride, thank you for showing up—just as you are. Our all-volunteer board has worked with heart, grit, and love to bring this year's festival to life, and we're proud to share this space with every one of you.

Memphis Pride Fest 2025 is more than an event—it's a gathering of stories, chosen families, and bold futures. From the parade to the stages, from quiet moments to loud celebration, this weekend belongs to our community.

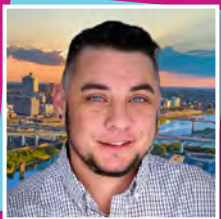
So lace up your sneakers, shine up your style, and get ready for connection, joy, and a little bit of magic.

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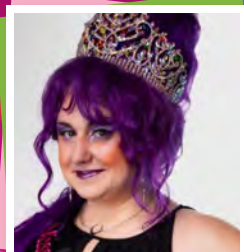
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# MEET THE 2025-2026 PRIDE ROYALTY



## MISS MID-SOUTH PRIDE Polly Popjoy

PERFORMING AT:

HUSTLE 'N GLOW STAGE ● 1:05 PM GLITZ 'N GRIND STAGE ● 3PM

Polly Popjoy is a perky, preposterous, and profoundly playful purveyor of pleasure, performance, and provocation. A draglesque dynamo with over a decade of dazzling experience, Polly masterfully merges the poise of burlesque with the pizazz of drag, producing performances that are both poignant and

perplexingly peculiar.

For the past two years, this polyamorous powerhouse has also been a passionate purveyor of kink education, promoting positivity, personal empowerment, and the pursuit of pleasure without prejudice. She teaches a monthly ropes class, helping others explore the art of bondage with both playfulness and precision.

Polly is also the current reigning Miss Mid-South Pride 2025 and a celebrated host. You can catch her every third Sunday at Hi Tone, where she co-hosts a monthly show with Purple Umbrella Joint, spreading joy as plentifully as pasties and petticoats. A prismatic beacon of possibility, Polly proves that life is best lived playfully, passionately, and proudly!

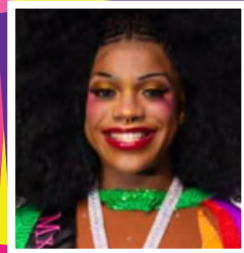


## MR. MID-SOUTH PRIDE Ashton Opulence

PERFORMING AT:

HUSTLE 'N GLOW STAGE ● 1:05P GLITZ 'N GRIND STAGE ● 3P

Ashton Opulence, formally from Florida, has been doing male impersonation for nine years now. He has won over 19 titles and is dedicated to his community! He is currently Mr. Mid-South Pride, where he is aiming to be his best!



## MX MID-SOUTH PRIDE Lady Pluto

PERFORMING AT:

HUSTLE 'N GLOW STAGE ● 4P GLITZ 'N GRIND STAGE ● 3P

Lady Ikora Pluto is the reigning Mx. Mid-South Pride, Miss Code Pink, and the current reigning Grand Rumble Champion. You can catch her twirling all over Memphis and Mississippi. She's been doing drag for three years and has quickly become a trailblazer in both the Tennessee and Mississippi areas. Come find out why she's known as the Braided Bombshell of the South!



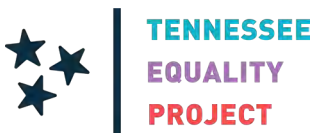
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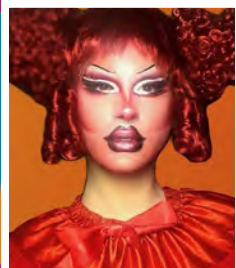
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# PRIDE FEST ENTERTAINMENT **HUSTLE N GLOW STAGE**



## HOSTED BY **Brenda Newport**

Brenda Newport (she/her) is the addiction you just can't quit! With a cackle that can be heard from miles away, she draws you into her world of mesmerizing enchantment. Once you've experienced the magic of Brenda Newport, you'll find it impossible to resist her charms. She's happy to host and perform all across the city of Memphis! So get ready to surrender to your favorite addiction and embrace the unforgettable journey that awaits in her glamorous world.

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# HUSTLE N GLOW STAGE



## HOSTED BY **Prodygi**

Prodygi is the stage persona of Steven Antonio, a non-binary performance artist, host, and drag entertainer originally from Memphis, Tennessee. With a career spanning over two decades, Prodygi has been active in various facets of the entertainment industry, including model training, singing, songwriting, choreography, and community engagement.

They are known for embodying multiple personas on stage, such as Mama (a comedic gospel granny), Cousin Pam (a lively party character), a male lead entertainer, and a bearded queen.

Prodygi is recognized for their contributions to the LGBTQIA++ communities, having been honored with a proclamation day in 2019 by Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris. Currently residing in Jackson, Mississippi, they continue to entertain and also run a graphic design business called TheMagicMaker, along with a non-profit organization named Operation standUP.

It's worth noting that although there are other LGBTQIA+ artists with names similar to theirs... Prodygi (Steven Antonio) is distinct in their multifaceted performance art and community activism.

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# STAGE SCHEDULES

## HUSTLE N GLOW STAGE

*Presented by Music City PrEP Clinic*

11:00am	Welcome
11:05am	DJ Rosamii Music Break
12:00pm	Becky D
12:20pm	Louise Page
12:50pm	Mayor Young
1:00pm	Celebrate Pride with your Karaoke Idol Winner
1:05pm	Meet Your Mid-South Pride Royale Court
1:25pm	Meet a Grand Marshal
1:35pm	Blvck Hippie
2:10pm	Mayor Harris
2:15pm	DJ Vibe ✓ Music Break
3:10pm	Parade Winners!
3:20pm	Limitless Pride Drag Show (Will, Mariah, Music City PrEP Nurses)
3:45pm	CharMaine TyRelle
4:20pm	The Grand Stand Drag Show (Shanice, Infiniti, Angel)
4:45pm	QCG

## GLITZ N GRIND STAGE

*Presented by Hollywood Feed*

11:00am	Pride Kickoff Dance party DJ Space Age
12:15pm	Community Drag Show
1:40pm	"Origin Story" Featuring Maddie Singer
2:05pm	Playhouse On The Square
2:25pm	Divergent
3:00pm	Stand For Drag
4:20pm	Dance Party



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# HUSTLE N GLOW STAGE



## Blvck Hippie

Blvck Hippie is an Indie Rock Band from Memphis, TN trying to show Black kids they can be weird too.

Blvck Hippie makes VHS-inspired music for anyone who's ever felt like an outsider. By melding an emo sensibility with an indie rock aesthetic Blvck Hippie creates tunes for getting unstuck, existing weirdly, and finding togetherness. Raw vocals pair with sticky guitar riffs, heart-wrenching lyrics, and heavy breakdowns to create a live show for all of us raging inside. With their firmly indie attitude, refusal to

accept the status quo, and knack for pushing musical boundaries, Blvck Hippie has turned being an outsider into their superpower.

Blvck Hippie released their debut LP, *If You Feel Alone At Parties* in Fall 2021.

Since then they've been touring across the US and Europe carving out a place for themselves on festival stages, at basement shows, and everywhere in between.

Jasmine Albertson (KEXP) perfectly captures the must-experience nature of a Blvck Hippie show: "While their recorded material is fantastic, seeing the Memphis-based band live is an even more remarkable experience. The pure joy that emanates from every member of the primarily POC band is infectious and an absolute gift, especially considering the pain and hardships that inspired these songs." In searching for a place to belong, Blvck Hippie is bringing us all along.

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## Becky D



BeckyD is a trans singer writer. Her folk rhythms draw you in and her words transport you to a place of wonder and

joy. She offers a message of hope and uses her platform to inspire.

Becky has been featured on The Merrycrest sessions, Tennessee Songwriters Week, and

Women in Memphis Music. Becky is also a certified yoga teacher and her greatest inspiration is her cat.

# HUSTLE N GLOW STAGE



## CharMaine TyRelle

CharMaine TyRelle, raised in Bolivar, TN., is an Award-Winning singer/songwriter/producer/Educator who resides in Memphis, TN. He taught Math & Science for ten years in the MSCS system, before venturing into music entrepreneurship, three years ago. CT is a firm believer and still serves as Minister of Music for his home churches in the Hardeman Co. area.

This 39-year old child prodigy taught himself to play piano by ear at age seven. As the years passed, he learned to read music and was able to apply his knowledge of scripted music to further his career as a phenomenal pianist. This ultimately led to his most recent accolade of playing and singing back-up vocals for Demi Lovato on an international platform featured in the grand finale of the 2021 Presidential Inauguration, as family, friends and the entire World witnessed. He continues to gift the world with music, as he elevates his sound with every electrifying performance! He's played for the biggest and the smallest of stages, with the same HIGH Energy! He's toured the country and sings locally with well-known bands, as well as his own band, CT & the Vibe Tribe, and is a lead vocalist/musician for Elevation Memphis, Julia Cruz and her Mane Men, and The CORE Band, to name a few.

CT performed and opened for the likes of Rap Superstar Trina, singers Avery Wilson and RnB sensation Inayah at the Tri-State Black Music Festival and other tour stops, where he also was honored as a 2022 recipient of Performer of the Year Award, by the Tri-State Black Music Festival Committee. He has been recognized and decorated as an amazing songwriter, choreography and all around entertainer. His most notable achievement to date is releasing his hit latest single "Get Down," available on all digital platforms, and new releases all summer long! Through music and education, CT will continue to take his music and brand to higher heights.

## Louise Page

Louise Page is an independent singer/songwriter based out of Memphis, TN and Asheville, NC.

She is a classically trained pianist with a degree in Creative Writing from Rhodes College. Her raw vocals, intricate lyrics, and piano prowess create a genre bending musical chamber punk experience.



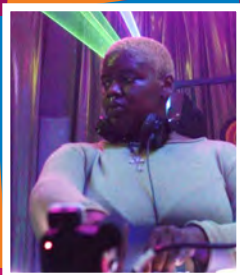
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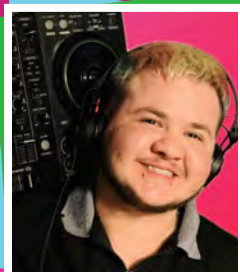
## DJ Rosamii

Rose aka DJ Rosamii is a New Jersey native, based in Memphis, Tennessee. Her style ranges from Jersey club, R&B, and hip hop music to House, Jungle, and Techno. Her taste is rooted in and fueled by activism, making space for LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and disabled artists.

Rose believes that music itself can plant the seeds we need to bloom in harmony, and keep our spaces safe and free from judgement.

## DJ Vibe ✓

Vibe ✓ is a new DJ on the scene of Memphis, TN. You've heard his mixes on the stage when he performs as Will Ryder. Now you get to have fun with him in his DJ sets. He is going to bring you the old school, the new school and a little touch of sass. Be sure to check him out on the Hustle N Glow Stage during the Mid-South Pride festival!





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## The Limitless Pride Drag Show ● 3:20pm

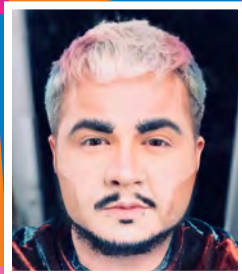


### Mariah DaGoat

Born and raised right here in Memphis, TN, Mariah DaGoat is a flourishing young performer who is dedicated to work for her community. Mariah a star studding performer who has captured many dream titles such as Miss International Vogue newcomer, Miss Metro newcomer and is now the current Black America Junior Miss. Mariah had also been serving the community as an outreach specialist at P.E.A.S where she is testing advocating and making sure the community get what's needed done. DaGoat is signed and should be sealed on everyone's lips after she shows us an amazing time!

### Will Ryder

Will Ryder "King of the Castle" is a Memphis based drag king who has been performing since 2008. One of his many loves is performing at the Mid-South Pride festival. He loves seeing all of the people coming together to celebrate themselves as well as the supporters who love the LGBTQIA+ community. This will be Will's 14th year performing at the festival. Will is forever grateful for all those who have followed his journey and continue to support.



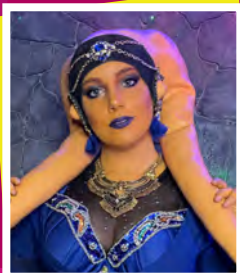
### Shanice R. Cassadine

Hello, everyone my birth name is Kentrell brown I created the illusion of Shanice R. Cassadine back in 2008. I have been doing the art of female impersonation for over 17 years. A little bit more about Shanice it's that she's a father of a four-year-old, wonderful son name Makell, where he is the joy of my life. A little bit more secrets about Shanice that she's a seamstress, an excellent dancer and a flag coach; the reason why she chose to be impersonated to see the smiles and reach everyone's heart.

Not only is Shanice a wonderful, caring person, and will give you this shirt off her back. Shanice's favorite slogan is, "whatever you do, make sure that you do it." To the best of your ability and never take no for an answer.

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## The Grand Stand Drag Show ● 4:20pm



### Angel of Azarath

Angel of Azarath is a Memphis-based cosplayer and bellydancer known for her energetic performances. An Asexual artist, she has performed locally for three years, earning Runner-Up Winner at Atomic Rose's War of the Roses Season 5. A social media and drag scene favorite, she's best known for her Star Wars Twi'lek persona, Marg'Ani. Whether twirling in silk or stepping from the stars, Angel's presence is truly out of this world.

### Infiniti Bonet

My name is Infiniti Bonet, I've been entertaining 20 years. I love competing in pageants as well. I'm the current Miss International Vogue and Miss Pretty Foundation! I love being able to touch the hearts of others and to put a smile on someone's face!



### Music City Nurses

In 2019, this talented troop of quality Queens made their debut as Drag nurses to bring attention to a new HIV prevention clinic in Nashville. They were such a hit, they quickly became shining stars in the LGBTQIA+ community. And with the Drag Nurses as the face of their brand, The Music City PrEP Clinic has attracted more than 22,000 patients and is now one of the largest sexual Health Clinics in the country. Today, they celebrate their move in to Memphis where their newest clinic opens on June 18th. But you can get on PrEP today at the Music City PrEP Clinic mobile unit here at the festival!



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## QCG

QCG Productions is a dynamic creative collective specializing in immersive live entertainment, from bold variety shows and theatrical spectacles to cutting-edge performance art. Known for blending drag, circus, burlesque, LED and fire arts with powerful storytelling and production design, QCG creates unforgettable experiences that celebrate diversity, self-expression, and queer joy. Whether onstage or behind the scenes, QCG is where imagination meets unapologetic artistry.

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### HOSTED BY **Justin Allen Tate**

Justin Allen Tate is Singer/Actor/Dancer/Host from Memphis, TN. He has performed in Several National Broadway Touring Shows. He has been a Lead Vocalist for Royal Caribbean International and Holland America Line for over five years. He had performed in numerous regional productions around the United States including several in Memphis being five-Time

Ostrander award nominee. He was also the Host of 2023 Ostrander Awards. He has numerous TV, movie and stage credits to his name.



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## DJ Space Age

DJ Space Age is a trailblazing Memphis DJ known for high-energy sets and over a decade of electrifying performances. From touring with 8Ball & MJG to sharing stages with major artists, she's become the city's top female DJ. As CEO of TRDON, she curates events, rocks major festivals like SXSW and A3C, and brings bold vibes to LGBTQ+ events. Blending hip-hop, EDM, and international sounds, DJ Space Age is always pushing the culture forward.

## Divergent

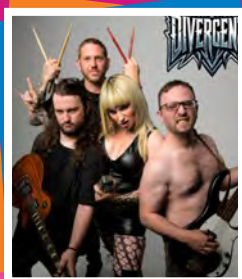
Divergent combines blues pop and rock 'n roll and is a combination of 4 established presences of the delta area.

The front-woman of Divergent, JAD Davis, began their music career pre transition as Memphis' first hyper pop artist in 2011 and continues to push barriers.

Before music she worked in Fashion from 2009 to 2012 as a production and operations manager with "Revolutionary Runway." Alongside modeling and coaching she also worked as a creative director for numerous publications. Jad has also worked with musicians for Le Bonheur in 2012 to bring performances for children that were staying at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital for treatments and recorded with other artists as a charity for Le Bonheur. JAD has been featured across the world on the radio.

After accepting their Focus Magazine People's Choice award in 2024, JAD formed Divergent, Standing strong in a divided social climate.

Divergent consists of: Rob Coletta - drummer, Todd Baker aka Odd Todd - guitarist, Stephen, Baker aka White Devil - bassist, and JAD Davis - lead vocalist.



## Maddie Singer

Maddie Singer has been a proud member of the Memphis LGBTQ community for 18 years until moving to Los Angeles in 2020. Her band "Origen Story" is a fixture in the LA music scene, and Maddie spends her days working as a full-time Anaplastologist in Los Angeles and NJ. She was recently featured on ABC News for her prosthetics, and philanthropic work. Her band Origen Story has a new album that's about to be released this summer.

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## Playhouse on the Square

Located in the heart of Memphis, Circuit Playhouse, Inc. serves as the guardian of a vibrant pulse, a rhythm that celebrates the city's triumphs, challenges, and devotion to artistic expression. Playhouse on the Square is Memphis' leading professional theatre company, weaving together stories that evoke laughter, tears, and self-reflection. For over five decades, Circuit Playhouse has been a beacon of the arts in the community, inviting audiences to join them on a journey of growth and imagination.

Playhouse on the Square is a testament to the indelible spirit of Memphis, TN. We are grateful for the unwavering support of our community, whose belief in us has been the driving force behind our success. As we look towards the future with excitement, we are eager to continue our tradition to share diverse voices of love and meaning. Find Your Place WITH Playhouse!

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## Community Drag Show ● 12:15pm



## Crystal Jo Casino

For many years (1986-1994) Crystal Jo was a paid cast member at "Another Bar" (1349 Autumn Ave), Numbers, Reflections, and J-Wags.

She has been booked at practically every show bar in Memphis over the past 40 years.

She is the last of the George's performers, still doing shows.

Community is very important to her, and she has given her time and talents to many benfits, including the Memphis LGBT Community Center and Holy Trinity Church.

She enjoys helping the young performers.



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## Cheri Lie Maid



Cheri liemaïd is a Memphis ballroom performer that loves to combine ballroom dance style and her loud corny style of drag to give the show of your life.

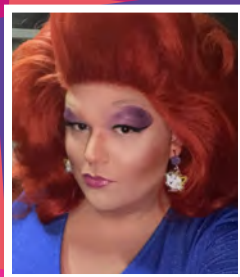
## Edie BakeOven

“Well if I knew you were coming, I’d have baked a cake!”

Get ready to satisfy your sweet tooth with Edie BakeOven, Memphis’ newest pop culture-infused campy queen!

Whether she’s serving up sugary-sweet charm or delivering a healthy dose of sarcasm, Edie knows just how to whisk you off your feet. From sassy southern vibes to Broadway flair, she’s bringing the heat to the Mid-South.

Edie’s excited to bake up something sweet for all of you, but don’t expect it to come without a side of sass! She’s here to whip up a storm, leaving you laughing, clapping, and probably wanting a little more.



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## Sairen Strange

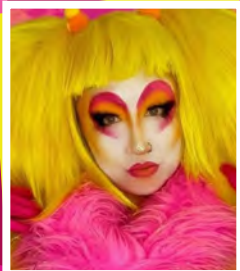
Prepare to be mesmerized by the hauntingly hypnotic force that is Sairen Strange! Like a siren's call luring lost souls to their fate, Sairen commands the stage with an irresistible mix of beauty, chaos, and raw energy.

A creature of the night and a vision of the unexpected, they blur the line between nightmare and fantasy, leaving audiences both enchanted and unsettled.

Sairen Strange is the beautifully unhinged lovechild of cult horror and high fashion, embodying a perfect storm of macabre elegance and rebellious artistry. With four years of performance experience and nearly a decade in the worlds of modeling and pageantry, they are a force to be reckoned with—an artist who refuses to be confined by the ordinary. Whether mesmerizing the crowd with a chillingly cinematic act or delivering an electrifying spectacle, Sairen thrives in the space where creativity meets the unknown.

## Eléanor Kay Rigby

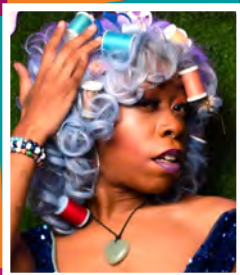
Eléanor Kay Rigby is the undisputed femme diva of Memphis—serving glam, heart, and heat for over a decade. With 10 years of show-stopping entertainment under her belt, she's currently reigning as Tennessee SnowFemme 2024—and she's only just begun. This Latina firecracker is a powerhouse on and off the stage. Beyond the rhinestones and spotlight, Eléanor is deeply committed to community outreach, focusing on HIV prevention, treatment, education, and mental health advocacy. She works passionately to break stigmas and build stronger connections, especially within the Latinx community—proving that visibility can be transformative. Known for her bubbly spirit and jolly charm, Eléanor brings joy, advocacy, and unapologetic fierceness wherever she goes. She believes everyone deserves love—and she has more than enough to give. Whether dazzling a crowd or championing health equity, she shows the world that glamour and grassroots can thrive together.



## Fizzy Pop

Fizzy Pop is a vibrant nonbinary drag performer (they/them) known for their playful aesthetic and creative performances. With six years of cosplay experience, they blend pop culture, fashion, and theatricality into their drag persona. As the drag kid of Miss Mid-South Pride, Polly Popjoy, Fizzy continues a legacy of joy and inclusivity. Whether lip-syncing or embodying iconic characters, Fizzy is a rising star in the drag and cosplay scenes.

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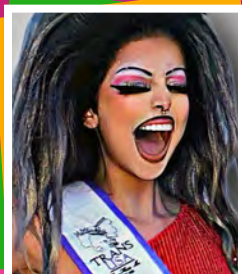


## The Onyx Davenport

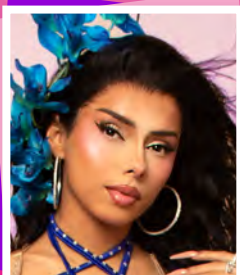
Onyx Davenport has made a significant impact on the burlesque community through her performances. She has been involved in various events and shows, captivating audiences with her unique style and artistry. Onyx's dedication to her craft and her ability to connect with her audience have made her a respected figure in the burlesque scene.

## Ru\$ted Electra

Ru\$ted Electra is a 23-year-old disabled nonbinary drag artist and activist originating from Jonesboro, Arkansas, and your current reigning Mx Trans Oklahoma 2025, and forever King of Ozark Pride. Now residing in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, they use androgynous drag fashion and ballet inspired movement to create unique and inspired drag performances; as well as using their platform to raise awareness for issues like chronic illness, domestic violence, and to support DragOutTheVote, a nonprofit organization that promotes queer participation in democracy.



## Community Drag Show ● 3pm



## Angelique

All the way from Dallas, TX. The Colombian Bombshell is back in her hometown! Angelique got her start in Nashville, Tennessee but it began to blossom in Memphis. She moved to Dallas where her career took off. Opening for Sasha Colby "Stripped Tour", She is also a proud part of the award winning Saloon Girls cast at the Round Up Saloon and an addition to multiple show casts all over the Dallas Strip. Granddaughter to the legendary Kelexis Davenport, she is bound to give you a SHOW!!



# GLITZ N GRIND STAGE



## Demonte Knight

My name is DeMonte Knight, I'm from Memphis, TN. I am a man of trans experience for eight years. I have been a male entertainer for 6 years and I love every moment of it because it is my safe space. Beside doing shows, I am a licensed massage therapist. I would love to be involved in the community, bringing visibility to being a seahorse person to show and encourage others that's it's okay to bring life into this world rather it's birthing or adoption. I am a father of two that I have proudly birthed. My vision for the future is seeing nothing but love and allow people to just be

themselves no matter what it is, no matter what they identify as. Just let them be happy and loved and free. So with that being said you will see more of me on and off stage.

## Marionna Cross

Marionna Cross (they/them) is a non-binary drag entertainer lighting up stages across the Mid-South and Midwest with nearly three years of unforgettable performances. Known for their signature blend of camp, glamour, and heartfelt presence, Marionna made history as the first AFAB entertainer to grace the iconic IBIS stage. Crowned Mx. NEA Pride 2023–2024, Marionna has not only captivated audiences but also earned national recognition with a feature in TIME Magazine. Offstage, they are a fierce advocate for Suicide Awareness, PCOS, HEDs, endometriosis awareness, transgender rights, and reproductive justice and bringing visibility, voice, and vulnerability to every space they enter. With a kind heart and a bold spirit, Marionna Cross is more than a performer, they're a movement in heels.



## India Taco

*Halito* (Hello) When it comes to beauty and humor, no one does it better than THEE Native Supreme herself, India Taco. Performing for 5 years, India shows the Memphis drag community to be as real as you possibly can and to never let anyone tear you down, even if it's with yourself!

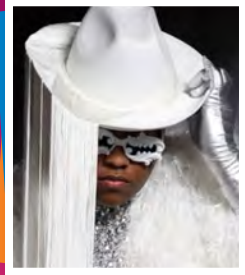
*Yakoki!* (Thank You).

## Ladee Lovee

Ladee Lovee is a black trans woman. A soulful drag artist and a radical activist who firmly believes in reproductive Justice. Moving back to Memphis in 2021, it has been her purpose to empower her community through her music and perform feel-good vibes that always let people know that they are needed in this world. Lady Lovee is the mother of two beautiful children, a boy and a girl and her mission is to only teach them how to love without limits and set boundaries when is needed.



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## Camelot Grandeur Valentino

Camelot Grandeur Valentino is the King of Couture and Emperor of Eleganza, a one-of-a-kind entertainer blending high fashion with show-stopping performances. He captivates audiences with drama, stellar artistry, and just all around star power! This year, he became Mr. MidSouth Prides First Alternate, proving that true grandeur isn't just about the look—it's about the legacy you leave behind. Prepare to be dazzled by the electrifying force that is the Budding showman of the Midsouth!

## Jane Tracee



Jane Tracee (she/they) is big femme energy, born from the admiration of strong femmes in my life and the determination to generate euphoria

amongst audiences. Jane is CAMP, highly influenced by pop culture and gender theory, incorporating humor and serious conversations into each of her performances. She's 6'9" in Drag and ready to STOMP on anyone who interferes with the liberation of her TGNC and Queer siblings.

Stay up to date with Jane's curated world through her Instagram @ [janetraceeworld](#).



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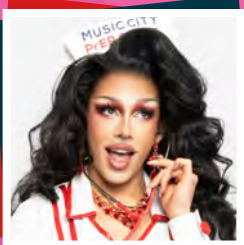


Nurse Shoshana Van De Blair is the drag daughter of the illustrious Justine "ditzy, yet glitzy" Van De Blair. But Shoshana is the smart one in the

family. While maintaining her duties as a Music City PrEP drag nurses and a busy drag performance schedule, she is in her second year of a PrENursing program to become a real nurse. She has been a drag performer for 5 years and has been featured on Willam's Beatdown and on HBO's "We're Here." You can find her on socials @shoshvdb

Nurse Eden Ash. This hot, young diva-in-training brings fresh energy and fierceness to the squad. You'll love her, but

if she challenges you to arm wrestle, think twice. This gurl's got guns—there's muscle under her bustle. And it makes for a great show! After she became a runner-up on SiSSI, Cycle 6, she quickly began making her mark on the drag scenes of Nashville and Atlanta. And most recently, she was chosen to be a Music City PrEP Drag Nurse. You can find her on socials @edenashh



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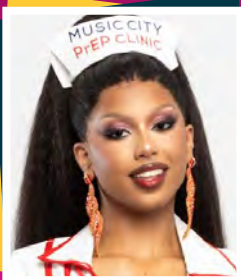
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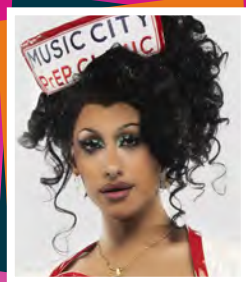


**Nurse Zxa.** Her name rhymes with slay, and hey, you can take it to the bank—ON STAGE, SHE DON'T PLAY, SHE SLAYS, EVERY DAY, ALWAYS. Her talent brings a unique edge to the team's performances. She has become an integral part of the Drag Nurse team since joining in 2023. She was recently featured on HBO Max's We're Here, showcasing her power and pride as a performer and as a community advocate.

You can find her on socials @zxawuzherw

**Nurse Arsyn** is on fire! She has quickly become a Nashville drag favorite after being chosen as a resident Playmate at Music City's famous Play Dance Bar. Play is where many RuPaul Drag Race contestants got their start and is known for showcasing some of the best drag talent in the country. Nurse Arsyn has been a Drag Nurse since 2022. She always brings heat to the stage and lots of heart to the community.

You can find her on socials @arsyn



**Nurse Shelby La Banks** brings over a decade of delicious drag experience and has been part of the Music City PrEP Clinic team from the beginning. She has delighted audiences in venues all over the Southeast. Shelby is a proud member of the UBU Cast at Play Dance Bar, a performance group dedicated to HIV education and prevention. Shelby combines performance, passion, advocacy and fun in everything she's a part of.

You can find her on socials @itsshellybanks

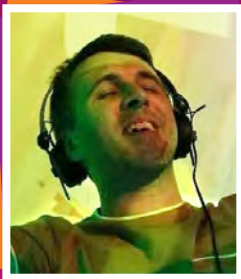
**Nurse Justine Van De Blair** is known far and wide for her glamour and humor. This "Ditzy yet Glitzy" glamour girl is a Nashville superstar who's been captivating audiences for over a decade. She is not a criminal, however she has been found guilty of stealing hearts and blowing, um... minds. So when this original drag nurse takes the stage, remember... you've been given fair warning,

You can find her on socials @justinequeenqueen





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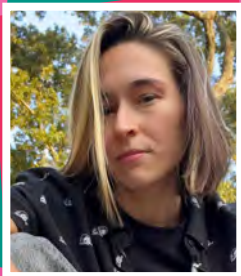
## DJ Ferb

FERB is known for blurring genre lines with effortless style. He crafts a unique blend of hip-hop, indie, funk, and high-energy EDM to every set he touches. Whether he's lighting up the dancefloor or diving deep into his crates, FERB keeps crowds guessing and grooving all night long!



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## DJ Nikki V

Where my queer brats at? DJ Nikki V is thrilled to kiki with y'all at the after-Pride silent disco with a high-energy mix of pop, house, and dance anthems—all curated for the ultimate queer dance floor experience. Let the dance floor heal your soul as we turn off the world, spread some love, and dance the night away!



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