Designing for a Queen The Story of the Fish Tank

Who are the queens?



Mama Michael has been involved in the Boston drag scene for a little over 20 years. She doesn't perform as often as she used to, but is heavily involved in the drag community and values building community connections. She also values sharing her knowledge with others, especially young queens. She particularly enjoys encouraging "virgins" to try drag for the first time.

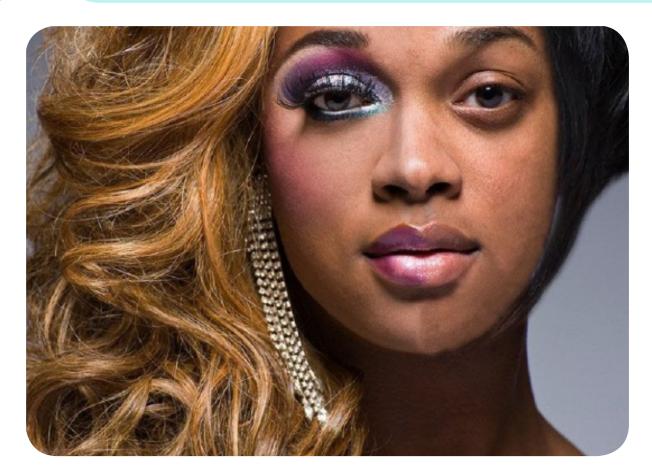


The Fish Tank is a unique, multi-functional venue providing a safe space where new and old queens alike can connect, learn, and perform throughout the complete drag queen experience.





Independent Ian is a young, upcoming queen who is passionate about expressing himself through his drag performances. He craves acceptance among the established Boston queens and dreams of being the next drag starlet. He values attention and applause from the audience and looking as "fish" as possible for his performances, but isn't particularly interested in making his own costumes.



Artistic Annie is a young woman who values drag performance as a fun, creative outlet and especially enjoys learning how to make unusual costumes and how to do her own drag make-up. She is not as intimately involved in the community as lan and Michael and sometimes has trouble making drag connections and finding new gigs.

Deborah Hellen, Chelsea Bailey, Brian Liebson, Michelle Chin User-Oriented Collaborative Design Spring 2014