



VIRGINIA WEST

DRAG MOTHER

Case Western Reserve University

Virginia West (Chris Equizi) is the mother of all drag mothers in Ohio, and Studio West 117 is ecstatic that Virginia will be bringing her enormous talents and even bigger heart to Cleveland.

Virginia is an accomplished choreographer and is known for her big stage productions on the Axis stage in Columbus

“The House of West is known for trying to be helpful to our community. We have been so fortunate to have the best audiences that truly care about our mission of helping others. Combined as a family, we have raised over two million dollars for local and national charities ranging from Mozaic to Pets Without Parents to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I also like to think we have fabulous legs.”

-Interview with Virginia West – Columbus City Pulse.



DR. LADY J MARTINEZ

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING & EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Lady J is the world's first drag queen with a PhD specialization in drag performance history. She holds a BA in Music and Culture from the University of Tennessee, a PhD in Musicology from Case Western Reserve University and holds the position of Historian for the Austin International Drag Festival.

A pillar of the Cleveland LGBTQ community, she represents the city on the national drag scene and leads locally through activism, entertainment and education.

Lady J believes in this project because of its focus on drag education and performance, giving back to the local scene, and providing much needed services for LGBTQ people in Cleveland.