

'MISS' GAY INTERNATIONAL (UK)

In a celebration of the diversity that makes this nation truly a "Great" Britain, eighteen UK residents represented their family heretige for the crown of 'Miss' Gay international (UK). Chanteuse Dee Chanelle hosted the event through catwalks of national costume, club wear, beach wear and Hollywood Premiere attire, nine judges determined the best candidate in each catwalk and ultimately judged the overall winner to be 22 year old, Davina Moore, winner of Channel 5's televised 'Tranny of the Year 2000'. The judges were looking for - beauty, poise, personality and interview presence. There was also an award judged by the contestants themselves, for Miss Congeniality, the winner of this was once more Miss Davina Moore. The venue for the event was a Sunday evening at Equinox in Leicester Square the support from friends and family was heartening and the fun infectious. A portion of the profits was donated to UKLGIG (The UK Lesbian and Gay Immigration Group) and Cruisaid.

Dayna Sanchez, spokeswomen for the 'Miss' Gay International (UK) event said: "We were extremely excited to be able to launch the first event to coincide with London's Gay Pride festival weekend". She explained that contestants for this contest had to be unaided by hormones or surgery - but following the success and the support for the event from TS "sisters" a 'Miss TS International (UK)' contest is now planned for November with the same formula and venue but this time for the "silicone sisters". For more details www.musicolours.com or www.buttonsmedia.com

PROUD TO BE ON THE PRIDE PARADE

This year was the first year that London's Gay Pride March was designated a parade (in the spirit of Sydney Australia), rather than a political protest. This acknowledges from both sides of the issue the political progress that LGBT people have certainly made in recent years - though many would say there is still a lot to do. I for one enjoyed the overwhelming number of approving, smiling people. The Metropolitan police estimated well over 60,000 people came to London just to spectate and there was thousands actually taking part. Thanks again to Debbie and Nikki for twisting WayOut's arm once again to share the float with them. See www.thewayoutclub.com and www.trannygrange.com for more pictures.

TRANSFANDANGO HALOWEEN CHARITY BALL

Plans are finalising for what will be a very wonderful night at the Marriott Hotel London Saturday 30th October. Richard O'Brien writes : "Once again we are dedicated to raising funds which will help send children with cancer related illness back home to the loving embrace of their families - Join us - for just £100, you will be drinking, dining and dancing divinely at the most bewitched Halloween Party in town!" Details of celebrity guests, menu, entertainment, sponsors and prizes will be updated on www.transfandango.co.uk where you can already find pictures and links to reports and pictures from two previous years. Already The Boudoir, The Angels, Roses, Trannygrange and Transmission have booked whole tables of ten. I am celebrating my 50th birthday on the night and I am asking family and friends to join me and spend their money at the ball rather than on anything else thaty might have done for me. Check for links to all those mentioned above to join their tables or book your tickets from the charity on www.transfandango.co.uk or ring **Wallness Children's Charity on 0161 737 1203**

APOLOGY TO DOREEN FASHIONS

WayOut Publishing Co Ltd take this opportunity to apologise unreservedly to Doreen Fashions. In the 12th Tranny Guide, London free listing section, the wrong website address was published. The correct web site address is www.doreenfashions.com. This web address we correctly published in all Doreen Fashions adverts. Please help us to update our listings accurately in the next 13th Tranny Guide by sending your updates to our address (on page 3). Updates for the 13th edition need to be with us before February 2005.

MISS TG BRIGHTON

A fun night of glamour was held to raise money for the Martlet's Hospice, Sussex by **Lacies (Fantasy Girl)** in Brighton. The Venue for the competition, near the shop (which provides every tranny need), was the Portland Hotel. Sue Shepherd of Lacies did wonderfully well to get a great new event off the ground inspiring a host of sponsors and the interest of the local mayor and LGBT police unfortunately Richard Branson apologized for being unable to attend, he was out of the country on that night. And Laurence Llewlyn Bowen sent a signed photo but he too was unable to attend. Prizes from a host of companies were libraly distributed to the winners Miss TG Brighton 2004 ... Miss Debonair - Runner up ... Miss Miss Michaela Marbella - Third Place ... Melissa Lilac - Best Costume ... Miss Michaela Marbella - Winner - Miss Mature ... Alison Penn - Miss Best Local ... Stiletto Worthing Best Corset (ah hum) Michaela Marbella
Sue said "We are already planning for next years' event which will be bigger, better and even more fun than the last one. It was a fun night of glamour which raised a good sum of money for the Martlet's Hospice, Sussex" see much more on the web site www.fantasygirl.co.uk/misstgbrighton.htm
For more about Sue's shops in Brighton and Folkstone and on the web www.fantasygirl.co.uk

BOUDOIR ON THE MOVE

Due to the success that The Boudoir has enjoyed over the last 5 years they have finally outgrown their current premises and are now in the process of moving to a much bigger and better New York style loft apartment. The new premises will have a completely different look but you can trust that Jodie her team and her regular 'Boudettes' will soon infuse it with the friendly, buzzy and glamorous atmosphere that has eartn her such a good reputation. The new Boudoir with 1000sq ft can offer more space to relax in and for The Boudoir team to work in. New facilities include full air-conditioning, bathroom with shower, in house photo studio, all in a discreet location with private off street parking for clients and all just 5 minutes from Seven Sisters Tube. The move will take place at the end of August and more complete details will appear on www.theboudoironline.com

FUN PACKED FREE CDROM

Roses Group and Repartee magazine have produced a promotional CDrom that is well worth sending for - just for the fun packed music video. Sexy "Repartee Regulars" strut, pose and lip-synch through a variety of locations in a homage to the song 'Man I feel like Woman'. The CDrom also has introductions to opportunities offered by the group, their web site and Repartee magazine (The UKs leading tranny lifestyle magazine) plus an introduction to Bella Jay and Martine Rose who bring you all these opportunities. Get your FREE CDrom now. Send S.A.E to **Rose's, P O Box 186, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S73 OYT - UK**

FORUM BITCHING

Pop singer George Michael has closed down the 'fans forum' on his official website because of excessive "bitching" In a post on the forum George said "I find it really sad to see the forum so packed full of negative (subjective) comment - how pointless". It is has come to my attention that, in various tranny forums, good opportunities suffer extream negativity over what are in fact very subjective matters. I have seen "trails" such as - 'A' - "I havent been" - 'B' - "dont bother I hate it - I wish it would close down" - 'C' - "shame I want go then". Its like silly teenage girls saying "I hate Britney but I love Maddonna". However spreading such subjective, negativity, denies everyone else the opportunity to try things out - in fact for some to get 'out' at all.. I believe such forums are unbalanced because there are many more bitter, jealous, trannies than there are happy, satisfied trannies that really get about and enjoy themselves. Unlike chat rooms these 'forum trails' are left up for a long time to spread their negativity. These forums are the most destructive thing that I can think of for the trangender scene and are taking us back to the dark ages. I call for moderation and balance in such forums which can fast create, frankly, lies out of all proportion to the truth. I have always believed in offering positive news of opportunities for everyone to try - If I have nothing good to say - I say nothing. I believe we all have a responsibility to do help the TG scene grow outside as well as on of the computer monitor screen. Let me Join Bella Jay (of Roses Repartee) by echoing in her own words a call for balance "Diversity is an important part of our community - it is always good to have choice. What we really need are more opportunities to get out, not less and calls for any particular business to close simply because a few people find it not to their particular taste are quite frankly just stupid!"

photos by Vicky Lee



October 30th 2004

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Lynn Daniels

her own creation



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Image Works

Forward by Pandora De'Pledge

Lynn Daniels is a friend of whom I have great affection and respect for. Always sweet natured and a lady, it was great to do the photoshoot with her where she showed incredible patience when after six hours of shooting, we then said, "Strip off Lynn and jump on this box". Ms. Debonair, Titch and myself then spent two hours body painting her to produce the fabulous cover image. She particularly enjoyed having her 'nether regions' painted. I asked her to try and describe her amazing life in a few paragraphs, this is what she has to say!

I started dancing school in Bury near Manchester at the age of eleven, dance examiners used to remark that I should try and dance in a more masculine way. Once my mother commented as a joke, "Maybe you should have been a girl!". At age seventeen I got my break in to show business dancing in Showtime at the Gaiety Theatre in Rhyl. I loved every minute of it, except for the fact of being jealous of the girl dancers and their fabulous costumes. I worked in many other shows and travelled the world, and while dancing in a Revue in Italy the fire eater taught me the skills of working with fire. I moved in to female impersonations and fire eating, getting my first break at The Black Cat in Pescara in Italy. It was when working at Sheriton Hotel in Cairo that the crunch came when I was told that I could not go out dressed after the show because, "You are a man". Immediately I thought, "No one is going to say that to me ever again". I left the show and came home and went to see the gender reassignment specialist at Charing Cross Hospital, he started me on hormone treatment. Six months later I was auditioning as a girl with the fire act touring the country working in a very cleverly cut diamante bikini. I loved it but felt like a fraud and was very nervous. I almost got caught having a shave one day! After this I had lots of very painful electrolysis. Finally I plucked up the courage to tell my parents that I wanted to be a girl. My mother in relief said, "So that's what's wrong with you". She was concerned that a sex change operation would be irreversible. I said, "This is the best thing about it, the more irreversible the better! No one could ever say YOU ARE A MAN ever again". My parents paid for my reassignment surgery, after which there was no stopping me. I managed to fulfil my biggest dream, to be a Showgirl in the chorus at the Teatro Apollo in Barcelona. After this I went to Germany and toured with the five thousand seat Circus Krone, tap dancing down silver staircases in huge ostrich feather headdress's, riding the elephants, ariel rope ballet and fire eating. After five years with the circus I moved on to work in many other shows around the world including England. I now love being at home which I share with my cat Lucy in Kent doing one night cabarets. The only thing missing at the moment is that 'special person' in my life. I love returning to my roots and appearing in the shows at The WayOut Club. Reading through this I am amazed at my achievements given that I am dyslexic, tone deaf and have two left feet. I consider myself a very lucky 'girl'. If I can do it, anyone can!

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