

MAKING A KING



SPECIAL GUEST OEDIPUSSI REX

WHAT'S A DRAG KING

A person - typically female-bodied - who dresses up in men's clothing and personifies male gender stereotypes for entertainment. Styles of performance can be anything including, but not limited to: comedy songs, political pieces and dance numbers.

historically, drag kings have been solely female artists who wear masculine drag, however, as the concept of gender has become more expansive, this definition has also expanded. Now, there are huge numbers of kings who are trans, non binary and even cisgender men, in the same way that there are huge varieties of people who perform as drag queens.



Magnus Bane

METHODS OF MALE IMPERSONATION

- Binding - Hiding one's breasts using tape, a binder or other methods.
- Packing - putting something in the pants to represent the presence of a penis.
- Facial hair - many kings use costume hair or clipping from their own heads affixed with spirit gum or eyelash glue to the face to imitate natural hair. Some kings choose to paint facial hair on using make-up or face paint instead.
- Contouring - using make-up to give the impression of a more masculine facial shape. This could include a stronger jaw, wider nose and less prominent cheekbones.
- Impersonation - a lot of kings will choose to study the way that men stand, walk or talk in order to give a more convincing performance as a man.
- Voice alteration - performers who speak or sing during their performances may choose to lower their vocal tone to sound more like a man.



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Venus Envy
by artist Sadie Lee



INTERVIEW WITH OEDIPUSSI REX

“We want this to be for everyone”

“It's quite freeing to be honest”

“make it as camp as possible”

“I make most of my costumes, so I'm more drawn to materials”

“people think drag has a load of rules, but the whole point is - it doesn't!”

“ You shouldn't try to be
anybody else and you
should feel free to be
whatever you want
to be.

That's the point of drag.”





“I'm a palette
cleanser”





“ The only rules there should be are:

- ★ don't be a knob head
- ★ if someone calls you out on being a knobhead, listen, adapt and don't do it again! ”

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