



2023 Drag Laureate of San Francisco Review Committee



Tina V. Aguirre is the director of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District. A documentary filmmaker, writer, and producer of art shows and artistic performances, Tina curated the Chosen Familias exhibition on LGBTQ Latinx family photo albums at the GLBT Historical Society Museum. They collaborated with Win Mixer to produce posters on their queer mother, Teresita, La Campesina, a transLatinx ranchera singer, sex worker, and activist. The posters were part of Pride is a Protest, a project of the San Francisco Arts Commission's Art on Market Street kiosk poster series.

Gabby Burgos-Colón is the Special Projects Associate for the Transgender District of San Francisco. Gabby is a non-binary Latine person from San Juan, Puerto Rico. They have over a decade of experience in strategic communications across multiple industries including health, fashion/art, entertainment, and politics. Gabby pioneered transgender representation in New Orleans City Hall as the first person under the trans umbrella to serve the city council. In addition, they played a key role in research and advocacy for a resolution passed by the council to make identification changes for trans and gender non-conforming individuals more accessible in New Orleans. They continue their work to empower the LGBTQ community in the city of San Francisco at the Transgender District.

VERA!/Vera Hannush is an Armenian-American drag king, co-host of the Rebel Kings of Oakland, the oldest drag king troupe on the West Coast, co-director of Drag Story Hour - Bay Area, and a member of SWANA Kings, Nine Inch Males, Reigning Men, Spinal Jam, Drag Lab (Queens of the Castro), and board member of Oaklash, the Bay Area Drag Festival. VERA! is a Counterpulse 2022 Performing Diaspora Resident, Mx. Starsearch 2022, drag father of 20, and the Bay Area Development Officer for Covenant House CA and Lead Volunteer Trainer on the LGBT National Hotline.

Landa Lakes is a Chickasaw writer, musician, activist and artist. She founded multiple drag performance groups in San Francisco. Her notable honors include the New York Fresh Fruit Festival Performance Award, KQED LGBT Local Hero Award, and Grand Duchess 36 of the Grand Ducal Council of San Francisco, a non-profit organization of which she serves on the executive board. She is the co-chair to the Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAIT-S) and is on the

board of the BAAIT-S Two Spirit Powwow. She co-founded the Weaving Spirits Native Art Festival.

Baby Shaques Munro is the vice chair of the Imperial Council of San Francisco Inc., the local, and founding chapter of a global community of drag royalty and community organizers that work to raise funds for much needed nonprofits around the globe. Baby got her start in San Francisco performing in Hayes Valley at the once famous Marlena's Bar, and has traveled the country and globe representing San Francisco Drag and our LGBTQIA+ community. Her drag style ranges from traditional glamor to campy silly fun. Baby is a former Miss Golden Gate of San Francisco, and was later elected by the public to be Absolute Empress 54 of San Francisco. She is a member of the legendary House of Munro, and can be found Emceeing and performing at private events, and fundraising events all over the Castro, and the SF Bay Area.

Michael T. Nguyen is a speaker, advocate, and community organizer, who serves on the LGBTQIA+ Advisory Committee of the SF Human Rights Commission. Michael is also chair emeritus of the GLBTQ+ Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA), an advocacy organization that envisions a powerful Queer, Trans, Asian and Pacific Islander (QTAPI) community. Michael's alter-ego drag persona, Juicy Liu (Miss GAPA 2016), performs regularly in San Francisco. In 2022, Michael was honored as a Pride Month Honoree by the California State Legislature, nominated by Senator Scott Wiener, for his work with the LGBTQ community in San Francisco.

Cristina E. Mitra (she/her/ella) is the program manager of the James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center of San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) where she directs programming, partnerships, and collections that reflect the diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community. Prior to this role, she dedicated a decade of service to San Francisco youth and families in Bayview Hunters Point as a children's librarian and citywide as the SFPL family engagement coordinator. Born to a working-class family of Mexican and Filipino immigrants, she is a lifelong resident of San Francisco and co-founded *Still Here San Francisco* in 2012, a cultural preservation project amplifying the creativity of LGBTQ2S+ BIPOC people raised in San Francisco. In 2016, San Francisco Human Rights Commission named her a Local Hero Award for this work. She graduated cum laude with a B.A. from Smith College and received her MLIS from San José State University. Connect with her on LinkedIn @CristinaMitra.

Sister Roma is a drag activist, fundraiser, writer, actor, and MC/Entertainer and is one of the most outspoken and colorful members of San Francisco's Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. A regular host on most of the city's grand stages from SF Pride to Easter in the Park, Roma has judged many pageants and contests. Her lifetime of performance art, activism and public

service has touched nearly every community in San Francisco. Her notable honors include the SFAF Cleve Jones Leadership Award, the Academy SF Legends Archive Honoree and a “Queeroes” Mural Honoree.

Victor Ruiz-Cornejo serves as a policy advisor to Mayor London Breed. In this role he has worked to secure millions of dollars for programs that serve the LGBTQ community, including a first in the nation effort to end transgender homelessness in San Francisco, and a guaranteed income program for transgender people.

Coma Te is the director of communications for the San Francisco Arts Commission. For the past 10 years, he has supported the LGBTQ+ community through community activism and philanthropy by way of his drag persona, Khmera Rouge. As Khmera, Te has held various community fundraising titles for LGBTQ+ oriented organizations, such as Queen of Hearts 2013 with the Grand Ducal Council of San Francisco, Miss GAPA 2013-2014 with GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), and with the Imperial Council of San Francisco in 2015, when Te was elected by the residents of San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin counties and reigned as Absolute Empress 50.

Shane Zaldivar serves as the manager of Training and Education for the San Francisco Office of Transgender Initiatives and since 2020 has trained thousands of city employees across all city departments on topics related to transgender communities. Shane is also an actor and performer including acting in the lead role in the historical and immersive play, “The Compton’s Cafeteria Riot.” She is also known in the local scene as the Pop Up Drag Queen; you can catch her in her sparkles dancing in front of the Ferry Building on select weekends.