

David LeBarron

Artist Profile

Part of West Hollywood's One City One Pride Queer Arts Festival

Name: David LeBarron but I answer to a variety of other names eg: sir.

City of Residence: I live in the glamorous and fashionable area known to insiders as Little Armenia or Scientology Center Adjacent. Try to keep your envy in check. (Hollywood)

Age: are you kidding? I'm struggling with age pride 😊 I'm 44



1) Who are you, where do you live, and what kind of art do you make?

I tell, write and teach stories, often fantastical in nature, to kids and adults. My work ranges from blue-humored adult monologues to a picture book for kids called *When Carrots Ruled the World*. Currently, I am performing a new piece of 4 original LGBT tales for families. I also perform while taking power-walks through Los Feliz and have been referred to as that weird bald guy who talks to himself.

2) How old were you when you came out, and what is your coming out story?

Oh honey. My coming out story is SOSOSOSOS boring. I was the kid who played Wonder Woman while the other kids played trucks. They skateboarded and I learned the score to Little Mary Sunshine. I was in college, talking to my Mom and she said, "you sound bummed?" I responded, "yea Kevin and I broke up." "that's too bad. Why don't you come home for dinner I'll make your favorite." Dad...well he had to be schooled a little. His pro-gun, anti-choice, anti-feminism, pro-limbaugh was/is much more difficult.

3) How does being queer affect your artwork?

I am proud to say it defines my lens. I know everyone wants to be accepted as a great artist not a "add minority here" Artist. As though being woman or queer or of a different color marginalizes your merit. I say it empowers it.

4) In your mind, what is gay pride and how do you celebrate it?

Is my Mom going to read this? I celebrate pride the old fashioned way. I drink the no-longer-trendy-but-still-yummy-cosmo and try to kiss as many men as humanly possible.

I actually adore Pride. I go as often as I can. Taking the streets to have a blast and let the world know you're happy and working on awesome, is a necessity. (I do it for St Patrick's day too.) As well, working in education, I know how necessary this kind of celebration is. It's not just for us. It's a beacon for all those kids who think they have nothing but shame.

5) Where can we see your artwork during the One City One Pride LGBT Arts Festival this year?

At Stories to Be Told on Wed. June 5th, 3:30 p.m. at the West Hollywood Library, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., free admission.

And at the Fathers Day Celebration on Sun, June 16th, 1 p.m. at West Hollywood Park, 625 N. San Vicente Blvd., Free Admission.

For more information, visit www.weho.org/pride or www.proud-kids.com

