

# Miss Barbie-Q

## Artist Profile

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

As a featured artist of a One City One Pride event, we would love if you would participate in our artist profile series. We'll be posting these artist profiles online as we ramp up for One City One Pride, and distributing them to local press for publicity purposes.

Name: **Miss Barbie-Q**

City of Residence: **Nowhere as of this moment.**

Age: **Old enough not to answer that!**



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

My name is Miss Barbie-Q and I am what I like to call a transformer. Others like to say female illusionist, drag queen, etc. As for living, I reside in Los Angeles and am looking for a place to call home. The kind of art I make varies. It could be all under the name of performance art, but I do host, sing along with a variety of things.

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

Well that is easy! Being a femme man to begin with, I was called all the names you can think of since I was a kid. I never really started to accept myself, my demeanor or who I truly am until I got older. Perhaps within the last 5 years or so, I have not embraced only my femininity, my masculinity, but understood and celebrate all of these evolving elements as well as my Blackness, my curviness, and the that my public persona and my personal persona were one and the same.

**3) How does being queer affect your artwork?**

It has taken me a while to get back to the take the word “queer” back. I have realized some issues within the LGBT community and the word queer has made me look at how I am viewed and what people see when they see me. It has made me more aggressive in my approach to what my performance will be and what I write, move and act.

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

In my mind everyday is queer pride! In how I present myself and how other interact with me. Same goes for Black pride and drag pride. I think it is always evolving according to my own personal standard. Because we are the standard!

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

"*Rumor Has It...*" premieres as part of the 2013 Highways Behold Series 2013 & One City Once Pride: West Hollywood Queer Arts Festival on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Plummer Park in West Hollywood. Free, \$5 dollar donation encouraged.

For more information, visit [www.weho.org/pride](http://www.weho.org/pride) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/560375047348711/?fref=ts>

