



Venus Boyz

Sunday August 11 / 9:30 pm / Pacific Cinematheque

Venus Boyz explores the performance of masculinity in NYC's vibrant Drag King scene. Interviews with lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered drag kings are interspersed with fabulously witty and thought-provoking performances, which explore and parody male sexuality and power.

Interviewees include drag king pioneer Diane Torr, Germany's Bridge Markland, Storme Webber and Dred Gerestant, a rising Haitian-American king whose acts cover race, gender and sexual identity stereotypes. The distinctions between drag and reality begins to blur as the film looks at a group of London-based individuals who are experimenting with testosterone-induced body modification. Here, Del LaGrace Volcano and friends seek new identities beyond the limits of man or woman, opting for terms such as intergendered and cyborg. *Venus Boyz* is an intimate look at individuals with the courage to create identities unconstrained by conventional labels.

In **Kings**, meet Montreal's Mambo Drag Kings, a dapper group of lip-synching lesbians who play with socially constructed notions of masculinity and celebrate the erotic power of playing it "butch".

— Gwen Haworth

Kings

Colleen Ayoup / Canada / 2001 / video / 22 mins

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Gabriel Baur / Switzerland-USA / 2001 / 35mm / 104 mins