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BEA DAZZLER presents (in association with the KLUBSTITUTE KOLLECTIVE)

FAUX QUEEN PAGEANT 2014:

Fashion Faux-ward!

The Original Pageant for Drag Queens Trapped in Women's Bodies

WHEN: Saturday, September 6, 2014
Doors & Bar Open @ 9:00, Pageant @ 10pm

WHERE: SOMArts
934 Brannan St, b/t 8 & 9, SF
SOMArts.org

TICKETS \$20 in advance (Cash Only) at Retrofit, 910 Valencia @ 20th, SF
\$25 at the Door (Cash Only)
\$35 VIP with Reserved Upfront Seating, Raffle Ticket and Pageant Poster

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September, San Francisco, CA -- Suit up this Fall in sartorial splendor! **Bea Dazzler** kicks off the season with the **Faux Queen Pageant: Fashion Faux-ward!**, the original contest for drag queens trapped in women's bodies. Dressed to kill, our contestants will hit below the belt and get you hot under the collar on Saturday, **September 6** at **SOMArts** Cultural Center, SF, as they compete for fabulous prizes and the 2014 title.

The Faux Queen Pageant is an "only-in-SF!" glamour contest founded in 1995 by Diet Popstitute and Ruby Toosday, continued by the KLUBSTITUTE KOLLECTIVE, that benefits many local community organizations. Originally intended for female female-impersonators, that is, women-dressed-as-men-dressed-as-women, the FQP has been restored to glory by title winner Bea Dazzler (FQ 1998), becoming a celebration for women drag performers in their own right, and a showcase of a groundbreaking talent.

This year, the theme is "Fashion Faux-ward!" where contestants will "sew" the seeds of the Coup Couture! Diva la revolución! We'll see which fashion has traction, and find out just who will beat the pants of whom. Contestants throw their hat into the ring and compete in two categories: **the Catwalk**, where style goes the extra mile, and **the Showcase**, where the faux fur flies and these ladies' talent will leave you shaking in your boots. Fauxs vie for fabulous prize packages donated from local vendors and artists--but only one will rise victorious and walk away with the ultimate prize, the title of FAUX QUEEN 2014!

PLEASE NOTE: Patrons can Tip the Scales!!! Audience Tips determine who gets the **Audience Favorite Award**.

Celebrity MCs are: the illustrious and First Faux Queen title holder, the indomitable **Laurie Bushman** aka **Coca Dietetica** (FQ 1995), and original faux queen and stylish entrepreneur behind the Glama-Rama Hair Salon, **Deena Davenport**.

Celebrity Judges include: Last year's title winner **Cara Couture** (FQ2013); Trannyshack's own **Heklina**; Miss Diva USofA, **Brandi Amara Skyy**; **Aunty Anita**; and pageant founder **Ruby Toosday**!

"The FQP has grown over the years into a now stunning display of eyelashes, sequins, and feathers. Oh, and of course drag queens trapped in the bodies of real girls, all battling it out for the coveted title. If last year's competition is anything to go by, this year will be further proof that it no longer matters what gender you are, just that once you set foot on that stage, you **MUST** bring it!"

-- Heklina, of trannyshack.com

"Not only is the FQP fun and incredible, it has historic importance, in that the Faux Queen phenomenon was born here, and is growing by leaps and bounds! I am so thankful that Bea Dazzler has brought it back!"

-- Deena Davenport, an Original Faux Queen and maven of the Glama-rama Hair Salon.

Faux Queen Pageant 2014 commences on Saturday, **September 6**, 2014 at **SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan**, SF. Doors & Bar @ 9pm; Pie Eating Contest @ 9:30; **Pageant @ 10pm**; Winner's Circle at 12mid. **Tickets are \$25** at the door and **\$20 in Advance** at **RetroFit, 910 Valencia** @ 20th, SF. Check FauxQueenPageant.blogspot.com for updates.

The FQP is produced by Bea Dazzler in association with KLUBSTiUTE KOLLECTiVE; and has raised tens of thousands of dollars for local organizations. This year's beneficiaries are **Mickaboo Companion Bird Rescue** (mickaboo.org), **SaveABunny** (saveabunny.org) and **Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent, Inc.** (womaninc.org).

Our fabulous Contestants include: **Agorafauxbia**, **Alabama Slamma**, **Ferosha Titties**, **Hazzard Strange**, **Linty**, **KaiKai Bee Michaels**, **Migitte Nielsen**, **Roxanne Redmeat**, **Miss Shugana**, and **Vesper Synd**.

Our generous Sponsors and selfless Donors include: **California Panache Pageant**, **ClubCard Printing**, **Foul Play Productions**, **Hare Brained Productions**, **Retro Fit**, **SOMArts Cultural Center**, and **Trannyshack**.

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ABOUT **BEA DAZZLER**: Tria Connell was born in Columbus Ohio "in the heart of it all". She received a BA in Fashion Design from the University of Cincinnati. Tria moved to SF after Graduation in 1995 where she set about finding her place in the universe. In 1996 she met Joshua Grannell and Peaches Christ, she was enamored by her

alternaDrag and began designing Costumes for Peaches and working on the long running *Midnight Mass with your Hostess Peaches Christ* event. to the present, she has done everything from perform on stage to costume design, to co-produce. In 1997 Tria was introduced by Joshua to a club called Trannyshack and something called a "Faux Queen" Thrilled that there was a way for her to perform onstage imitating a Drag Queen she adopted the name Bea Dazzler (after one of her favorite things, Sorvoski Crystal Rhinestones) and began performing. She entered and Won the 4th annual Faux Queen Pageant in 1998. Today Tria continues to produce the Faux Queen Pageant, bringing it to a new generation of Faux Queens, as well as designing one of a kind costumes for San Francisco's Drag Stars!

ABOUT THE KLUBSTITUTE KOLLECTiVE: Since 1995, KLUBSTITUTE KOLLECTiVE continues to parade the glamour and the gore in honor of a rich tradition. We strive to set the stage for underground Queer Cabaret, wacky theme parties and kinky drag performances. We founded the KLUBSTITUTE KOLLECTiVE to continue these non-traditional traditions after the passing of our inspiration and founder DIET POPSTITUTE in 1995 who created and sustained a legendary line-up of freaks, performers and events to make the most jaded queens come out in joyful celebrations of abandonment. Productions have included the theatrical megahit ROCKY HORROR SUPERSTAR: the Jesus of Frankenfurter Story, PromSTITUTE, Ruby's Rated X-Mas and the VIRGIN QUEEN CONTEST for 1st Time Drag Queens. We are honored to pass the Faux Queen Pageant torch into such capable hands, and look forward to all the drink tickets we'll be getting.

ABOUT MICKABOO COMPANION BIRD RESCUE: Mickaboo is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization located in the San Francisco Bay area. We are dedicated to rescuing companion birds (parrot-type and other commonly domesticated birds) who have been neglected, abused, injured or surrendered to us. mickaboo.com

ABOUT SAVEABUNNY: SaveABunny was founded in 1999 following the rescue of a neglected stray rabbit, and has grown into a nationally recognized adoption, education and foster center. We are recognized as a leader in rabbit rescue efforts, as well as a model for building effective partnerships with animal shelters and community groups, such as the Girl Scouts. saveabunny.org

ABOUT WOMEN ORGANIZED TO MAKE ABUSE NONEXISTENT, INC (WOMAN, Inc): WOMAN, Inc. has operated since 1978 as a community-based, multi-service agency, serving survivors of domestic violence in San Francisco and the larger Bay Area. womaninc.org