

Flavors of Drag

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Drag queens can be subdivided into different categories such as:

- Highly camp drag queens, who employ a drag aesthetic based on clown-like values like exaggeration, satire, dirty jokes, putting on airs, and so forth. Divine is an example of a camp queen.
- Some drag queens, though not as outré as camp queens, employ highly exaggerated feminine personae. The famous American drag queen RuPaul has said, "I do not impersonate females! How many women do you know who wear seven inch heels, four foot wigs, and skintight dresses?"
- Some drag queens exaggerate in the dimension of elegance and fashion, employing jewelry and beautiful gowns. The Lady Chablis, who can be seen in the movie "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" is an example of this type of performer. Many such drag queens impersonate specific actresses and other pop divas, such as Cher, Madonna, Celine Dion, and so forth.
- Some drag queens either do not perform or perform only rarely. Their forte is participating in pageants, hence the term pageant queen. Pageant queens gear their act toward winning titles and prizes in various contests and pageantry systems. Some of these have grand prizes that rival those of pageants such as Miss America.