

Harmonica Sunbeam, The Comedy Queen, has been delighting audiences at nightclubs, cabarets, and fundraising events throughout the United States and abroad for over 27 years.

Miss Sunbeam showcases her unique ability to uplift, encourage and engage children through the **Drag Queen Story Hour** program where drag queens go into libraries, bookstores, festivals and other events to read books to kids of all ages. Since the inception of DQSH in the New York area, Miss Sunbeam has been featured in the NY Times and also interviewed for a **now viral video on Buzzfeed**.

She is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and has been featured on several television shows and films including The Deuce, Honey, and Please Give. Miss Sunbeam has also worked alongside noted musical artists such as Beyonce, Mary J. Blige and Jennifer Holiday. She was featured on the season finale of Saturday Night Live as a backup dancer for artist Katy Perry performing her hit single "Swish Swish".

Harmonica entered the world of music with three independently produced club singles: "Ready to Pump", "I'm Here To Work" and the latest "This Is The Beat."

Despite her busy schedule, Miss Sunbeam still finds time to assist and work with many community-based LGBTQI organizations such as Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice, NJCRI, Jersey City Pride, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation and AAOGC. Her commitment to being a positive role model in today's selfish world clearly speaks for itself.

## About



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Drag Queen Story Hour is a wonderful addition to the New York Public Library's early literacy programming. This inclusive program, conducted by Harmonica Sunbeam, celebrates both diversity and positivity in the form of an engaging and developmentally responsive story hour. She captures the attention of her audience and is able to hold it by providing opportunityies for interactivity, music, and movement. Harmonica Sunbeam delivers her story hours with contagious, upbeat energy. I would highly recommend a Drag Queen Story Hour led by Harmonica Sunbeam to any library looking to offer high quality and unique programming to their patrons!

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#### Harmonica Sunbeam has the unique ability to engage audiences of all ages and types through her quick mind and splendid gift of repartee. Her comedic talent is undeniable and she can assess an audience and tailor her performance at the drop of a hat. I've had the pleasure of working with Harmonica over the last four years as the Co-Producer of the Jersey City LGBT Pride Festival and as an event producer in Jersey City, and I can attest to her talent and level of professionalism. Recently, I worked with a team to bring Drag **Queen Story Hour with Harmonica Sunbeam to the WORD** Jersey City bookstore, and the event was so successful that she will be performing at WORD again during the Jersey **City Pride Festival week. Having witnessed how Harmonica** engaged the children and parents during the story hour, I can only hope that she will be able to continue spreading her message of love, acceptance and understanding for years to

#### **Eddie Baez** Jersey City Pride Coordinator

#### **Eva Shapiro** NYPL Early Literacy Coordinator

Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) is just what it sounds like -drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores. DQSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models. In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish, where dress up is real.

Created by Michelle Tea and RADAR Productions in San Francisco, DQSH now happens regularly in LA, New York, New Jersey and San Francisco, and events are popping up all over the world!

## Featured in:

The New York Times

Drag Queen Story Hour Puts the Rainbow in Reading The Kids Gag for Harmonica Sunbeam As She Reads

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Drag queens read to kids, spreading message of acceptance, and some adults don't like that

## POPSUGAR.

Drag Queen Story Hour Isn't Just Entertaining Kids – It's Opening Parents' Minds, Too

Drag Queen Story Hour



#### Ready to work with Harmonica Sunbeam?

Miss Sunbeam is currently available for bookings - both in-person and virtually - of all kinds. From hosting events such as Bingo Nights to officiating weddings, Harmonica brings her ray of light where she goes. For booking, please reach out at harmonicasunbeam@gmail.com.

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