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# VARIETY SHOW

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## **KELLY MANTLE**



**KELLY MANTLE** can be seen in the feature film *Confessions of a Womanizer*, for which they made Oscars history by being the first person ever to be approved and considered by The Academy for both Supporting Actor and Supporting Actress. This makes Kelly the first openly non-binary person to be considered for an Oscar. They are also featured in the movie *Middle Man* and just wrapped production on the upcoming feature film, *God Save The Queens* in which Kelly is the lead in.

TV: Guest-starred on numerous shows, including Lucifer, Modern Family, Curb Your Enthusiasm, CSI, The New Normal, New Adventures of Old Christine, Judging Amy, Nip/Tuck, Will & Grace, George Lopez. Recurring: NYPD Blue. Featured in LOGO's comedy special DragTastic NYC, and a very small co-star role on Season Six of RuPaul's Drag Race.

STAGE: Kelly has starred in more than 50 plays. They wrote and starred in their critically acclaimed solo show, *The Confusion of My Illusion*, at the Los Angeles LGBT Center.

As a singer, songwriter, and musician, Kelly has released four critically acclaimed albums and is currently working on their fourth. Kelly grew up in Oklahoma like their uncle, the late great Mickey Mantle. (Yep...Kelly's a switch-hitter, too.) Kelly received a B.F.A. in Theatre from the University of Oklahoma and is a graduate of Second City in Chicago.

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**ALEXANDRA BILLINGS** is an actress, teacher, singer, and activist. She is among the first openly transgender women to play a transgender character on television, which she did in the 2005 made-for-TV movie *Romy and Michele: In the Beginning*. She is one of the first openly trans people (if not the first) to be cast in a trans role on Broadway (*Nap*). Last September (2019) Alexandra returned to Broadway as the first trans performer to star in *Wicked*. Alexandra is also a professional singer who performs in theaters and nightclubs throughout the United States.

TV: Transparent, Goliath, How to Get Away With Murder, Grey's Anatomy, From Schoolboy to Showgirl: The Alexandra Billings Story.

FILM: Paddleton, Valley of the Bones

THEATRE: Wicked, Nap, S/He & Me, Seussical, Berlin Circle, A Doll's House, Trojan Women, Gyspy, Vampire Lesbians of Sodom Awards: HRC Visibility Award, TPA Awards, Rainbow Spirit Awards, Chicago Gay & Lesbian Hall of Fame, After Dark Award, Joseph Jefferson Award.

 ${\bf Moderator, Transgender\ Awareness\ Month\ panel, the\ Obama\ White\ House.}$ 

Professor of Theatre Arts, USC. Viewpoints Associate, Steppenwolf Theatre.

Married to high school sweetheart Chrisanne Blankenship-Billings

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**GIO BRAVO**, a Mexican-American transgender man, was born and raised in Southern California, which is where he first found his love for music. Not only is Gio the first trans person in the Regional Mexican music genre, but he also founded his own LGBTQ based clothing brand called Insurgent Couture. Gio's dream is to continue to fight for visibility for transgender people and the LGBTQ community in mainstream media through his passion for music. <a href="https://listen.tidal.com/artist/8929261">https://listen.tidal.com/artist/8929261</a>



**SHEA DIAMOND** Singer/songwriter, human rights activist, founder of Shea Diamond LLC. Nominated for the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Music Artist, recipient of the Blacktie Dinner Visibility Award, the 2018 Courage Award, and the 2019 Youth Impact Award. Shea wrote and recorded such LGBT! Anthems as "I Am Her," "American Pie," and "I Am America," which became the theme song for the HBO series *We're Here*. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/iamsheadiamond/">https://www.instagram.com/iamsheadiamond/</a>

**D'LO** is a queer/transgender Tamil-Sri Lankan-American actor/writer/comic. D'Lo's television roles have included: *Looking, Transparent, Sense 8,* and *Mr. Robot,* and web series *Eastsiders, Dyke Central* including a leading role in a ColorCreative & Project Greenlight produced *Minimum Wage.* He also plays the role of Gio in upcoming feature film *Death & Bowling.* He is currently in development on a scripted series based on his life through Sameer Gardezi's Break The Room (BTR) Media and Paul Feig's Powderkeg Media.

His solo *shows Ramble-Ations, D'FunQT, D'FaQTo Life,* and *To T, or not To T* have toured theaters and festivals nationally. He is currently working on his latest solo called *Queer Noise* with support from CTG's Library Series and Los

Angeles LGBT Center. <u>dlocokid.com imdb.me/dlocokid</u> • <u>dlocokid.com</u> • <u>instagram.com/dlocokid</u>

FLAVIA is one of Pop's most exciting new artists. She was celebrated by Billboard on her video release for her single, 'Til I Die", which reached almost a million views in the first month. She won the Grand Prize in the John Lennon Songwriting competition for her song "Expectations" and was a finalist in the Great American Song Contest.

Flavia is an electronic singer-songwriter and producer. She grew up in Ireland, Italy, and has lived in just about every corner of the US before landing in LA.

There is a tangible strength in her music, an unapologetic curiosity about life, love and sexuality. Layered over fluid and powerful beats that make you dance hips first. Eyes closed, middle finger up, smile on your face.

Her live show is a high energy sonic and visual experience. She commands an audience with her thundering spirit and powerful stage presence. <a href="http://www.flavia.la/">https://www.instagram.com/flaviaspeaks/</a>

"People who bore witness to this ceremonial perfection will undoubtedly be forever illuminated." - Geo Metro Party

"The song radiates positivity, and so does Flavia. She's an activist advocating for social issues such as LGBTQ+ equality, and creating community for other female pop artists in Los Angeles." - Pink Things Magazine



**JAKK FYNN** (he/him) is a transmasculine Latinx pop artist committed to redefining masculinity. He grew up in Southern California and has his musical roots in pop-punk and post-hardcore. He released his debut 5-track ep "Cancelled" in February 2020, accompanied by a few music videos that premiered in Billboard, Huffpost and the Advocate. <a href="https://www.jakkfynn.com/">https://www.jakkfynn.com/</a> <a href="https://www.jakkfynn.com/">https://www.jakkfynn.com/</a>



ABDULLAH HALL Since 2018, Abdullah "Abby" Hall (They, Them, Theirs) has been the Artistic Director of the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles (TCLA), America's premiere all Trans-identified chorus. A multifaceted Enby, singer, actor, writer, producer, and CEO of the Hollywood Disruptor changing the status quo in the entertainment business.

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IAN HARVIE is a veteran standup comedian who made his acting debut in the critically acclaimed, Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning TV series *Transparent*. Harvie has gone on to guest star on numerous shows, including: *Will & Grace, Young and Hungry*, and *Mistresses*. He made his Broadway theater debut starring in the in the political comedy *Log Cabin* at Playwrights Horizons, alongside fellow star Jesse Tyler Ferguson. Ian has a one-hour comedy special titled *May the Best Cock Win*, currently airing on Stars Network, and he just completed the "whodunnit" comedy TV pilot *Agoraphobics Detective Society*, filmed entirely from home due to the Covid19 pandemic, due out in May 2020. https://www.ianharvie.com/ https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3719520/



**OUR LADY J** is an Emmy-nominated writer and producer, currently writing on Ryan Murphy's hit TV series *Pose*. After a career of making music in both the pop and classical worlds (Sia, American Ballet Theatre, Mark Morris Dance Group), Our Lady J transitioned to writing and producing on the Golden Globe ® and Emmy ®-winning series *Transparent*. Our Lady J holds the honor of being the first out trans woman to perform at Carnegie Hall, as well as the first out trans writer to be hired in a television writers' room. She has been awarded two Peabody Awards, two American Film Institute Awards, and has been nominated for three Writers Guild Awards and an NAACP Image Award. <a href="https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3292107/">https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3292107/</a>



**EZRA MICHEL** is an LA-based queer folk musician and songwriter. He draws on his personal experience with gender, queerness, and many other intersections of his identity as a Latinx trans man to write powerfully simple songs that will tug at your heartstrings and make you laugh all at once. He finds beauty in contradiction and resides in a space where light and dark coexist in a cute little harmony where his art blooms.

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**CLEAR MORTIFEE** is a genre-fluid, non-binary recording artist hailing from Vancouver, Canada. They demonstrate their creative vision through transpirituality and erotic sanctification, initiating an important evolution in the narrative surrounding trans + femme joy, sexuality, and art. Featured by Oprah, MTV, Forbes, and The Fader, and with over six million streams on Spotify alone, Clear channels music that is poignantly suited for our times.

<a href="https://www.instagram.com/clearmortifee/">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4LVH8qSpAbLejyRnW1Uaaw</a>



**SHANE IVAN NASH** In addition to releasing two self-produced albums and appearing on *Transparent, Glee,* and *LGBT Love Stories,* Shane is a board member for various organizations, led the Trans Lives Matter march in Hollywood, The Trans Pride march in San Diego, The LA PRIDE parade, and the is Founder of The Trans Unity Rally in West Hollywood. From winning 2018's best LA DJ to the formation of the Trans Chorus of Los Angeles, Nash has had an endless impact on Los Angeles with years of action under his belt and numerous projects. He has become a staple in his community as an activist, artist, and leader. <a href="https://www.instagram.com/shaneivannash/">https://www.instagram.com/shaneivannash/</a>



**DELIA DANAE RAWDON** is an out and visible Transgender Actress, Writer, Musician, Public Speaker and Performance Artist living in Los Angeles with her wife and three children. She can be seen in hit TV Shows, her writing is published in several prominent LGBT publications, her electronic music has been performed in clubs from coast to coast, her speaking engagements include a TEDx Talk, and her Performance Art has sold out shows across Los Angeles and Las Vegas. She is also the curator of Juggle for Wellness an empowerment workshop that aims to teach the Basics of Three Ball Juggling to the LGBT Community. An Advocate for the Transgender Community, Delia focuses her talents on Social Justice and empowering others to be the best version of themselves.

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The **TRANS CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES** Since 2015, Trans Chorus of Los Angeles-TCLA has made an impact in the choral world by using our unique voices to be visible, bold, and proud. TCLA is the premiere all Trans-identified chorus in America. We are a Chorus of transgender, gender nonconforming, gender non-binary, gender fluid, and intersex individuals. We celebrate diversity and acceptance in appearance and vocal presentation so that others can see and feel the joy we share. Through our music we bring to everyone awareness, understanding, power, and victory for the Trans community.

Our vision is, through song and our voices, to embrace all members of the trans community and to bring awareness of

the trans experience by developing understanding, caring and support in the community at large.

"Music helps us share ourselves, our dignities and sorrows, our hopes and joys. It allows us to hear one another, to invite each other in. Music shows us that all of it matters, every story within every voice, every note within every song."

-Michelle Obama/2019 Grammy Awards

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