



Garbo Dreams

Workshop Detail:

- **Opening:** Five minutes from the play *Garbo Dreams*
- **Students share what they know about Old Hollywood**
- **Discussion about why succeeding in the studio system environment as a LGBTQ person and a woman required extraordinary strength and intelligence**
- **Select stories from: Greta Garbo, Tallulah Bankhead, Mae West, Joan Crawford and Mercedes de Acosta**
 - Throughout the stories each student performs select quotes from one of the divas
 - After each story the group tracks the lessons they can take from each of the legends
- **Performing their own:** each student performs write a letter to the head of their school in the voice from one of the divas



About the Presenter:

Lauren LoGiudice is an accomplished writer, actor and activist, who creates solo work to explore identity, most recently focusing on Old Hollywood.

*Lauren is based in NYC and has performed her solo work with Michele Tea in San Francisco, Stockholm Pride in Sweden, NYC HOT festival, and throughout the U.S. You can see Lauren in several broadcast commercials and numerous film and television spots. After the theatrical release of the feature film, *When Harry Tries to Marry*, Lauren was singled out as a rising star. Look out for her in the upcoming gay romantic comedy, *Beautiful Something*. Her work has been featured by *The New York Times*, *BBC*, *Curve Magazine*, *Next Magazine*, *Roma C'e*, amongst others.*

Lauren has been an activist in the LGBT communities almost immediately after coming out: she founded the queer alumni network at Wesleyan University; started the first GSA and HIV awareness class at a high school in Oakland, CA; and received the William H. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India to work on HIV education in the Hijra (transgender), gay, and lesbian communities. Lauren continues her activism through her performance career by supporting LGBT organizations, such as Campus Pride, GLAAD and Work/Life Matters. Lauren also produced the annual Golden Girls NYC tribute to benefit SAGE (she plays Rose – klingen spritzr flaken gugen floogen).