

# Garbo Dreams



Interactive Lectures and Performance on  
LGBTQ Lineage in Vintage Hollywood

## Queer Heroes

Take the Stage for Modern Activism

**A workshop experience that takes you back to the golden age of Hollywood where you meet LGBT women who made their stamp. Through performance, engagement and group exercises you'll access empowering tools for activism.**



*"Lauren brings an iconic woman to life and makes one feel as though they were an intimate friend of Garbo. Invite her and feel the magic of insider time travel."*

**- Greta Schiller, Emmy Award winner, "Paris Was a Woman" and "Before Stonewall"**



*"It helped me really see that we've always been around. That history tries so hard to re-write this and wipe out our identities."*

**- Luna V., student**



*"Everyone has strengths and weaknesses and that in order to be an effective activist you have to find out what yours are."*

**- Lauren Block, student**



*"This workshop shows how the lives of strong-willed LGBTQ and allied members of Old Hollywood can teach a lot about impassioned and practical activism to the movers and shakers of today. I took away a sense of self-pride from this workshop, and the idea that sometime you have to be uncompromising to be your own--and your community's--best advocate."*

**- Austin Greitz, student**

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## Workshop Detail:

- **Opening:** Five minutes from the play *Garbo Dreams*
- **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 creates a piece of writing in the voice of one of the actors they learned about.



## 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*, *McSweeney's*, *America Oggi*, *La Voce di New York*, *Curve Magazine*, *Next Magazine*, *Roma C'e*, amongst others.*

*You can see Lauren in several broadcast commercials and numerous film and television roles, including *Veep*.*

*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 J. Clinton, not William H. Clinton 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 – klingenspritzflagen gugen floogen).*

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## Vintage Hollywood Women:

### Lessons in Living a Fabulous Creative Life

**There's a delicious mix of sheroes—many on the LGBTQ spectrum—who roared onto the scene in the 1920s and '30s and took early Hollywood by storm.**

*Diverse as these women were in personality, talent, and achievement, their respective legacies hold powerful shared themes. These bold women knew how to truly get it done—as actors, writers, producers, and directors.*

*We can use their wisdom to conquer the 21st-century challenges that we face. You'll leave this interactive workshop ready to live your most fabulous creative life.*

## TESTIMONIALS:

*"I loved learning about LGBT/ally women in Old Hollywood in order to inspire you to lead a bolder, fiercer life."*

**-Clare M., student**

*"It is such an empowering workshop, you learn about so much that you don't usually get to hear about. You get to learn about the women of Vintage Hollywood that really helped paved the way."*

**-Sean P., student**

*"I left thinking about how we all need to be comfortable in our own skin. It also applies to self-image and accepting yourself as you are whether overweight or skinny, tall or short."*

**-Laura P., student**