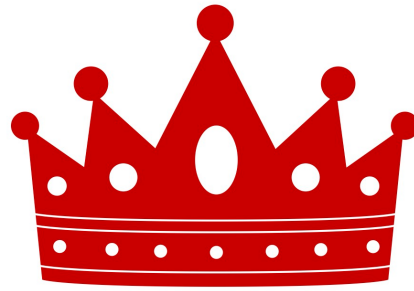


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# *The Art of Drag*

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Your dancing intern is back at it again with more fun news. I have received a grant to help fund my project!

Art to Change the World's interns or the Glitter Renaissance Group (GRG), have many creative projects in the works. We will be running an art support group run on Discord, exhibition about experiences related to autism, wellness expo that includes many art-based vendors, exhibition on wild edible plants, a young artist short film showcase, and a drag show.

If you are wondering why I say dancing intern not only is that just who I am it also relates to my project. From that wonderful list of glitter projects, the drag show is what I am working on. You're in a for a fun night because I'm not just running the show, I am performing as a drag king in it. "The Art of Drag" will be happening in summer 2023 at Black Hart of St. Paul.

There is a reason we are called Art to Change the World, our projects actually make a difference. Not only will my drag show be entertaining it will also teach you about how deep social justice runs in the history of the art of drag. From outfits to dance moves to makeup they all have a story to tell. Inclusivity is top priority so you will get to see a diverse group of drag performers. The show will be wheelchair accessible, have interpreters, and be live streamed to make sure everyone can enjoy it.

To bring this vision to life I have been on the hunt for grants. Finding funding is not always easy but my hard work is starting to pay off, quite literally in fact. While researching I came across an intriguing organization called the Awesome Foundation. They support all kinds of projects and want to help get your unique ideas out there. In connection with the Harnisch Foundation the different chapters of the Awesome Foundation are able to give out \$1,000 grants.

It is exciting to be working with the Awesome Without Borders (AWB) chapter. I can personally attest to how much the Awesome Foundation actually lives up to its name. I'm officially an AWB grantee, which makes me one step closer to having a fully funded project.

Can't wait to put on an AWESOME drag show!

Find out more about this grant at: [awesomewithoutborders.org/grant/the-art-of-drag/](https://awesomewithoutborders.org/grant/the-art-of-drag/)

GRG is still looking for funding so please check out our GoFundMe:  
[gofundme.com/f/acw-interns-change-world](https://gofundme.com/f/acw-interns-change-world)

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