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ICNY has been busier than ever in the past few months. We have done much work and have many accomplishments to be proud of!

On April 4th ICNY Members participated in the annual **Easter Parade** on 5th Ave. We passed out candy and literature spreading the word about the work we do.

Our very own songstress La Diva hosted **Big Hearts Big Voices @ San Martin**, a benefit for Hearts and Voices. The food was great. Diva brought many of her talented friends to sing for us. It was a wonderful and elegant affair.

On April 24 our monarchs hosted **Investitures @ Libation** in the East Village. We all celebrated the new reign with brunch, awards, titles and elevations. Then we headed to Stonewall for a cocktail thanks to Tree.

The very next day we had a **Hearts and Voices** at Housing works. Twinkle Montgomery hosted the show with special guest Morgan James from Toronto.

A new ICNY event **Disco 2010** was held May 8 @ Touch. This was a 70's themed party with performances, raffles & silent auctions. High Maintenance and Miguel Oso D'desnudo hosted and performed. Guest Ariel Gibbs-Starr Devaroux gave a special performance. This event raised much needed funds for Trinity Place and New Alternatives.

It was a beautiful evening on May 15 when we met to **Glitter in the Garden**. Audra Fox and her partner Kevin opened their beautiful Brooklyn townhouse and garden for this ICNY benefit for Sylvia Rivera Law Project. The evening was co-hosted by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgences.

May 16, many of us headed to the Upper West Side for the **Aids Walk**. Fanny Fondue led the group in Flower Power Style, as we were cheer-leaders and posed for photos w the walkers.

May 20 we participated in **Tulips and Pansies @ Gotham Hall**. Congrats

to T.M.I.S.M Empress Farrah Moans and Emperor Jack. Both won awards!

New Member Lady Moist Towelette hosted **Carnival Boricua** June 12 @ Escuelita, this was a show of "Legendary Divas" and benefited the Latino/as Unidos de Nueva York (LUNY). Great to have so many active new members. Welcome to the family!

Callen Lourde invited ICNY, June 14 to **Walk on the Wild Side**. We always enjoy adding a bit of glam to their annual fundraiser @ Central Park Zoo.

Our Monarchs had the honor of officially kicking off pride week in NYC. June 19th **Pride Rally @ Rumsey Field**, Central Park.

On June 20th Cherry Grove Ice Palace hosted our annual **Drag Tag Sale** on Fire Island. This event raises money for our parade float. Great job!

H.M.I.S.M. Jack is to be commended for our outstanding **Pride Parade Float**. This year ICNY rode in style as our float was covered in real flowers. Special thanks to Brian Fischer, and Emperor JP Licari of Connecticut and all who participated. It was truly a Flight of Fancies!

On Jul 4th the legendary Fire Island celebrity Empress Panzi welcomed the Court to join the **Invasion of the Pines**. It's an amazing event that is not to be missed!

Dowager Monarchs Tony Monteleone and Anne Tique found a fabulous new venue this year for **Christmas In July - Vig 27** on Jul 19. The show was lots of fun. Special thanks to recording artist Ari Gold for stopping by to perform live. Jack's show stopping finale "12 Days of Christmas" was a hoot!

Emperor Rob Hunter De Woofs and H.R.H. Princess Royale Twinkle Montgomery hosted **Jersey Girls VI** Jul 25 at Paradise. Real housewife of NY Alex McCord dropped in for a visit and stayed for the weekend. This show and raffle raised money for the Center in NJ.

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More than two dozen members of the ICNY kicked off Pride month with a trip to Lexington, Kentucky for the 45th Anniversary Gala of the International Court System. Joining more than two hundred other guests from around North America, the members of ICNY formed the largest single delegation at this formal event. Chaired by Empress and Heir Apparent Nicole Diamond, who would be stepping down as Regent Empress of Kentucky later in the weekend, the Gala featured speakers L. Stuart Milk, nephew of Harvey Milk and founder of the Harvey Milk Foundation, and Judy and Dennis Shepard, founders of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.



Guests gathered for a glittering cocktail hour on the tenth floor of Lexington's World Trade Center, which featured a silent auction (coordinated by New York Citizen for Life, Empress The Lovely Suzanne of Portland), string quartet, formal photo opportunities and more rhinestones than one could shake a stick at.

Upon moving into the dining room, guests fanned out to find their tables and prepared for the entrance of the Heirs.

As New York was the largest contingent, our own tables were scattered throughout the room, helping us reach out, build bridges and make new friends with courtiers from around the system.



The Gala formally began with a fanfare and a great parade of the Heirs Apparent. Your humble correspondent has no memory of the last time he saw so much crimson fabric used to so regal a purpose. More than twenty of Nicole the Great's Heirs had come to fete the system and celebrate on this gala occasion.

For New York's courtiers, however, the evening was about more than speeches and the

inevitable rubber chicken. Five of our own were being honored tonight, and we were here to celebrate them.

Gary Cosgrove, Emperor X Gabriel Della Notte, was one of five recipients of this year's Jose Honors, the highest acknowledgement the ICS can give to a member of the organization.

Glenn Silver, our own Princess Royale Bonbon LaRue, was named one of only eleven International Court Courtiers, members of the system who are not monarchs, but whose tireless dedication forms a backbone of our organization.

Mark Costanzo and James Luppino, Emperor XV Fantasia and Prince Royal James, were honored as one of Ten Royal Couples of the Decade, celebrating both their commitment to each other (28 years!), and to the ICS.

Finally, though formally named Queen Mother of All New York at Night of a Thousand Gowns in March, Empress VII Coco LaChine joined six other Icons and Legends of the ICS who also received lifetime "Queen Mother" titles.

As a humble courtier of these fabulous leaders, I was proud to be in Lexington, proud to be a member of the ICNY, and proud that our organization continues to be a shining star – thank you Gary, Glenn, Mark, James and Charles for all that you do for New York and the greater system.





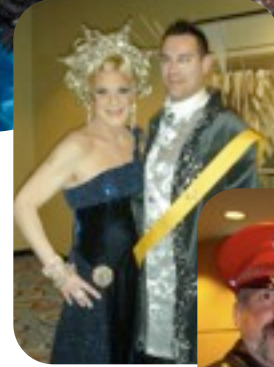
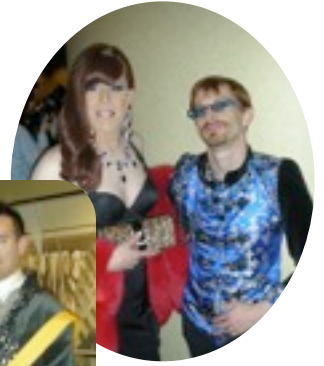
The 24th annual Night of a Thousand Gowns, on March 27, 2010, in so many ways reached a pinnacle of triumph for the ICNY, notably for Their Most Imperial and Sovereign Majesties Emperor XVIII Tony Monteleone and Empress XXIII Anne Tique whose impressive reign (the second for each) came to a spectacular end beginning with the rousing opening number *Tony Anne Tique's Wedding*, under the direction of H.I.M. Empress X Ran-Dee. Their "final" walks in Act III marked the end of a year dedicated to service on behalf of the ICNY, the International Court System and countless beneficiaries in and beyond New York City.

On behalf of beneficiaries Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS and God's Love We Deliver, ICNY's Executive Board of Directors, Executive Producers Mark Costanzo and Mario Mulea, committees and chairs, College of Monarchs and members-at-large prepared for months to mount a memorable event that defies encapsulation. Each of three acts provided moment after moment of pleasure for our guests, as listed in the elegant dinner journal, designed and produced by the tireless Richard Becker aka H.I.M. Empress XIX Robin Kradles, with Editors Tom Eversmann aka H.R.H. Prince Royal Dick de Wilde and Keith Hershberger aka H.G. Duchess Audra Fox. We encourage readers to read the journal, a lasting reminder of NOATG 2010, a testament to the hours of effort for which we can be proud.





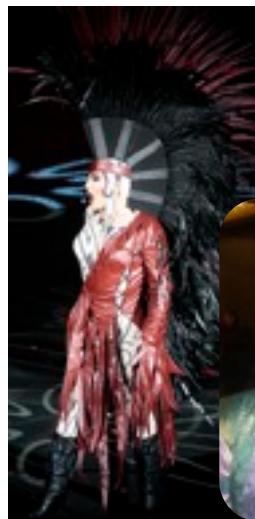
NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS (CONT.)



Highlights include presentation of the Imperial Diamond Award to Lt. Dan Choi and the Decade Walks of T.M.I.M. Emperor X Gabriel Della Notte and Empress XIV Victoria V. Weston. Performers included Drag Artist Jesse Volt, Storyteller/Monologist Miss Coco Peru, Broadway Star Terri White, and Recording Artists Kelly King, Crystal Waters and Kristine W. By Imperial Command, the phenomenal Broadway Bares danced into our hearts with a riveting performance in the second act.

We were graced by the presence of the Founder of the Imperial Court System H.I.M., Absolute Empress I of San Francisco, José, The Widow Norton and H.I.M., The Queen Mother of the Americas Nicole the Great.

T.M.I.S.M. Emperor XIX Jack *The Platinum Emperor of Justice, Understanding, Sincerity and Tolerance* and Empress XXIV Farrah Moans *The Temptress Empress* made their entrances truly memorable; Jack's with his faithful entourage (including his lap dog Sadie) channeling inspiration from the designs of Erté, and Farrah accompanied by an energetic and colorful array of superheroes and faeries. The Viennese Dessert Buffet and Dancing concluded the formal aspects of the evening, but the memories linger on for all those in attendance, the hundreds who worked to make it happen, the dedicated Monarchs both out-going and in-coming, for whom ICNY is eternally grateful.





FLIGHTS OF FANCY AND SUPERHEROES RULE HER WORLD.

BY VIN D. CATION

The story of how Farrah Moans got her name is pretty well known. While reading about the Blind African Rat, she learned that the queen “urinates where the other females eat and sleep so the males will reject them and desire only her.” What is less known is the story of Chris Crouch, the face behind the face of the current Empress of ICNY.

Chris, one of seven children, grew up on an Alfalfa farm in Christmas Valley, Oregon. “It was hard work, back breaking stuff” according to Chris, “We used heavy machinery.” As early as eleven, Chris was driving a tractor. He spent his summers harvesting hay, which his father then sold to dairy farmers.

“We eventually lost the farm, due to Regonomics,” said Chris. Soon afterwards, he left the farm in the mid ‘80’s for Portland to attend culinary school. There he met a woman from New York, who used to tell him, “I know you’re Gay, why don’t you just come out?” Linda Giarattaani turned out to be a very close friend. “You need to be in New York City,’ she would tell me.”

Finally Chris decided New York City was the place for him. Catering was not, however, He got a job as a purchasing agent in an advertising firm. He then moved on to the Ford Foundation and, finally, on to Sequoia.

Sequoia was a major turning point in Chris’ career, because they sold jewelry. “That’s where I discovered my deep unexplored love of sparkly things.” So he went to work for Larry Vrba, his “mentor for costume jewelry.” For four years he has manufactured and designed for Larry. This newfound love would be more than just a career choice; Chris would find Farrah Moans too.

As a child he would dress up with a friend. Together they discovered an abandoned house with a trunk full of clothes that they would try on. As an adult he did drag perhaps two times a year, before joining ICNY in 2005. Now he is Empress.

“The coronation was everything I wanted it to be.” According to Chris, “It was uniquely me and entertaining.” Both of those words seem to describe it accurately in that Chris “turned the walk around.” Most ICP’s march up to the stage from the audience so they can walk to the College of Monarchs. But Farrah walked to the audience and then back to the College. Furthermore, Farrah emerged from a box with 20 foot wings extending up and out like a magical butterfly being born. This while surrounded by a host of super heroes and ferries.

Magic and ferries is a popular theme for Farrah. The Gay Pride float was titled “Flights of Fancy,” which was nominated for Most Original Float by the Gay Pride Heritage.

Now that June is over, Chris hopes to set up an on line fundraising site on ebay and complete complete his dream of a Junior Court. He is working to bring the North Eastern Courts together to raise money for the Got Harvey Milk Fund. At a Hearts and Voices show last year, Farrah Moans performed “Magic” from *Xanadu*. She seemed to glide out on roller skates in her pink chiffon skirt and sash by Planet Pepper. This snow-capped volcano personifies magic. She seems to set fancies into flight and transform everyone around her into super heroes.





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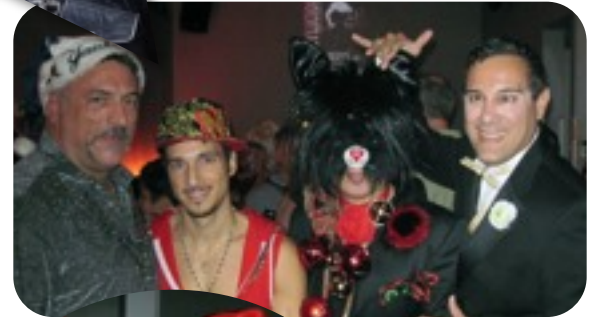
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