# AXON D'LUXE PRESS KIT – Fall 09



## **Contact Information**

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### Press:

D'Luxe's performances have been called "a hot pink highlight...blazing in the spotlight with humour and political wit," [Trade: Queer Things], and Flavorpill Chicago called her a "writing goddess." Her workshops have been described as "accessible" and "wonderful" by attendees [WAM Conference 2008].

## About:

D'Luxe is an audacious queer femme multimedia artist, who comes from a DIY culture-based live performance background. Her working-class history and commitment to fostering community events, combined with her creative technological production skills produce shows and cabarets that are critical, edgy and entertaining. Whether she is presenting short-format/cabaret or a full

show, she utilizes combinations of text, audio, video and costume to play on themes of re/presentation and border/boundary crossing.

She's been performing and curating at festivals, cabarets, dance parties and activist events for over six years, and her theater and stage experience goes back to the mid 90's. She is currently touring and booking performances showcasing pieces from her newest CD, *Ice-9* – a work that deals with the intrusion of science in our lives, queered identities, change and technology, and homosex.

Her other creative work includes music, videos, fiction and styling for photography. She also performs with the Exquisite Witness project, skillshares on DIY multimedia production with the Hart Collective, curates events with Femme Family NYC, and lectures on sex worker activism with \$pread Magazine.

### **Current Performance Projects:**

**Femmes Fight Back** is an interactive installation that toured the US and Canada Summer 2010 to great success, encouraging participants to talk collectively about resistance and inspiration.

*Ice* **9** is a series of cabaret-length, music-driven, text-based pieces based on themes of science, technology, bodies and queer sex.

**Hot Pink Mass**: an art church service for freaks, perverts, weirdos and magical creatures. Drawing from five different religious traditions, the piece combines humor, axondluxe.com | damienluxe@gmail.com

acknowledgment of desire and a vision of social justice to inspire. Honoring feminine hero/ines and instigating our individual and collective power to manifest change, the Mass asks participants: what do you deserve, and how can you make it happen?

### Selected Performances + Screenings

- July 17 Sept 27 Femmes Fight Back Tour: organizer, performer
- August 13 SF, CA @ Homo a GoGo screening of Craigslist
- July 21 MTL, QC @ Pervercite screening of Gaybomb
- June 6 NY, NY @ Stonewall Coming Out Party for Femme Family
- June 3 NY, NY @ Bluestockings Hosting Speaking of Femme 2
- Apr 17 Brooklyn, NY @ Pantyho's party performing/CD Launch for Ice-9
- April 4/09 Toronto @ Trigger Festival Int'l Premiere of Gaybomb video
- Mar 13/09 Montreal, QC @ Radical Queer Semaine Featured at closing party
- Jan 25/09 NY, NY @ Anonymous party Featured performer
- Oct 16-22/08 TX @ Grassroots Media Justice Tour Featured performer
- Oct 11/08 NY, NY @ Le Petit Versailles Exquisite Witness performance
- Aug 24/08 Toronto, ON @ Writing Outside the Margins Featured reader
- Aug 16/08 Chicago, IL @ Femme Conference 2008 Featured performer
- Mar 29/08 Boston, MA @ Women Action and The Media Featured presenter
- Aug 7/07 San Francisco, CA @ Radar Reading series Featured reader
- Aug 3/07 Vancouver, BC @ Queeruption Featured performer
- Jul 22/07 San Francisco, CA @ Lick My Kitty Cabaret performer
- Mar 16/07 Vancouver, BC @ Sista'hood Festival Featured performer
- Aug 12/06 San Francisco, CA @ Femme Conference 2006 Featured performer
- Jul 14-21/06 Perpetual Motion Roadshow, East Coast
- June 22/05 Toronto, ON @ Hysteria Festival performer
- May 15/04 Toronto, ON @ Mayworks perfomer

### Selected Publications

#### Audio

- Ice-9, 2009 [buy: http://cdbaby.com/cd/axondluxe]
- Bad Girls Belief System, 2005
- Bombshell Lexicon [with Trash & Ready], 2005

#### Video

- Judgement Blues, 2009
- Gaybomb, 2009
- Craigslist, 2008

#### Print

- "Femme Fuck Revolution," Femmethology, 2009
- "It's Just Blood," Without a Net, 2004
- "Credit Card Freedom," Geeks, Misfits and Outlaws, 2003

#### Websites

- axondluxe.com 2005-2009
- hartcollective.com 2007-2009
- exquisitewitness.com 2008-2009
- teachingartisttour.com 2009
- femmefamily.com 2009