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## Océan

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Océan was born and raised in France, before living in London and studying in Paris, Oxford and Berlin. First contact with the arts through Music (award-winner of the Madeleine de Valmalète Piano Competition), then Dance (Tanzfabrik Berlin), and underground Theater (Theater Westöstlicher Divan, Berliner Ground Theater), Océan had his stage debut as a drag performer at the Go Drag! Festival with Diane Torr and Bridge Markland in 2002. Having taken acting, singing and scriptwriting classes, Océan is famous for his multimedia-performances involving video-clips and dia-show projections, choreography, live singing and poetry slam. He was nominated as "most influent personality" at the last Mix! FilmFestival in Brazil, won the international Kings VILLAGE Contest in Rome, Italy, convincing a professional jury of journalists, film makers, singers and actors (July 2008), as well as the Drag Contest of the "Trav'Academy" in Nice, France (December 2008). In September 2010, he presented at the Queer Festival of Saint Petersburg his new show about trans\* families, gay kings, homo- and transphobia, violence, lookism, and that crazy speed of life. The documentary film "Risk, Stretch or Die" (Saskia Heyden, 2007) about his transgender life has been selected in various film festivals all around the world, from Canada to Brazil through Israel and Indonesia. Océan also acts in a few short films in various men or women characters, including "Lost in Generations" and "Fucking Different Tel'Aviv" screened at the Berlinale 2009. He just finished shooting "Mommy is coming", the new film of Cheryl Dunye, before completing his actor's formation at The Studio in New York, and will be for the first time Jury Member at the Tel Aviv Film Festival in June 2011.

### KEY DATES / REFERENCES

Zinegoak	Bilbao	January 2011
Queer Festival	Saint Petersburg	September 2010
Bar*night	Club Wotever / London	April 2010
Anti-Violence Conference	Doka / San Sebastian	November 2009
ILGA Trans*Rights Conference	St James Cavalier / Valetta, Malta	October 2009
Rampenfiber * feminist music festival	fluc / Vienna	September 2009
Genderotica Italy Tour	Venice – Padova - Noale	March 2009
Teddy Awards Party / Berlinale	Haus der Kulturen der Welt, / Berlin	February 2009
Pigalle is back!	Le Divan du Monde / Paris	November 2008
The States Tour incl. IDKE X	New York – Boston - Columbus	October 2008
Q! Film Festival	Jakarta / Indonesia	August 2008
Kings Village Contest / Gay Village	Parco del Ninfeo / Rome	July 2008
Slam/HipHop Concert La Caution (F)	Kesselhaus Kulturbrauerei/Berlin	July 2008
LGBT'A Film Festival	Cinémathèque/ Tel'Aviv	June 2008
Rendez-Vous de Minuit	Bar Jeder Vernunft / Berlin	May 2008
Sündikat Party	ProviTreff/ Zürich	May 2008
Barbiturix	La Flèche d'Or / Paris	March 2008
Queer Night	Hot Pepper / Amsterdam	December 2007
Chá com Bolachas, Mix! Brazil night	Gloria Club / La Loca, Sao Paulo	November 2007
Francohonic Festival Slam Night	Kaffee Burger / Berlin	October 2007
International Drag King Extravaganza	Hollywood Theater / Vancouver	October 2007