



Esteemed Drag Queen, Nevaeh Madison, showing half of her face in drag makeup and the other half without. This image allows you to see how how dramatically different an individual's face looks after applying drag makeup.



Nina Fierra at the 2014 Miss Hideaway Drag Queen pageant, a drag queen pageant hosted by the Rock Hill local gay bar, "The Hideaway." Nina Fierra, the reigning Miss Hideaway, admires the banner of her name as she graces the stage for her last performance, before she crowns the winner of this year's pageant.



Former reigning Miss Hideaway Jessica Raynes Starr, is conducting the on stage interview question portion of the pageant, with contestant Cierra Desiree Nichole. The contestant waits anxiously to hear her question. This portion of the pageant is very important, and plays a major part in the competition.

Drag Queen Makayla Du'Shot, after receiving a tip from someone in the audience. Makayla has been The Hideaway's MC for years, and is well known for her masterful skills in drag makeup, wig styles, and performances portraying the pop star Fergie.



Another former reigning Miss Hideaway Tia Douglas, as she works the stage with a marvelous performance. Tia has been an esteemed Drag Queen for many years, and is best known for her talents in choreographing flawless performances complemented by well put together music arrangements, that capture the audiences attention as soon as she graces the stage.



Nevaeh Madison backstage at "The Hideaway", applying her false eyelashes as the finishing touch to her makeup. Nevaeh says, "applying false eyelashes is an art in itself", if the false lashes aren't placed precisely, your whole face will look a hot mess".





Makayla Du'Shot, is backstage in the middle of preparation, placing her false breast into her bra. As you can see, she still has to put on her wig. Drag preparation can be very time consuming, and sometimes takes hours to complete the finished look. From start to finish a drag queen has to complete the following tasks; shaving, getting into their dance belt (a device that hides the male genitalia), putting on "body" (fake foam padding under several layers of panty hose), putting false breast into their bra, painting their fingernails or applying press on nails, putting their costume and wig on, and doing their makeup and applying false eyelashes.

Makayla Du'Shot, is gluing her elaborate rhinestone earrings on to her ear lobes. Jewelry and accesories are yet another part to a drag queen's look. Most drag jewelry is handmade, and weigh so much that they have to be applied with a strong adhesive that has to be removed with acetone.





Kassandra Hylton, one of the three contestants of the 2014 Miss Hideaway Drag Queen pageant, is performing the talent portion of the pageant. This year is Kassandra's third time competing in the pageant, and is performing her heart out in hopes of finally winning.



Nina Fierra and Makayla Du'Shot, are on the podium of the stage, announcing the winners of each category for the 2014 Drag Queen pageant. For this particular pageant, there are four categories including; evening gown, on stage interview question, swimwear, and talent. In addition to these categories, the contestants compete for other awards, such as the Angelica Bower beauty award.



The ballots are in, and Cassandra Hylton, London Nichole Dior, and Cierra Desiree Nichole, are holding each others' hands, in anticipation to hear the winner of the 2014 Miss Hideaway Drag Queen pageant. This is an intense moment for the three contestants. After months of preparation, it all comes down to this one moment.





Kassandra Hylton, is displaying her evening gown for the judges of the 2014 Miss Hideaway Drag Queen pageant, which is another major part of the competition. Almost all drag queen costumes are handmade, and every single tiny rhinestone that you see on her elegant gown, was precisely hand placed individually.

After competing for the third time, Kassandra Hylton is full of joy and excitement, for finally winning the title that she has dreamt about since she first began performing as a drag queen. While this pageant is relatively small compared to others, it has served as a huge stepping stone to many drag queens' success.





The former reigning Miss Hideaways, join around in crowning the winner of the Miss Hideaway 2014 Drag Queen pageant, Cassandra Hyton. This is an emotional moment for not only the winning contestant, but for the former winners as well. As they gather around Cassandra to crown her, they are most likely reminiscing about when they were crowned. Each winner has had the privilege to hold their title for the length of one year, and whomever is the current reigning Miss Hideaway renounces their title each year.



Roxy C. Moorecox, another former reigning Miss Hideaway, is performing for entertainment at this year's pageant. Roxy, is known best for her comedic talents, as well as the art of impersonations of celebrities, such as Cher and Dolly Parton. As you can see, she has a flare for the dramatics, with her overwhelming facial expressions.



Kassandra Hylton, is gracing the stage in her peacock themed swimwear. Swimwear, is another very important part of the pageant, and as you can see, much thought and preparation was used in creating the perfect garment for this category. Kassandra, killed this part of the competition, as this two piece garment accentuated her audacious feminine curves and stunning body.



Amber Rochelle St. James landing in a split during her amazing performance at the gay nightclub, "The Scorpio". As you can see, an incredible amount of effort and talent goes into performing drag. As Amber goes into her split, she still continues to lip sync for her life.





After the show at "The Scorpio," Amber Rochelle and one of her fans poses for a photo opp. As you can see, people leap at the opportunity to be photographed with a drag queen.



Makayla Du'Shot is being tipped by one of the audience. At a Drag Queen pageant, tipping is only allowed to the performers who are not participating in the competition. This image allows you to see some interaction between the audience and a performer. You would think that these girls were performing at a strip club, instead of a gay bar with all the tips that they receive.

After a night of spectacular performances and pageantry, the former reigning Miss Hideaways all stand together with their new Queen. This image is full of depth and personality, with so many talented individuals that have poured their hearts and souls into the art of drag.

