

PORTFOLIO

NOVA

ACTOR PERFORMER DRAG KING

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ABOUT ME

Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) (they/them) is a Berlin-based Actor, Performer and Drag King specializing in gender-bending arts and physical storytelling. Whether appearing in international productions, creating the Drag alter ego Marilyn Moustache, or facilitating safe creative spaces as an Intimacy Coordinator, Nova combines artistic radicality with professional precision.

With the workshops MALED IT!, they have established a unique format for Drag Kinging and identity exploration. From world premieres at renowned festivals to international delegations, their work consistently explores the intersections of identity, movement, and structural change. By bridging performance with coordination, Nova is dedicated to transforming the creative industry through a lens of consent and transformation.

GENDER	genderqueer	HAIR COLOUR	brown	SHOE SIZE	(EU) 39/40 (UK) 6/7	SPECIAL SKILLS	hula hoop, bellydance, GoGo
PLAYING AGE	31 - 39	EYE COLOUR	brown	PIERCINGS	septum, tongue	LANGUAGES	German (native), English (fluent), Bulgarian (basic)
ETHNIC APPEARANCE	central european	CLOTHING SIZE	L / jeans 34/32	TATTOOS	large-scale, visible	DIALECTS	Palatine (required), Saxon (required)
HEIGHT (CM)	167	FIGURE	athletic	VOCAL RANGE	mezzo-soprano	DRIVING LICENCE	B / B17

AWARDS

2AHNBÜRSTE | LEAD | HANNA | Award Finalist & Nominee: Best Supporting Actress | Film Olympiad | 2026

Most Organised Artist | Clown Slam | 2024

CARE AFFAIR | Frauen und Fiktion | winner of nachtkritik-Theatertreffen | 2020

THEATER

YOU ARE HIRED # | Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2025 - present

SOLO PERFORMANCE | CASTING RITUAL

premiere: #1: ROOTED: Pitch & Perform by apricot productions | Berlin

UNTITLED 1997 (A DEMONSTRATION BY FAUST AS A SAUSAGE AND FRANZ BIBERKOPF AS A POTATO) | Rirkrit Tiravanija | 2024 - 2025

DUO IMPRO PERFORMANCE | FAUST / FRANZ BIBERKOPF | Gropius Bau | Berlin

LICHTENBERG QUEER AF? - EIN HISTORISCHER ZIRKUSWALK | Zirkusmelange | 2024

MAIN | TOMMY AKA RITA THOMAS | monologue | Berlin

RESISTENCIA O LA REIVINDICACIÓN DE UN DERECHO COLECTIVO Widerstand oder die Einforderung eines kollektiven Rechts | LASTESIS | 2023

PERFORMER | site-specific | HAU | Berlin

LEISURE & PLEASURE | CRIPTONITE | 2023

GUEST PERFORMER | solo performance | Sophiensæle | (GER)

LESBIAN VAMPIRE FANTASY | CHICKS* performancekollektiv | 2022

MAIN PERFORMER | VAMPIRE

premiere & shows: LOFFT Leipzig

WE♥2RAQS | Tümay Kiliñel | 2021 - 2024

MAIN | DANCER

premiere: HAU3 | 2021 | Berlin

shows: Favoriten Festival (GER), Tanzplattform (GER), German State Theatre Timisoara (ROU), Tanzfestival Rhein-Main - Mousonturm Frankfurt am Main (GER), Kaserne Basel (CH), FFT Düsseldorf (GER)

DEEP DANCING | CHICKS* performancekollektiv | 2021 - 2023

MAIN PERFORMER | solo performance

premiere: Sophiensæle | Berlin

shows: Hamburger Kunsthalle (GER), Conne Island Leipzig (GER), Freischwimmen Meets Rodeo - HochX München (GER), Imagetanz Festival brut Wien (CH)

CARE AFFAIR | Frauen und Fiktion | 2019 - 2021

MAIN | DUAL ROLE: CARER / DAUGHTER

Winner play of nachtkritik-Theatertreffen 2020

premiere: Lichthof Theater | Hamburg (GER)

shows: Dramatiker*innenfestival (AT), Multitude Festival (GER), Hauptsache Frei #7; Kampnagel (GER), Ruhrfestspiele Recklinghausen (GER), Performing Arts Festival; Theater Discounter Berlin (GER)
Let's Ally Festival; Theater Konstanz (GER), Treibstoff Theaterstage; Basel (CH)

A 24-DECADE HISTORY OF POPULAR MUSIC | Taylor Mac | 2019

SUPPORTING PERFORMER | DANDY MINION

germany_premiere & shows: Berliner Festspiele (GER)



2AHNBÜRSTE | Zentasia Films | 2026

LEAD | HANNA | comedy | short film

- Award Finalist & Nominee: Best Supporting Actress
- Winner of Robinson Film Awards - Best First-Time Filmmaker Short
- Silver Medal of Film Olympiad - Best Comedy

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM | abcde flash | 2024

LEAD | DRAG DADDY | experimental | short film

GERMANY 2071 | Nature Theater of Oklahoma | 2017

SUPPORTING | SWAMP GUY | retro-sci-fi | feature film

DIE NIBELUNGEN | Nature Theater of Oklahoma | 2015

LEAD | BRUNHILD | comedy | feature film

Between The Lines | Julia Lenard | 2026

SUPPORTING | CLIQUE | fiction drama | short film

The Shriek | Pauli Niemeier, Helen Fischer | 2025

LEAD | TONI | showreel | short film

LETTING GO | Finn Peaks & Marilyn Nova White | 2021

LEAD | RIGGER | biopic | short film

selected festivals: Pornfilm Festival Berlin, Porny Days – Filmkunstfestival Zürich (CH), Hacker Porn Film Festival (IT), San Francisco PornFilmFestival (USA), Pornfilm Festival Berlin (GER), S.E.C.S. Fest (USA)

ADDITIONAL CREDITS (SELECTION) | since 2017

McDonalds (Web), SIMON KRAUSE - Ich durchschaue jeden! (TV), SENSE8 (Netflix), COUNTERPART (Starz), BERLIN STATION (EPIX), DAS PERFEKTE GEHEIMNIS (Feature Film), BOHEMIAN BROWSER BALLET (TV/Web)

DRAG KING PERFORMANCE



MARILYN MOUSTACHE | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2017 - present

shows 2024 - 2025: LaBurlatorium; Comedyhaus Zürich (CH), PARAYOK Paragedon; Berlin, LAMPENFIEBER; Sonntagsclub Berlin, CLOWN SLAM; ufa fabrik Berlin, CLUB ELIXIR; Timișoara (RO), THE LOST CABARET; ImportExport München (GER), BOYS DO ('NT) CRY HOSTED BY DRAGSTREET BOYZ; Pepsi Boston Bar @SchwuZ Berlin, LITERARY DRAG KING PERFORMANCE; Begine Berlin

BOOK READING | 2021

Amerika-Gedenkbibliothek | Berlin

MR. MANIAC | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2020

shows: Mini Play Drag Show #1; Berlin, Gieza's PokeHouse; Berlin, Venus Boys; Berlin

GÜLENT GAYLAN | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2018 - 2022

shows: iSi Kongress Gala Abend; Berlin, Kings + Queens by Bridge Markland; Berlin, Circus Charivari; Berlin, Villa Concha; Cologne (GER), Pangea Berlin, Schangelig; Berlin, Trash Deluxe; Berlin

DIRRTY | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2020

shows: Venus Boys Anniversary (3); Berlin, Morgan's Drag Show for Quarantined People; Berlin, Giza's PokeHouse; Berlin, LETsDOK; Berlin

QUEER BOY | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2020

shows: Venus Boys Anniversary (1); Berlin, Morgan's Drag Show for Quarantined People; Berlin, Coronation; Atlanta (USA), Kings Of Clubs; London (UK)

SHOWER POWER QUARANTINE DRAG KING REALNESS | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2020

shows: Mini Play Drag Show #2; Berlin, Venus Boys ~~DRAG~~ ~~BOYZ~~; Berlin, Morgan's Drag Show for Quarantined People; Berlin, Queen City Kings Drag; New York (USA), Cyber D I S T A N C I N G; New Orleans (USA), LETsDOK; Berlin, Drag Together by Rise Market; Texas (USA)

MEIN HERR/MEIN HAIR | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2019

shows: Book launch: Sonja M. Schultz - Hundesohn; Berlin, Gieza's PokeHouse; Berlin, Venus Boys; Berlin

MALED IT!

WORKSHOPS (SELECTION) | 2018 - present

germany: Theater an der Parkaue, Performances von [Weiblichkeit] in den darstellenden Künsten UdK, HfS Ernst Busch, UdK Musical, PINKDOT, StudierendenWERK, Drag goes Europe #2 via Queer Camp by VJF, ФУЗИОН FUSION FESTIVAL, fz* Freiburg, QueerKastle with Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) & Vicky Voyage, Witches, Dykes* & Divas Retreat - Level 2 by Kristina Marlen, Fluss e. V. Freiburg

other: Timișoara (RO), KINKY KINGS - Glitch Festival; St. Gallen (CH), Kaserne Basel (CH), In coop. with Frauen und Fiktion Theater ROXY; Basel (CH)

PUBLIC SPEAKING & PANELS | 2 hour sessions | 2025

MALED IT: DRAG KINGING AS EMPOWERMENT | PINKDOT | Berlin

MALED IT: DRAG KINGS, GENDER PERFORMANCE & NEW NARRATIVES | IETM Berlin Plenary Meeting 2025

PRIVATE LESSON | 3 hour session | 2025

THEATER | East German Fragilities - Lust auf Gewalt | Mike Dele Dittrich Frydetzki | Leipzig (GER)

INTIMACY WORK

INTIMACY COORDINATION

MINDS UNDER STORM (post) | Andrés Góngora | short film | 2026

EXPLORATION B (post) | Anselm Diehl | feature film | 2025

EDUCATION & FACILITATION

PERSONA OF PASSION | 4-day Workshop on Sexual Diversity | with Lina Orlando | Leipzig (GER) | 2024 - 2025

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX | 5-day Arts Education Workshop in coop. with CHICKS* performancekollektiv |
SPRINGSCHOOL ARTS EDUCATION loud and tender | Universität zu Köln | 2024

KRISTINA MARLEN | 4-day Workshop on Sexual Diversity | Workshop Assistance | 2022
Jahresgruppe Bondage Modul I - III, Sinn & Seil

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS

BONDAGE WORKSHOP | Queerfilm Festival Bremen | 2023

MOVEMENT TEACHER | TANZ DER GESCHLECHTER | iSi Kongress Berlin | 2022

HULA HOOP TEACHER | 2016 - 2017
festivals: Hooptal (GER), Hoop The Castle (GER), SWhoop (UK), German Hoop Convention

DANCE TEACHER FOR AMERICAN TRIBAL STYLE BELLYDANCE (ATS) | 2012 - 2016
Heidelberg (GER)

FACILITATION & MANAGEMENT

MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS

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festivals: Hooptal, Hoop The Castle, German Hoop Convention, SWhoop (UK)

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Heidelberg (GER)

DRAMA & CIRCUS PEDAGOGY

Nationaltheater Mannheim / Zirkus Paletti (GER) / Circus Peperoni (GER) | Drama & Circus Teacher | 2014 - 2017

EXHIBITION & FESTIVAL MANAGEMENT

Gropius Bau | Exhibition Management | DAS GLÜCK IST NICHT IMMER LUSTIG | Rirkrit Tiravanija | 2024 - 2025

achtung berlin Filmfestival | Festival Organization & Jury Support | 2024

TUI Cruises | Manager Assistant (Costume Dept.) | 2017 - 2024

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & PR

Theater o.N. | Die 13. Fee | Production Manager | 2024

GENERATION TOCHTER | Marielle Sjømo Samstad Film | Project Management Admin | 2020

LIVE ART

MODERATION & CURATION

achtung berlin Filmfestival | Opening & Q&A Moderation | 2024

EXPERIMENTAL & READING PERFORMANCE

All Gender - Reading Performance | dramaqueer | Haus der Statistik | Berlin | 2024

Sexspionage Bourgeoise - Die Perversion der Mauerschau | Experimental Performance | Sabrina Tannen & Matís d'Arc | Porny Days Zürich (CH) | 2023

MOVEMENT & DANCE (SELECTION)

International Hoop Dance Performer | Concept & Creation: Nova Despov (fka Marilyn Nova White) | 2015 - 2022

shows: Porny Days Zürich, Bar Wotever (UK), SWhoop (UK), German Hoop Convention, Hooptal (GER), FS-Hoop Con (GER), Manchester Hoop Congress (UK), Hoop The Castle (GER)

GoGo Dancer | SchwuZ Berlin (Glossy Naughty Crew) | 2017 - 2018

Ensemble Dancer American Tribal Style Bellydance (ATS) | Tribe: Les Amatrices | Heidelberg | 2009 - 2016

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS & DELEGATIONS

DELEGATIONS

BRIDGING THE SCENES | Delegation Trip to ACT-Festival Sofia (BG) | Representative for the Independent Performing Arts Scene | 2023 - 2025

PROFESSIONAL GUEST

&FRIENDS | RODEO München (GER) - Invited Artist & Professional Guest | 2024



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MY EDUCATION

School of Commons (SoC) | 2026

Zurich University of the Arts - ZHdK | Fellowship | research project:
MALED IT! - Body Rebellion and Flowing Knowledge: Drag Kinging as a
Collective Utopia

Actors Space Berlin | 2025

Six weeks Meisner-based camera acting training

FAIRSTAGE | 2024

Fellowship-programme

Die Schauspielfabrik Berlin | 2023

Three months acting intensive programme

Theaterwerkstatt Heidelberg | 2012

Certificate as drama teacher - Theaterpädagogik But®

Otorhinolaryngologist Dr. Reis | 2002 - 2005

doctor's assistant