



BIOGRAPHY

Shangela

Drag Queen Superstar, "Dancing with the Stars"

Actor and Performer, D.J. "Shangela" Pierce, can currently be seen starring as a co-host of the Emmy-nominated HBO series "We're Here". The unscripted series recruits small-town residents across America to participate in a one-night-only drag show along with renowned drag queens Bob the Drag Queen and Eureka O'Hara. The series won for Outstanding Reality Program at the 32nd Annual GLAAD Media Awards and is currently in production on a third season. Shangela recently announced her "Fully Lit Tour," produced by Live Nation, the 10-city tour kicks off this October. Her last tour consisted of a massive 184+-city international run, where she performed her comedy and cabaret act to sold out audiences around the world.

As Shangela, she has performed on six of the seven continents and is recognized as the first contestant to compete on three separate seasons of the Emmy award-winning reality series "RuPaul's Drag Race." Shangela has also guest starred on myriad network television series including "Glee," "The Mentalist," "X-Files," and "Katy Keene" and has appeared in several feature films, including A Star Is Born with Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. Shangela recently completed filming Lone Star Bull, which is scheduled for release later this year.

In 2019, Shangela was recognized as part of the prestigious TIME 100 Next List and named one of "The Most Powerful Drag Queens in America" by New York Magazine.

D.J. remains involved with various charities including his own Feed The Queens initiative. In addition, he was the keynote speaker and performer at the SMU LGBTQ Symposium, which provides a platform to spotlight the voices, experiences, research, and creativity of the LGBT community on campus and beyond.

A native of Paris, Texas, Pierce graduated with honors from Southern Methodist University and currently resides in Los Angeles.