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Reclaiming their inner divas, one wig at a time

► RuPaul and his 'Drag U' professors remind women how to be fierce and fabulous ► Classes start tonight

If drag queens are able to transform themselves into stunning figures of female sexuality, what can they do for straight women?

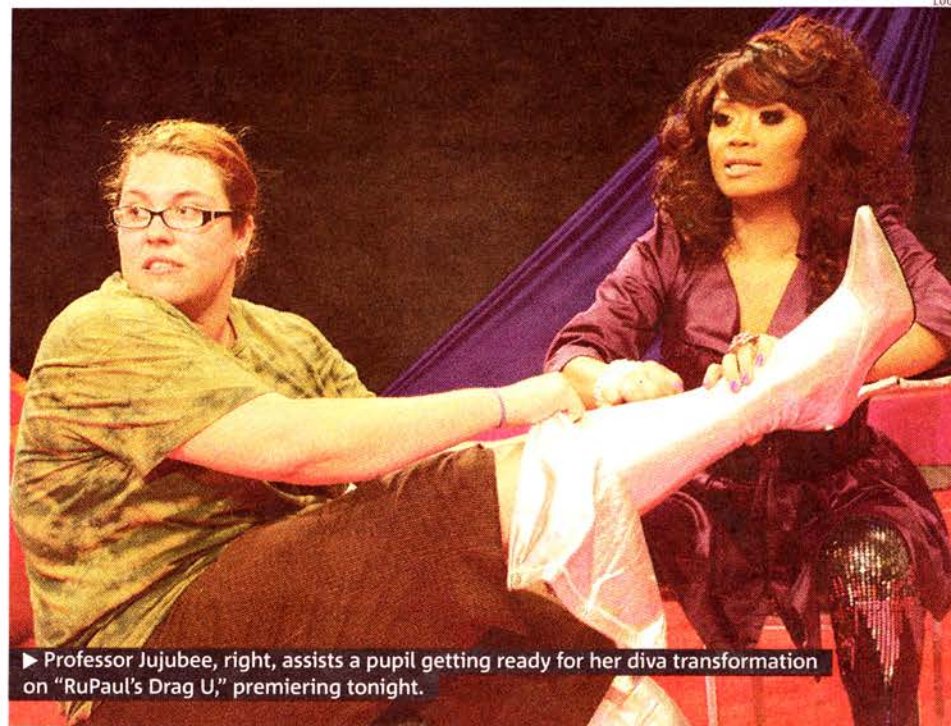
In RuPaul's new show,

"Drag U," a host of "professors" — drag queens who are experts in sex appeal and sass — help women remember that "beauty comes in all shapes, sizes,

forms and languages," says Jujubee, a series professor. "Beauty's everywhere, baby."

And these drag queens are determined to awaken their students' inner diva. Contestants range from the overworked mom to the blue-collar tomboy, and the professors — many of whom were contestants on RuPaul's hit drag queen competition, "Drag Race" — have just 48 hours to perform a miracle transformation involving an attitude adjustment, dance practice and plenty of wigs.

Without a doubt, the show has a humorous side — contestants are put through a "dragulator" machine that reveals a picture of their drag persona — but the impact of seeing these women reconnect



► Professor Jujubee, right, assists a pupil getting ready for her diva transformation on "RuPaul's Drag U," premiering tonight.

"['Drag U'] shows people that drag is an actual art form. It's acting. I'm not putting on a police uniform; I'm putting on a fierce dress."

JUJUBEE

Tune in

► "RuPaul's Drag U" premieres tonight at 9 on Logo.

with their strong, feminine sides may be the most memorable impression.

"This just opened my eyes to a lot of the sacrifices that women make," says Lady Bunny, the show's Dean of Drag. "Some of these women give up entire careers to make sure their kids are well-raised. I was reminded of how wonderful a woman's nurturing spirit really is."



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Drag in the spotlight

Lady Bunny hopes the TV exposure of drag culture will increase its acceptance, especially because "Drag U" has a positive message. "This show has an uplifting vibe," she says, "which is great, because I think a lot of reality shows are quite mean."

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