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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Daniel Nicoletta is a San Francisco-based freelance photographer who has been documenting the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1975. He was hired by Harvey Milk to work at Castro Camera and later worked on Milk's supervisorial campaigns. His work has been featured in *The Times of Harvey Milk*, *Sex Is*, *The Mayor of Castro Street*, *Gay by the Bay*, and many other venues.

**SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE**

This collection is a portfolio of 33 images, chosen and arranged by the artist, showcasing the wide range of his work including informal street scenes and formal studio portraits. Early influences of Diane Arbus particularly informed his fascination with famous figures in San Francisco's transgender community.

**ARRANGEMENT NOTE**

The photographs are in the order preferred by the photographer.

1. **Grenade Boy Models** – Mark Ewert and Jillian Clarke (mother figure in background), Styling – Scott Pimintel, Jillian's wig by Deena Davenport, Homage to Diane Arbus' photo *Child with a toy Hand Grenade in Central Park* – **May 13, 1996**
2. **Scorchy's Holster** – S.F. Queer Pride Parade – **June 28, 1992**

3. Former Cockettes **Hibiscus and Ebony St. Gerard** in a post-Cockettes show by Hibiscus called *Femme Fatale* – **August 1976**
4. **Divine** terrorizing his audience at Trockadero Dance Club – **October 29, 1978**
5. **LaKish** and friends at the Empress Coronation Drag Ball – **January 28, 1978**
6. **Sylvester** performing at Trockadero Transfer Dance Club – **Spring 1978**
7. **Trockadero Transfer** – **Spring 1978**
8. **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Castro Street Fair** – **August 1976**
9. **Backstage with the Angels of Light** during their show *Mind Kamp Kabaret* Anton Dunnington aka Reggie and Adrian Brooks – **August 1976**
10. **Harvey Milk clowning around at his Castro Street Camera Store** with campaign worker Medora Payne and her mother Gretchen Payne (front left) – **February 1977**
11. **José Sarria, Harvey Milk and Mavis** at the Beaux Arts Drag Ball, presenting a donation for the purchase of uniforms for the S.F. Gay Freedom Day Marching Band – **October 28, 1978**
12. **White Night Riot** – **May 21, 1979**
13. **Harvey's Suit** – self portrait in the suit Harvey Milk was wearing the day he was assassinated – **July 26, 1995**
14. **Cirus and Frederick** – S.F. Queer Pride Parade – **June 28, 1992**
15. **Crystal May** aka Eric Wohlgemuth – S.F. Queer Pride Parade – **June 28, 1992**
16. **Crystal May lying in state** – Zeb, Carry Boisvert, Ivana Tramp – **January 3, 1996**
17. **The Hospital Zone** – Danny Celeri returning home after a hospital stay – **October 28, 1997**
18. **Ric Jacobsen being arrested at the Demonstration for Women's AIDS Issues** at the 6<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Conference – S.F. CA - **June 22, 1990**
19. **Miss Kitty** aka Dan Jones – **November 26, 1991**
20. **Angel in America** – Portrait of Miss Kitty aka Dan Jones; Styling by Scott Pimintel, make up by Juliet White, wings by Hogan Vando – **August 6, 1994**

21. **Mark Ewert and Allen Ginsberg – October 5, 1996**
22. **John Burnside III and Harry Hay and Radical Faerie friends** – (back row:) Timothy Latz aka Buttercup, Thomas Byers aka Tree, Carlos Perea aka Pokie, and Peter Kesselman aka Buckwheat, (front row:) John Burnside III, Harry Hay – **August 17, 2000**
23. **Jennifer and Norm Halm** – mother and son who are both queer – **December 1, 1998**
24. **Loren Cameron – October 22, 1996**
25. **Cougar Cash** aka Michael Purcell – **April 11, 1991**
26. **Sam Beasley – August 16, 1991**
27. **Stafford**, make up by Jake – **July 21, 1991**
28. **Dykes with Decks** – S.F. Queer Pride Celebration – **June 25, 1989**
29. **S.F. Queer Pride Celebration** – differently abled people's section for viewing mainstage show in the Civic Center – **June 25, 1989**
30. **Native American Indian Advocate Randy Burns and friend** at S.F. Queer Pride Parade – **June 25, 2000**
31. **Bar hoppers on Halloween in front of Marlena's Bar, Hayes Valley, S.F.** – **October 31, 1997**
32. **Dressing Room – Finocchio's** during the last week of performances – **November 20, 1999**
33. **Rainbow Flag at Castro and Market Streets in San Francisco flown at half mast on the day after Matthew Shepard was murdered in Laramie Wyoming** – **October 13, 1998**