



ROSLYN KIND

Our Gal Pal of the Month

MORE THAN A SINGER

INTRODUCTION

Roslyn Kind, an accomplished singer, actress, and recording artist, has been captivating audiences for decades with her unique voice and charismatic presence. Known for her dynamic performances and heartfelt interpretations of songs, Kind's career has spanned various genres and platforms, establishing her as a beloved figure in the entertainment industry. As the Gal Pal of the Month for an LGBTQ magazine, it's fitting to celebrate not only her professional achievements, but also her personal journey and contributions to the LGBTQ+ community.

EARLY LIFE AND CAREER BEGINNINGS

Born on January 9, 1951, in Brooklyn, New York, Roslyn Kind grew up in a musical household. She is the younger sister of the legendary Barbra Streisand, and while the connection to such a prominent figure could have overshadowed her own career, Kind carved out her own path in the music industry. Her passion for singing emerged early on, and by the time she was a teenager, she was already performing in local venues.

Kind's big break came when she was signed to RCA Records at the age of 19. Her debut album, "Give Me You," was released in 1969 to critical acclaim. The album showcased her versatile vocal range and emotional depth, setting the stage for a successful career. Unlike her sister, who leaned more towards Broadway and pop, Kind embraced a

more eclectic mix of genres, including jazz, cabaret, and contemporary pop.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

Throughout her career, Roslyn has graced many prestigious stages and recorded several albums. Her performances at iconic venues such as Carnegie Hall, The White House, and Lincoln Center have solidified Roslyn's reputation as a consummate performer.

One of the highlights of her career was her participation in "One Voice," a concert event held by her sister Barbra in 1986 to support the fight against AIDS. This event not only highlighted Kind's vocal prowess, but also her commitment to important social causes. Kind's discography includes notable albums such as "This Is Roslyn Kind," "Come What

May,” and “It’s a Beautiful Day.” Each album reflects her growth as an artist and her ability to adapt to the changing musical landscape. Her interpretations of classics like “The Way We Were” and “I’m Glad There Is You” are imbued with a personal touch that resonates with listeners.

LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY

Roslyn’s connection to the LGBTQ+ community is both personal and profound. As an artist, she has always been an ally, using her platform to advocate for equality and acceptance. Her performances at numerous LGBTQ+ events and Pride celebrations as well as her willingness to stand up for LGBTQ+ rights have endeared her to the community as a whole, where she is seen as not just an entertainer, but a cherished friend and ally.

Kind’s advocacy goes far beyond music however. She has spoken openly about the importance of LGBTQ+ rights and the need for greater understanding and compassion. In interviews, she has often expressed her belief in love and acceptance, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. This genuine support has endeared her to many within the community, who see her as a beacon of hope and a voice of reason in turbulent times.

PERSONAL JOURNEY

Roslyn Kind’s personal journey is one of resilience and determination. Despite the pressures of being in the shadow of a famous sibling, she has remained true to herself and her artistic vision. Her authenticity is a key reason why she resonates so strongly with the LGBTQ+ community, which values individuality and the courage to live one’s truth.

In her personal life, Kind is known for her warmth and generosity. She has built a close-knit circle of friends and family who support her both personally and professionally. Her relationships are characterized by loyalty and mutual respect, qualities that are evident in her interactions with fans and colleagues alike.

RECENT WORK AND CONTINUING INFLUENCE


Even after decades in the industry, Roslyn continues to perform and record new music. Her recent projects reflect a seasoned artist who still has much to say. Kind’s ability to connect with audiences, both old and new, speaks to her timeless appeal. In addition to her musical career, Kind has also explored acting, appearing in television shows and films. Her versatility as an artist is a testament to her talent and dedication. Whether on stage or screen, Kind brings a sincerity and depth to her performances that leaves a lasting impression.

LEGACY AND IMPACT

Roslyn’s legacy is multifaceted. She is not only an accomplished singer and performer, but a devoted advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, and a role model for aspiring artists. Her ability to navigate the challenges of the entertainment industry, while staying true to her values, is inspiring. As Gal Pal of the Month, it’s important to recognize not only her contributions to music, but also her unwavering support for LGBTQ+ rights. Kind’s journey is a reminder that success is not just about fame and accolades, but also about making a positive impact on the world. Her advocacy work, combined with her artistic achievements, make her a truly deserving recipient of this honor.

CONCLUSION

I have had the honor and privilege of meeting Roslyn at events and she is simply a beacon of joy. Roslyn’s story is one of talent, perseverance, and compassion. Her contributions to music and the LGBTQ+ community are significant, and her legacy continues to inspire.

As she takes her place as Gal Pal of the Month, we celebrate not only her achievements, but also her personal journey and the impact she has had on countless lives. Roslyn Kind is more than a singer; she is a beacon of hope, a champion of equality, and a true friend to the LGBTQ+ community. 

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