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## Artist Statement

A raunch culture is rising, expressed by women who own their sexuality. My work introduces various female personas who, shaped by the impact of raunch culture, manifest themselves via costume construction, object making, documented performance, photographs and video installations. My artistic vision embraces a transgressive, Utopian world of beings unencumbered by stereotypical gender roles or social norms.

These created personas are influenced by exaggerated personal encounters which ooze sensual lust and sex positivity: "Tina Bling Bling," the call girl, "Sheepy Boo Peep," the girl next door in the big city, "Sweet Tea McSazzy," the drag queen stuck in a woman's body (a "faux queen"), and "Skunk-O-Rella," a roller derby queen on wheels. My Ladies demand your attention with emphasized femininity and curves in all the right places. They have no shame and their lack of inhibitions makes it hard to turn away. Those who gaze upon them cannot resist the glow of these fabulous women that are nothing shy of the perfect lady.

"Tina Bling Bling" works at what she once thought of as a liberating job, and is now board with her Johns. She chooses to be a call girl to have an empowering experience with the upper hand. Her Johns are repetitive and rarely speak new nasties. As a female chauvinist pig, Tina, is looking for a new outlet to get off. "Sheepy Boo Peep" is a virgin who has been captured getting out of hand on *Girls Gone Wild* video. Alcohol helps Sheepy's deal with her social anxiety and boost her flirtation in hopes of romance. After flashing her vagina all over town she latter states that she normally doesn't act that way. "Sweet Tea McSazzy" lusts to be a drag queen, but is genetically challenged. Through careful observation Sweet Tea brings on her sarcastic laughter and decides she doesn't need to be a man to flaunt what her ma ma gave her. As an unruly woman "Sweet Tea McSazzy" has taken on the role of a faux queen. "Skunk-O-Rella" is a tough lady who likes the full contact sport of roller derby. Her tail is bigger than her game with lots of projectile staaank.