

AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE ARTIST | COSTUME DESIGNER | EDUCATOR

ANITA TENSION

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Anita Tension is a costume designer, performance artist, and educator. Through her feral burlesque, draglesque, and go-go dance performances, she invites audiences to experience something wild, culturally conscious, and glamorously unexpected. As a costume designer, she delights in innovation and is passionate about sharing her craft through a lens of accessibility. Anita isn't asking for your approval—only your attention.

SELECTED BURLESQUE PERFORMANCES

2026 Helltown Burlesque (Provincetown, MA, USA)
2026 Vermont Burlesque Festival (Barre, VT, USA)
2025 BurlyCon Peer Review (Seattle, WA, USA)
2025 Worcester Draglesque Festival (Worcester, MA, USA)
2025 Philidelphia Burlesque N' Beyond Festival (Philly, PA, USA)

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2026 Winner of Jacque's Cabaret's Big Queer Talent Show (Boston, MA, USA)
2026 Winner of Lucky 13 Burlesque Competition (Boston, MA, USA)
2026 Recipient of Anonymous Artist Grant
2025 Self-Portrait Published in Echoz Magazine (Providence, RI, USA)

SIGNATURE COSTUME DESIGNS

The Original Split-Brim Hat
The Original Split-Brim Cowboy Hat

TEACHING CURRICULUMS

Creativity From Concept to Curtain: Crafting a Burlesque Act
The Organized Performer: Show-Ready On and Off Stage
Innovative Design, the Split-Brim Hat: How to Make Your Own

SELECTED GO-GO PERFORMANCES

2026 Newport Pride Afterparty (Newport, RI, USA)
2026 Manray Night Club (Boston, MA, USA)
2025 Frankie Bradley's / B.West (Philly, PA, USA)

SELECTED UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS

2026 Worcester Draglesque Festival - Workshop Faculty (Worcester, MA, USA)
2026 BurlyCon - Workshop Faculty (Seattle, WA, USA)
2026 Dutch Burlesque Festival - Performer (Utrecht, ND)



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