

Panti Bliss aka Rory O'Neill

Performer

Panti's special, HIGH HEELS IN LOW PLACES (filmed at London's Soho Theatre) is now available on [Amazon Prime UK/Ireland](#) and also globally on [Soho Theatre on Demand here](#).



Panti is Ireland's foremost "gender discombobulist" and "accidental activist." She began performing whilst an art student in the late 80's before moving to Tokyo and becoming a fixture on the Tokyo club scene.

Returning to Dublin in 1995 she ran some of Dublin's seminal club nights, hosted the legendary Alternative Miss Ireland for 18 years, and performed all over the world. Panti has written and performed three critically acclaimed, hit theatre shows: In These Shoes, All Dolled Up and A Woman in Progress. In 2013, All Dolled Up: Restitched, a reimagining of her three hit shows had a sold out run at the Abbey Theatre and toured Australia.

She is also the landlady of Pantibar.

In January 2014 Panti's creator Rory O'Neill sparked a national furore when he appeared on RTE television and named certain individuals and organisations as homophobic. The ensuing scandal became known as "Pantigate".

Panti was the forerunner in Ireland's "Yes" campaign for gay marriage and on February 2015 took to the stage of the National Theatre with a ten minute oration that has been compared to some of the great speeches in the English language and a video of the speech went viral online, was broadcast on TV and radio around the world, and became an international sensation. It was also put to music by pop royalty, Pet Shop Boys. You can view the speech [here](#).

In October 2014, Hachette Books published Panti's memoir, A Woman in the Making. Her documentary, Queen of Ireland, was released in 2015. The trailer for Queen of Ireland can be found [here](#).

Panti has recently been touring the USA and Australia. Panti also performed her show HIGH HEELS IN LOW PLACES at the 2016 Edinburgh Festival. [Time Out](#) and The [Guardian](#) gave the show four stars - it's a "wise, hilarious, foul-mouthed jolt to the system". The show also received a host of five star reviews.

★★★★★ [Grumpy Gay Critic](#)

★★★★★ Fresh From The Stalls

★★★★★ West End Wilma

★★★★★ Edinburgh Festivals

★★★★★ TV Bomb

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Roles

Stage

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| RIOT | | | THISISPOPBABY |

Television

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