

# DESMOND NAPOLES

LGBTQ+ YOUTH ADVOCATE AND AUTHOR



## SUMMARY

Pronouns: They/Them or He/Him

15-year-old Desmond Napoles is a multi-awarded LGBTQ advocate, outspoken gay teen, gender fluid editorial and runway model, motivational public speaker, performer, actor, singer, LGBTQ influencer, host, and published author of the book, "Be Amazing: A History of Pride." They are also the owner and designer of their own clothing line "Be Amazing NYC"

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## CHRONICLE OF ADVOCACY WORK

### 2022

- > Keynote Speaker for New York Department of Education GSA Summit 2022
- > Camp Lightbulb In-Person Panel Visit
- > Most Asked by Seen TV Profile on Drag Youth
- > Attended Meetings for NYC Black Pride 2022
- > Recommended Learning Strategies for LGBTQ+ youth for Galaxy Kids Educational Planning Committee
- > LGBTQ+ Branching Out Documentary by Treehouse Shakers
- > NYPL Teen Volunteer
- > Camp Lightbulb virtual visit
- > Diaspora Community Services "Express Yourself" event
- > Youth Against Prejudice event
- > NYCLU Youth Lobby Day
- > GMHC AIDS Walk NYC
- > Affirm Trans Kids fundraiser event
- > Performance at Staten Island Pride
- > NYPL Anti-Prom
- > Performer and Panel Discussion at Westport Pride
- > Performer at Long Island Youth Pride
- > Performer at Brooklyn Youth Pride
- > Galaxy Kids virtual visit
- > NYC Pride Youth Pride Influencer
- > Lincoln Center Kiki Ball for Open to All Entertainment
- > United Nations Environment Programme 'My Sustainable Living Challenge'

## 2022 (CONTINUED)

- > PimComedy: The Musical to bring awareness to child trafficking
- > The Walton Family Foundation Gen Z Focus Group
- > Collaboration with Princeton University on gender studies

## 2021

- > I Am What I Am music video
- > Earned internship at New York Civil Liberties Union
- > TRANS YOUTHUTOPIA
- > Stonewall Inn Safe Spaces Concert
- > Released debut single "We Are Amazing"
- > Awarded Gay City News Impact Awards Inspiring Leadership Award
- > DoSomething.org Focus Group
- > Reading With Your Kids
- > Kidz Zone TV
- > Creator Advisory Board for Creator.co
- > Hashtag Your Stories
- > Harper's Corner Digital Read Aloud
- > Human Rights Campaign BTS Blog
- > Eating Our Way to Extinction
- > Unicef Changing Childhood Project
- > United Nations Anatomy of Action Campaign
- > Banned Together First Annual Virtual Auction for Pride and Less Prejudice
- > Rotaract club of Ambarnath
- > Generation Change
- > The Crane Project
- > Youth x Youth Conference
- > New York High School Democrats (NYHSD) virtual visit
- > Fluide Trans Day of Visibility Campaign
- > #WONTBERASED Campaign
- > Teen Health Vibe interview
- > Gay City News Webinar - Love is Everything
- > Video for Mentoring.org
- > MENTOR Youth Voice meeting
- > Grove Community School virtual visit
- > ZSpeak interview
- > Equality New York LGBTQI+ Culture Series
- > Selkirk Montessori School virtual visit
- > Manjit Beautiful Minds profile

## **2021 (CONTINUED)**

- > Queens in Need pandemic fundraiser
- > Gender is a Social Construct
- > The Activist Collab profile

## **2020**

- > The first book written by a drag kid, "Be Amazing: A History of Pride" by Desmond is Amazing is released
- > Participated in Claire's Stores Pride Campaign 2020
- > Honoree at Gay City News Impact Awards
- > Diversify Our Narrative CNUSD Activism Fair
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- > Boston Public Library virtual visit
- > Pink News Pride profile
- > Qwear Pride video
- > PEG virtual Pride drag show
- > Something about the Author (SATA) entry
- > Earned Diva Award of Courage at the Diva Awards
- > Awarded the Key to the City of Worcester, Massachusetts by Mayor Joseph M. Petty "in recognition of your courage to be yourself and through your actions encourage others to do the same"
- > Attendee at Human Rights Campaign's annual fundraiser gala
- > Guest on WNYC's Nancy podcast about drag kids
- > Performed for Digital Drag NYC
- > Participated in Beyond Brighton UK's drag kid live video on Instagram
- > Participated in Queens in Need to bring awareness to the financial struggles of drag queens during the COVID-19 pandemic
- > Participated in The Generations Project's Sow and Grow Storytelling Show

## **2019**

- > Honorary host and event planner at the Children's Museum of the Arts for Pride Fest 2019
- > Participated in AIDS Walk NY 2019
- > Attendee at GLSEN Respect Awards
- > Participated in the Converse "Seek Peace" Campaign 2019
- > Participated in Marc Jacobs Pride Campaign 2019

## 2019 (CONTINUED)

- > Participated in The Phluid Project Pride Campaign with Aaron Williams 2019
- > Named one of the five top LGBTQ Youth Activists by #passthemicyouth
- > Participated in March United for Schools event
- > Shared #InMyShoes coming out story for Watson Films
- > Collaborated with Brussels Airlines inspirational inflight magazine "b.inspired"
- > Collaborated with Higher Self YouTube series
- > Participated in Sho Kinoshi's art exhibit promoting sustainability
- > Donated a portion of proceeds from Cameo shout outs to (RED) to fight AIDS
- > Collaborated with Video Out to share my coming out story to inspire and help others
- > Nominated for a Shorty Award for LGBTQ Influencer of the Year
- > Runner up for the Queerties awards in the Up and Coming Category 2019
- > Participated with Rain Dove Productions in the video short "Wall: What is it Good For?"
- > Nominated for the Global Social Awards
- > Runway model for PIM Comedy at a benefit fashion show to bring awareness to sex trafficking of youth
- > Participated in BKQR: Brooklyn Queer Radio podcast
- > Gave speech, performance, and workshop at Our True Colors Youth Conference
- > Featured in Converse Pride Campaign 2019
- > Grand Marshal for Brooklyn Pride 2019
- > Participated in "Baby Shark" music video for children with Marti Gould Cumming
- > Received Conde Nast's "Queeroes" Awards
- > Participated in "Pride" music video for Queer Kids Stuff
- > Visited St. Ann's School in Brooklyn to speak to a group of middle schoolers about being yourself
- > Special pride story feature by Great Big Story/CNN
- > Performed at It Gets Better 'Pride on the Horizon' LGBTQ youth event
- > Awarded Converse's first 'Pride Award' 2019
- > Recorded my story for StoryCorps and the Library of Congress
- > Received Certificate of Recognition from the Hudson County Clerk's Office (NJ)
- > Received award for contributions to the LGBTQ+ community from The Broken Silence Movement

## 2019 (CONTINUED)

- > Collaborated with Mattel for the BeYouTology Luxe Cosmetics Bar
- > Participated in the Hat Not Hate campaign for Lion Brand Yarns
- > Participated in the "Here & Queer" show at Upright Citizens Brigade
- > Participated in first National Trans Visibility March in Washington DC
- > Speaking engagement for Cooper Hewitt Design Career Day

## 2018

- > Initiated, planned and coordinated Pride Fest at the Children's Museum of the Arts
- > Performed in Broadway Sings For Pride
- > Talk with Nico Tortortella at MNDFL
- > Performed at NYC Pride PrideFest
- > Performed at NYC Pride Youth Pride
- > Rivers of Living Waters Ministry Anti-bullying Town Hall
- > Performance and speech at St. Paul's Church for Transgender Day of Remembrance
- > The Dots list of top 100 LGBT Trailblazers
- > Performance for Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre Pride show
- > NYC Pride Defiantly Different Campaign
- > National LGBTQ Task Force fundraiser at Jonathan Adler
- > Lush Cosmetics North America Trans Allies Campaign
- > Lush Cosmetics North America Pride Campaign
- > Read to young children at Drag Queen Story Hour
- > Group discussion and performance for LGBTQ youth at Camp Lightbulb
- > Speaking engagement for Tuesday Talks at The Phluid Project
- > Received Letter of Recognition from the President of Fairleigh Dickinson University for Pride event planning, participation, speaking engagement, and performance
- > Ice Cream social with Tyler Oakley and other LGBTQ influencers to benefit LGBTQ elderly at SAGE
- > Stay Proud Campaign for GLAAD
- > Gave speech at the GLSEN Awards Ceremony
- > Performed for 5-year old Juliette at her dream drag birthday party
- > Speech to help teach girls how to feel amazing and self-confident at the Teen Vogue Summit
- > Performed at The Phluid Project Pride event, Phluid Phest
- > Mayor of Pride Fest at the Children's Museum of the Arts

## 2018 (CONTINUED)

- > Participated with AIDS Healthcare Foundation for Brooklyn Pride
- > Began writing a children's book for Macmillan Children's Publishing Group
- > Participated with M·A·C Cosmetics campaign for NYC Pride March
- > Gave speech for the NYC Commission On Human Rights LGBTQ Youth and Family Empowerment Resource Fair at The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center
- > Performed at ACS Foster Group Home Pride event
- > Donated 20% of merchandise sales with Dragqueenmerch to benefit homeless LGBTQ youth at The Trevor Project (ongoing)
- > Speaking engagement at The Lower East side Girls Club
- > Dazed100 list of influencers for Dazed and Confused Magazine
- > Out100 list of top LGBTQ influencers for Out Magazine
- > Participated in FIERCE! NYC anti-bullying panel
- > Gays Against Guns fashion show to protest gun violence in schools
- > Participated in episode of Queer Kid Stuff to educate families and youth
- > Top Rank Magazine podcast at Abrons Arts Center
- > Top 20 Gay Teens for NewNowNext
- > Top 14 Youth Teen Activists for Mashable
- > Fluide Beauty's Chosen Family Holiday Campaign
- > Youth Activist Townhall at Children's Museum of the Arts
- > Fearlessly stood up to hateful protesters outside of RuPaul's DragCon LA
- > TakePride15 for LGBTQ Nation
- > Featured in a video for Viacom in Times Square providing inspiration for thousands of tourists visiting NYC
- > Fundraising for Human Rights Campaign at Rupaul's DragCon LA
- > Talk for 112BK on BRIC TV
- > ThirdEyeMedia Pride Profiles
- > Participated in BuzzFeed's Queer Prom with other LGBTQ influencers
- > Breaking down gender and age boundaries in fashion at NYFW
- > Wrote letter to Human Rights India for Pride to encourage acceptance of LGBTQ people in India
- > Participated in Why We Vote Campaign for musician Jordan Brodie
- > Collaborated with Mother New York for World Blood Donor Day to protest restrictions on gay blood donations
- > Pride takeover on Instagram for Seventeen Magazine

## 2017

- > Participated with AIDS Healthcare Foundation for Brooklyn Pride

## **2017 (CONTINUED)**

- > Was featured in Google's Pride #showup campaign
- > Appeared in Reverend Yolanda's music video "Let Go of Grievances"
- > Hosted Kid's Fashion Show on the runway at RuPaul's DragCon NYC
- > Cut the opening ceremony ribbon with RuPaul for Rupaul's DragCon NYC
- > Gave speech at NYC Pride's Pride Rally
- > Read the names of Pulse Orlando shooting victims for Gays Against Guns Pulse Memorial Rally Marking One Year at The Stonewall Inn
- > Rewarded the Marsha P. Johnson Don't Be Outraged Be Outrageous Award from Heritage of Pride for his work in the LGBTQ community
- > Named Child Honor Godfather of Ong Lgbt España anti-violence project #PorUnFuturoSinViolencia
- > Founded Haus of Amazing

## **2016**

- > Participated in GMHC's AIDS Walk New York
- > Rode on the Stonewall Inn float with owners of Pulse Orlando and women who inspired George Segal's statue at the Gay Liberation Monument for NYC Pride's Pride March
- > Participated with AIDS Healthcare Foundation for Brooklyn Pride

## **2015**

- > Participated in GMHC's AIDS Walk New York
- > Went viral for dancing in the NYC Pride's Pride March

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