

Tuaca Kelly is an American poet, spoken word performance artist, and emcee - most known for her unique wordplay, uncanny improvisation, unpredictable humor and ability to connect with the audience.

Spoken Word/Emcee | 2023 – 2025 (partial list)

Unwanted Words
Framer Framed
Word Up Amsterdam
Pleasure Poetry Slam
Labyrinth
Writer's Guide to the Galaxy
American Book Center
Voices Unleashed
Tell 'em
Poeting Queer History
Queer Amsterdam
Under the Albatross Radio
Pleasure Society Radio
Van Gogh Museum
Schmutz Cinema
Pride Photo
Poetry International Festival
Paradiso
NieuweVide Artspace

Theatre

The Los Hombres Improv Troupe, Cast Member
The Improv - Los Angeles | 2003-2004

Nude

Highways at 18th Street Art Complex | 2002

Genius

Highways at 18th Street Art Complex | 2002

Anon Improv Ensemble for Jump!

Luna Park - West Hollywood | 2000

Improv w/Nina Wise | Anne Lamont, Peter Coyote

Larkspur Theater | 1998

Training & Education

Improv:

Nina Wise, Paula Shaw, Mary Squatagatza

Acting:

Kay Kostopolis Amarotico of ACT / Stanford

David Parr of ACT / Stanford

Jean-Claude Van Italle

Voice:

Gary Catona, (Tony Bennett, Whitney Houston)

Robert Edwards, (Pat Benatar, Christina Aguilera)

TV:

David Parr of ACT / CCSF / Stanford, Joan Marachell

Nancy Hayes

"Tuaca Kelly — Tilda Swinton-y even while performing as 'the entire cast of Star Trek' — seemed comfortable portraying everything from Queen Elizabeth to an 8-year-old nerd." — Back Stage West

Profile

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Music

Spotlight Jazz and Blues Fundraiser - Amsterdam
Sappho International Women's Festival - Lesvos
Talent Project McCallum Theatre - Palm Desert
Chick Singer Night - Brown Derby - Los Angeles
Chick Singer Night - Blue Bird Cafe' - Nashville
Caribbean Music Fest - Grand Cayman
Rooster Radio - Grand Cayman
Olivia Cruise
San Francisco Gay Pride – Main Stage - San Francisco
Santa Barbara + Long Beach + West Hollywood Gay Pride
International Gay Rodeo - California State

Film

Memoir Of An Evil Stepmother, cowgirl mourner
Directed by Cherien Dabis | 2004
Final Analysis, stand-in - Uma Thurman
Directed by Phil Joanou | 1992
Memoirs of an Invisible Man, stand-in - Daryl Hannah
Directed by John Carpenter | 1992
Bay City Story, stand-in - Rachel York
Directed by Alan Smithee | 1992
The Doors, hippie background actor
Directed by Oliver Stone | 1991
Code of Honor, karate student
Philippines, Sensei Levi Ignacio
Sesame Street, animal educator/self
PBS / KQED

