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## Jewel Box Revue

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### Notes:

Troupe of female impersonators that worked the black theatre circuit in the 40's, 50's and 60's.

Important gender-variant performer was Storme DeLaverie

In 1939, during a time when gay people were viewed as abhorrent subversives and a threat to society, two gay lovers, Danny Brown and Doc Benner, created and produced America's first racially inclusive traveling revue of female impersonators. It was staffed almost entirely by gay men and one gay woman and was known as the Jewel Box Revue. In many ways it was America's first gay community.

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