

# 12 VOICES FROM THE 3RD FLASH MOB, BODY- POSITIVE 'THE REAL CATWALK' SHOW



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“Participating in this show meant that I can be seen in my true authentic form without the fear of backlash. I mean sure, you’ll get negative commentary with anything you might do, but the Real Catwalk was a safe space because it included people from different backgrounds and was founded on love, easily becoming siblinghood. In order to make any real change in the world, you must connect with people on a genuine level and give them the energy you want to see reciprocated throughout the world. We say the world needs love, but are you doing your part? That starts with loving yourself and TRC was a reminder of that. I struggled regularly in life with depression and anxiety, my body not being small enough or tall and big enough to fit into a standard, and trying to figure out if I was straight, gay, or bi growing up. I know I am worthy enough to

represent the petite curvy community and am glad to be able to have done that this weekend! Also, sexuality was just as inclusive here as gender, race, size, and more. To be pansexual means to love without labels. It isn't about whether you're a man or a woman, it's about who you are, accepting you, and loving you as you are. That is something everyone should remind themselves of."