

Photo by Marni Rothschild Durlach



Daniel Brinker brings men in skirts to the masses.

The new owner of Dudley's on Ann is no stranger to skirts. Every Thursday, his bar hosts cabaret shows with the intimate feel of living-room drag, reflecting Daniel's dream to bring "bigger city ideas to a smaller bar." He worked on the management and bartending sides of Dudley's for three years before taking over to transform it from a gathering point for the gay community into a high-energy hub for an "awesome mix of people." Customers can come in dressy or casual for shows and karaoke. "Anyone, gay or straight, whoever you are, can feel welcome." The added energy has made Dudley's "Charleston's Everybody Bar" and home to memorials for deceased customers, fundraisers for Lowcountry AIDS Services, and donation drives for the homeless. "If you have a fear of gay bars, come check it out. See what your impression is."

The best thing about reading skirt?

"The upcoming events page. It's great seeing what's going on in town for the month."

Best thing about wearing a skirt!?

"Getting to pretend that I'm in *Rocky Horror* for a bit."