

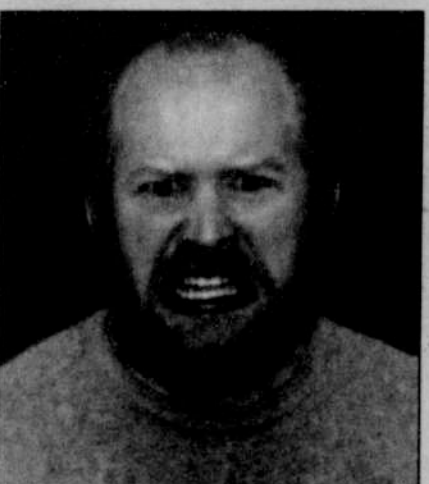
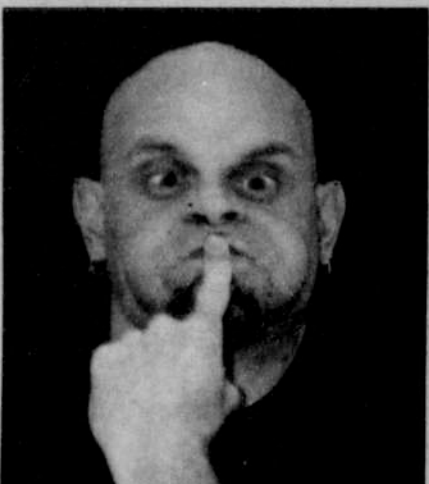
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Comedy Night Brings Communities Together

Deaf and queer communities will coincide once again at the eighth ASL Comedy Night, bringing humor to a mixed audience via sketch comedy and spontaneous improv performances. The show, which will be the group's final performance after nearly five years of semiannual shows, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 18 and 19 at Embers, 110 N.W. Broadway.

Queer stage manager Jeannie Songer says the shows are usually attended by an audience with varied skills in American Sign Language. Most of the actors are deaf and will be signing throughout the show. Voice interpreters will be on hand for those who are not fluent in ASL.

"This humor is mostly visual, compared to hearing humor, which involves a lot of sarcasm, word play and one-liners," Songer explains. "The audience is definitely a mix of deaf and hearing and definitely a range of signing ability."



The final ASL Comedy Night features skits, improv, standup and more Jan. 18 and 19.

Songer says that there is a lot of overlap between the deaf and queer communities in Portland and that the comedy night will be queer-friendly. "Most of the actors are queer. Most of the relationships in the skits are between two women or two men," she says. "The deaf community in general is very queer-friendly, at least in my experience."

Kenya Love, a queer actor in the ASL Comedy Night, says the intersection between the deaf and queer communities seems like a natural fit for both. "For example, when hearing parents find out their child is deaf, they are upset because their child is not like them and they are upset that they will not share similar experiences. This is the same reaction when parents find out their child is gay."

Actor Pagan A. Thomsen, a deaf lesbian, says she is glad to be a part of a comedy event specifically geared toward the deaf community. "All people, deaf and hearing, appreciate humor, and this show involves experiences we can all relate to."

Cover is \$5. Proceeds from the ASL Comedy Night will benefit local charities such as Cascade AIDS Project and Deaf Women of Oregon and Washington.

—Julie Sabatier

1 BOXXES/FISH GROTTTO/ RED CAP GARAGE

1035 SW Stark St. • 503-226-4171

Boxxes/Red Cap Garage, the only two-in-one gay club in the city, is Portland's original gay dance club and has the most experienced DJ ensemble in the scene. Stark Street's only nonsmoking bar for the boys.

2 CASEY'S/THE TUNNEL

610 NW Couch St. • 503-224-9062

New "all-inclusive" nightclub and lounge in Old Town from the owner of the Eagle.

3 C.C. SLAUGHTERS

219 NW Davis St. • 503-248-9135

C.C. Slaughter is a great hangout. Come feel like "Norm" or shake your booty all night long to the best sound, lights and laser shows in Portland.

4 CRUSH

1400 SE Morrison St. • 503-235-8150

Crush features specialty martinis and cocktails and serves a full food menu. Hip DJs spin throughout the week, with dancing on the weekends. Happy hour is all day Tuesday, 4:30-6 pm Wednesday-Friday and 3-7 pm Sunday. Crush is now open for brunch 9 am-3 pm Saturday and Sunday.

5 DARCELLE XV SHOWPLACE

208 NW Third Ave. • 503-222-5338

World-famous female impersonators Darcelle XV & Company have been entertaining audiences from all walks of life for more than 37 years with Las Vegas-style cabaret revues of glitz, glamour and comedy. They have traveled the States presenting a show that you have to see to believe. Stop by when you are in Portland and you will be glad you did! Company parties are welcome. Showtimes are 8:30 pm Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$15. Reservations are not required but are highly recommended. Dinner seating is 5-7 pm by reservation. Male strippers at midnight Friday and Saturday.

6 THE EAGLE PDX

1300 W Burnside St. • 503-241-0105

Portland's original masculine men's bar.

7 EGYPTIAN CLUB

3701 SE Division St. • 503-236-8689

The 7,000-square-foot Egyptian Club, located in a former milk plant, features three different rooms. There's a dance floor in the Tomb; the Front Lounge offers pool tables and video games; and a third bar, the Room, features karaoke seven nights a week. The crowd is primarily lesbian.

8 EMBERS AVENUE

110 NW Broadway • 503-222-3082

Gay bar in historic Old Town. The O Spot starring Johnny O 10 pm Thursdays. The Music & the Mirror starring Miss Honey Bea Hart 9:30 pm Fridays. Krystal Lynn is the Nubian Princess 9:30 pm Saturdays.

9 ESCAPE

333 SW Park Ave. • 503-227-0830

Portland's only all-ages gay nightclub. The Greater Portland Intercollegiate Queer Society hosts College Night 10:30 pm Fridays featuring different music every week, \$3 off the cover with student identification and speed friend-making (like speed dating!) for the first hour.

10 FOX & HOUNDS

217 NW Second Ave. • 503-243-5530

According to BarFly, this "cheery, kicked-back pub draws a convivial, mostly mature crowd to its somewhat countrified environs." Fox & Hounds regularly hosts various charity events, and the first Sunday of each month is a fun-filled bingo fund-raiser. Sheltered sidewalk seating fits a handful of tables and affords some good people-watching. \$2 well drinks and \$2 select beers 4-8 pm daily. Full menu served until 8:30 pm Sunday-Thursday and until 10 pm Friday and Saturday, with bar menu served until closing time thereafter.

11 GAIL'S DIRTY DUCK

439 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-8446

BarFly describes the Dirty Duck as an "endearingly light-in-the-loafers longshoreman-type hole in the wall, named for Shakespeare's local. Said to be haunted by its formidable former owner, Mama Bernice! Home of the Oregon Bears." Featuring pool, pinball, MegaTouch and darts.

12 HOBOS

120 NW Third Ave. • 503-224-3285

Hobo's has been an integral part of Portland's dining and lounge experience for more than 25 years. Located in the heart of Old Town, it provides a friendly atmosphere of casual elegance and serves outstanding cuisine from both its complete dinner menu and its lounge menu. It also offers premium cocktails, an extensive wine list and bottled and draft beers. Enjoy live music Wednesday through Sunday, with pool and lottery in the game room. Courtyard dining when weather permits. Because Old Town is an energetic and vibrant part of Portland's nightlife and on-street parking is sometimes limited, Hobo's offers validated parking at its neighborhood Smart Park located on the corner of NW Davis and Front streets.

13 JOQ'S

2512 NE Broadway • 503-287-4210

Featuring the best 9-Ball Tournament 8 pm Saturdays. Possibly the best \$6 ribeye dinner anywhere. Joq's also serves up the lowest drink prices in the city. Join one of its softball, pool or bowling teams. Enjoy a good time and make a new friend at this entertaining neighborhood bar!

NORTHBANK

106 W Sixth St., Vancouver • 360-695-3862

Southwest Washington's first and only gay bar. Now smoke-free!

Take \$1 off any item that costs more than \$2 on Buck-Off Monday. \$5 pasta dinners (spaghetti or fettuccine Alfredo) are served with \$2 well drinks 5-9 pm Tuesdays. Licious Karaoke is Wednesday and Friday. Thursday is Girlz Night with \$3 Smirnoff and \$5.50 pitchers of Bud

and Bud Lite. Saturday is a special event or DJ. Sunday is happy hour all day with free pool.

14 SCANDALS

1125 SW Stark St. • 503-227-5887

Scandals, one of Portland's most established gay men's bars, has been a fixture on the ever-changing Stark Street for going on 30 years. It provides a cruisy street-side setting with a seasonal sidewalk cafe, great drinks and a "more than friendly" bar staff. It also features all forms of lottery, a pool table, darts and videos. DJ Duane spins classic dance music Friday and Saturday nights. Welcome to Scandals, where men meet.

15 SHANGHAI STEAKERY

16 NW Broadway • 503-228-9325

A locally owned gay bar known for good music, great drinks, the best prices in town and lottery. Happy hour 7 am-8 pm. Join the IT Club DJ boys on the first Friday of every month. Shanghai Steakery also holds other events; it's best to check with the bar for upcoming events.

16 SILVERADO

318 SW Third Ave. • 503-224-4493

Claims to be Portland's only gay-owned and -operated gay nightclub, Portland's favorite gay bar and Portland's "original" premier gay nightclub. "Where the men are hot and the party never ends...we lead the crowd, not just follow."

The Ministry of Mylar (Not Your Mother's Church) Sundays. Karaoke with Rocky Rhodes 8 pm-1 am Mondays. Wednesday is Latino Night with Meesha Peru.

SOUTHSIDE SPEAKEASY

3529 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem • 503-362-1139

Southside Speakeasy is the place in Salem and the central Willamette Valley for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to meet and hang out.

Free pool all day Sunday with Desperate Housewives at 9 pm. 50-cent tacos are served 5-9 pm Mondays with bingo at 6:30 and karaoke at 9. Top sirloin steak dinner is served 5:30-10 pm Tuesdays for \$8.95. Win points and prizes with free Texas Hold 'Em poker 7:30 pm Wednesdays and 6:30 pm Saturdays. Dance party with DJ Rosi 9 pm Thursdays. Dance party with DJ Lori 9 pm Fridays and Saturdays; cover is \$3.

17 STARKY'S

2913 SE Stark St. • 503-230-7980

"Everyday people" video bar with great martinis, two large patios, Oregon Lottery games, WiFi and private parties. Monday and Tuesday are Burger Nights, Wednesday is Mexican Night, Thursday is Homemade Meatloaf Night, Friday is Prime Rib Night, Saturday features chef's specials, and brunch is served 9 am-2 pm every weekend.

18 STEAM

2885 NE Sandy Blvd. • 503-736-9999

Portland's hottest all-male experience.

