

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Barbara Holm

Comics Take on Gender, Sexuality

Am I Right, Ladies? A totally radical evening of live stand-up comedy by Portland's finest feminist allies will be held Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Backspace. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m.

Co-hosted this month by Jen Tam and Portland Mercury blogger Barbara Holm, the show will feature live stand-up sets from a diverse group of comics from all over the gender, race, and sexuality spectrum: Andie Main, JoAnn Schinderle, Melody Awesomazing, Deirdre Lyons-Keefe, Curtis Cook, Philip Schallberger, Caitlin Weierhauser, Kristin Rowan, plus special guests.

Am I Right, Ladies? is produced by Tam, a local comic and visual artist who started the event as a direct response to the rampant racism, sexism, and misogyny currently present in the male-dominated comedy world.

The free showcase is held every second Wednesday of the month at Backspace, 115 N.W. Fifth Ave., an all ages venue.



Drums and Hip-Hop Makes Waves

Michelle Fujii of Portland Taiko and Shoji Kameda of the Los Angeles-based group On Ensemble weave rhythm, melody, and movement in Making Waves, an exhilarating theatrical experience coming to the Aladdin Theater, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Ave.

The event will infuse the powerful rhythms of ensemble Japanese drumming with elements of hip-hop, rock, and electronic.

On Ensemble's unique sound has been praised as "completely original and brilliantly conceived."

Performances are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. For tickets, visit aladdin-theater.com or ticketfly.com.

The Los Angeles-based taiko group, On Ensemble.

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