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Earthquake Hurricane

An army of impressive Portland comedians—Curtis Cook, Alex Falcone, Bri Pruett and Anthony Lopez—host a weekly standup showcase with some of the funniest people you'll ever see in the basement of a bike shop. *Kickstand Comedy Space*, 1969 NE 42nd Ave., 937-219-1334. 8:30 pm every Wednesday. \$5 suggested.

Flair: An Office Space Parody

Use all your willpower not to quote along with local director Trenton Shine's staging of that movie everyone has seen. Wear your flair. We're lazy, but we just might care. Yeaaaaah, so we'll see you on Saturday. *Funhouse Lounge*, 2432 SE 11th Ave., 841-6734. 7 pm Thursday-Saturday through March 28. \$12.

Funny Humans vs. the Wheel

If you go to enough shows around town, you start to memorize comedians' sets. Think of this weekly show, hosted by silly duo Adam Pasi and David Mascorro, as an antidote to all that repetition. Comedians start out with a planned set, but halfway through, they have to spin a wheel to determine what comes next—crowd work, one-liners, maybe even a heckle battle. *Bar of the Gods*, 4801 SE Hawthorne Blvd., 232-2037. 9 pm every Sunday. Free. 21+.

Game On!

Phil Schallberger and Christian Ricketts host a Friday night of comics playing video games. But they promise to make it interesting with a "tournament of champions," pitting comedians against one another with colorful live commentary. *Kickstand Comedy Space*, 1969 NE 42nd Ave., 937-219-1334. 7:30 pm Thursday, March 12.

Garbage People

A Grinch-style story time for grownups where local comics tell dark tales of their own villainy. Brodie Kelly hosts a lineup including 2015 Bridgetown Comedy Festival pick David Mascorro. *The Waypost*, 3120 N Williams Ave., 367-3182. 9 pm Friday, March 13. \$5. 18+.

It's Gonna Be Okay

Hosted by the ever-chipper Barbara Holm, this twice-monthly showcase is a prime spot to catch Portland's top comics, as well as the occasional out-of-towner. The cozy basement room is almost always packed (especially impressive for a Monday night), and Holm often tosses out prizes—plastic dinosaur figurines, comic books—to audience members. Also: free skeeball afterward. *EastBurn*, 1800 E Burnside St., 236-2876. 8:30 pm every first and third Monday. Free. 21+.

Late Night Action

Rep. Earl Blumenauer and 105.1 The Buzz host Daria are featured in March's installment of this hyperlocal *Tonight Show* hosted by comedians Bri Pruett and Alex Falcone plus Christian Ricketts, Lucia Fasano and Anthony Lopez. We hope Blumenauer busts a move to the soundtrack of the night's musical act, Chervona. *Mississippi Studios*, 3939 N Mississippi Ave., 288-3895. 7 pm Saturday, March 14. \$15.

Naked Comedy Open Mic

The Brody hosts a thrice-weekly open-mic night. Comics get four-minute standup slots and can sign up online. *Brody Theater*, 16 NW Broadway, 224-2227. 9:30 pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Free with one-item minimum purchase.

REVIEW



CASEY CAMPBELL

PUPPY LOVE: Bag & Baggage's *The Six Gentlemen of Verona* swaps cock for feminine wit in this musical adaptation of Shakespeare's weakest play, *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. B&B is known for unusual interpretations and doesn't disappoint here. The all-female cast—not counting aww-inducing pug Crab—is transplanted to a 1970s Verona, fringe-edged suede and all. Proteus (Cassie Greer) falls for a reciprocating flower child, Julia (Ariane Jacques), and his adrenaline junkie chum, Valentine (Clara-Liis Hillier), pines after lovely Silvia (Jessi Walters). But when Proteus spots Silvia, his love for Julia wanes and Shakespearean entanglements ensue. Hillier's bona fide enthusiasm as Valentine could win anyone's heart, but the other lovers lack a spark. Instead, eloquent "fools," Speed (Kaia Hillier) and Launce (Jessi Walters), steal the show with tongue-in-cheek love advice: "If you love her, you cannot see her. Because love is blind." It must be true. B&B won us over, mullets and pugs included. KATHRYN PEIFER.

SEE IT: *The Six Gentlemen of Verona* is at the Venetian Theater, 253 E Main St., Hillsboro, 693-3953. 7:30 pm Thursdays through Saturdays, 2 pm Sundays through March 22. \$26-\$30.