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# OBERON ANNOUNCES MORE FEBRUARY EVENTS

Cambridge, Mass.— OBERON, the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.)'s second stage and club theater venue, continues to bring exciting and original programming to the fringe of Harvard Square. Together with the previously announced return of The Hypocrites (*Pirates of Penzance*) with *Romeo Juliet* and 12 *Nights*, in repertory from February 18-22, OBERON's February programming will include:

#### A.R.T.'S OBERON ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE:

#### SPEAKEASY CIRCUS

Presented by the Boston Circus Guild and OBERON Next performance: Friday, February 7 at 7:30pm & 10:30pm Tickets: \$25-45

Celebrate the best of the roaring '20s with live jazz, glittering dancers, and jaw-dropping circus spectacle.

Cool cats and dapper dames from the Boston Circus Guild will amaze you with their acrobatic feats of strength, high-energy hooping, and seductive burlesque, and glamorous aerial performances. This amazing sold-out show from the Outside the Box festival has been revamped with new characters, plot twists, and an ever-revolving lineup of new acts. Get dolled up in your finest threads and put your dancing shoes on! Following the late show, stay for a swingin' dance party that goes until 1:00 am.

#### **INTERFERENCE**

Produced and Presented by Liars & Believers and OBERON Wednesday, February 12 at 8:00pm Tickets \$22-32

With director Steven Bogart (*Cabaret* at A.R.T.) and over a dozen performance artists, Liars & Believers takes you on a journey of courage in the face of terror. Inspired by Picasso's monumental painting, "Guernica" and the music of Singer Mali (of Jaggery) from her "10 Paintings/10 Songs" collaboration with Bogart, see dramatic events, music, dance, animation, film, soundscape, interactive installation, and the unexpected unfold around you.

#### **ACOUSTICAELECTRONICA**

Presented by toUch performance art and OBERON Next performance: Friday, February 28 at 10:30pm

Tickets: \$25-65

"Its like Cirque du Soleil meets a rave but a better description would be totally unbelievable. This was the COOLEST blend of theatre, all types of music, dance, opera and creation of an atmosphere in a space that I have ever seen." — Dig Boston

Presented by Touch Performance Art and OBERON, **AcousticaElectronica** blends elements of electronic and classical music, dance, circus arts and immersive theatre with the infectious energy of the contemporary nightclub. Leaders in these artforms have teamed up to create an extraordinary, next-generation experience. This ultimate dance party becomes an immersive event for the audience, as dancers, symphonies, aerialists, operas, and live musicians (THE WIG included) all send the audience on a tantalizing voyage filled with sensual and emotional discoveries.

#### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR FEBRUARY:

#### **HERHRC**

Sunday, February 2 at 3:00pm

Tickets: \$15 and \$25

Join the Human Rights Campaign of New England as we celebrate the ladies in our community on Superbowl Sunday at our 4th annual HerHRC. Don't miss the exciting variety of acts as we prepare for the Super Bowl and dance the night away at OBERON in Harvard Square.

Dan Candell, The Hypnotist will be performing, and Boston's very own DJ LeahV will be spinning the tunes. Additional performances will be announced shortly, so be sure to purchase tickets and join us at *HerHRC* 2014.

## THE BIG QUIZ THING

Presented by The Big Quiz Thing and OBERON Monday, February 3 at 8:00pm FREE ADMISSION!

Step up, geeks: The Big Quiz Thing, the major-league game show that you get to play, is live at OBERON every month! Quizmaster Noah Tarnow presents five big rounds of the world's greatest multimedia quiz excitement, including video puzzles, audio clues, the Lightning Round, the buzzer-tastic Three-Way Finale, and the best, smartest quiz questions anywhere! Plus, there's hope for dummies: Smart-Ass Points for wrong but funny answers. Best of all, the \$200 cash grand prize, along with show tickets books, DVDs, CDs, baked goods, and more excellent goodies.

#### YOU'RE THE EXPERT

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:00pm

Tickets: \$15

You're the Expert bridges the worlds of comedy and academia, attracting a comedy audience while providing them with meaningful content. Each show features an expert

in a somewhat obscure field. A group of hilarious comedians try to guess what in the world our expert studies all day long. Afterwards, the expert dissects how wildly wrong (or right) the ideas about her field were. The show ends with an interview where we find out what our expert does and why their field is important. It's funny, it's interactive, and you end up actually learning something.

#### **POOR OLD SHINE**

Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$15-25

Fresh from composing original music and performing as part of the American Repertory Theater's production of **The Heart of Robin Hood**, Poor Old Shine brings their fantastic sound to **OBERON** for one night only!

## THE IT FACTOR MUSIC SHOWCASE

Presented and Produced by Benson Dageneral of Evalast Productions Sunday, February 9 at 6:00pm Tickets \$15

The IT Factor Music Showcase is an event for unsigned artists to perform and compete for \$1,000 cash and other prizes. Industry guest judges give constructive criticism to all artists as the crowd determines the winner from the finalists.

#### MORTIFIED: DOOMED VALENTINE'S SHOW

Thursday, February 13 and Friday, February 14 at 8:00pm Tickets: \$15

Join us once again for our annual *Doomed Valentines Show!* We have compiled some of the best, worst, most awkward, and odd love-related pieces that *Mortified* has to offer.

Hailed as a "cultural phenomenon" by NewsWeek and celebrated for years by the likes of This American Life, The Today Show, The Onion AV Club, & Entertainment Weekly, Mortified is a comic excavation of teen angst artifacts (journals, poems, letters, lyrics, home movies, schoolwork) as shared by their original authors -- in front of total strangers. Submissions come from a wide range of participants, from professional performers to total amateurs. All in the noble pursuit of self-degradation. Share the shame.

## JAMES JACKSON, JR.: GROWN FOLKS REUNION

Sunday, February 16 at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$20

Performance artist James Jackson, Jr. is returning to his hometown for a one night only performance. Who knew so much could happen in a year? Come hear the tales of an ill-fated, underpaid trip to Los Angeles where "singing for your supper" didn't actually include a meal. Or of wondering why he doesn't fit in while following around the New York City cabaret and performance artist "cool kids." Has he worn out his welcome like a new pair of tight jeans? Like any good lady-detective, he's traced his steps back to where it all began. James has been gone from Massachusetts for almost 12 years. It's

time to fill you in on what he's been up to, and some of the lessons he's learned. And to sing a few songs too. He'll laugh. He'll cry. . . . . He'll throw some shade.

With a soul-tastic band lead by the multi-talented, and ever-charming Elliot Roth, James has a night of true debauchery and story telling planned like any good Homecoming should have.

#### QUEEN NIGHT AT THE DONKEY SHOW: SEVERITY STONE

Saturday, February 22 at 7:30pm and 10:30pm

Tickets: From \$25

Once a month **The Donkey Show**'s glittery world gets a little more glitter with **Queen Night!** Local drag star Severity Stone will be in the disco booth and all over the dance floor shaking her groove thang before a disco diva inspired performance.

## A VISIT FROM MALACHAI MAMBO

Thursday, February 27 at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$20-25

Wherever Jews are, they infuse the rhythms of their community. Enjoy an evening of music from Cuba, Argentina, the Dominican Republic and more with an all-star band of Latin and Jewish musicians from Cuba, Argentina, Guatemala, and Brazil led by the inimitable Gaston Bogomolni. A multi- media event with music, photography, and dance. Presented with New Center NOW. Dance instruction at 8, music at 8:30.

#### A DARK KNIGHT IN THE ASYLUM

Presented by the Slaughterhouse Sweethearts Friday, February 28 at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$15-20

The Slaughterhouse Sweethearts, Boston's ravenous, well-feared horror burlesque troupe, is downright batty over the infamous Batman rouge gallery. How about yourself? Are you brave enough to come face to face with?

Join Dr Arkham, and Commission Gordon as they explore the madhouse, and share in delight at the twisted temptations that await them. Burlesque, variety, and circus brought to you some of Boston's most infamous criminal minds.

#### **ABOUT OBERON:**

A destination for theater and nightlife on the fringe of Harvard Square, OBERON is the home of the A.R.T.'s hit productions of *The Lily's Revenge*, *Futurity*, *Cabaret*, and *Prometheus Bound*, Ryan Landry's *Rocky Horror Show*, and every Saturday night: *The Donkey Show*, OBERON is also a thriving incubator for local and visiting talent.

OBERON is located at 2 Arrow Street at the corner of Mass Ave. in Harvard Square, Cambridge. For information on these productions and other events, as well as tickets visit **www.cluboberon.com**