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OBERON Announces January / February 2018 Programming

Cambridge, MA—**OBERON**, the American Repertory Theater's (A.R.T.) second stage and club-theater venue on the fringe of Harvard Square, announces events to be presented at OBERON during January and February 2018 — including OBERON Presents, Glowberon, and usual suspects.

FOXY PRESENTS: OCTOBUSSY

Friday, January 12 at 10PM

Tickets \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door

Boston's legendary disco party **FOXY** is back in 2018 with our James Bond-themed **OCTOBUSSY**. Carrying a license to SLAY are Bond girls **Violencia ExclamationPoint**, **Raquel Surpreeze**, **Neon Calypso**, **Sham Payne**, **QYA Cristal**, and **JP**. FOXY disco DJs **James Cerne** and **Nathanael Bluhm** will leave you shaken, not stirred. Featuring a thrilling Action Sequence by **Joey Pelletier** and **Heart & Dagger Productions**.

THE MOTH

Usual Suspect

Tuesday, January 16 at 8PM (tickets available January 9 at 3PM)

Tuesday, February 20 at 8PM (tickets available January 13 at 3PM)

Tickets \$10

The Moth StorySLAMs are steadily spreading all over the map, gathering people and stories from all over the country. New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Boston have multiple shows each month. **The Moth** is open to anyone with a five-minute story to share on the night's posted theme. The brave of heart, or those with stories they're aching to tell, prepare personal, true tales. When the doors open, storyteller hopefuls put their names in The Moth Hat. A half-hour later, names are picked, and one by one, storytellers take the stage. Each person has just five minutes! The ten featured stories are scored by teams of judges selected from the audience. Each StorySLAM generates a StorySLAM winner. After ten SLAMs, the winners face off in our GrandSLAM Championships. Come sign up to tell a story, or just enjoy the show!

January's theme is **Achilles Heel**. Prepare a five-minute story about weaknesses and soft spots. Vulnerable situations. That look your dog gives you, your secret love of harlequin novels, your fear of goldfish, your need to have the last word. Recklessly falling in love or getting struck down from the hilltop. Regale us with tales of your personal kryptonite.

February's theme is **Transit**. Prepare a five-minute story about planes, trains, and automobiles. Getting from A to B and notable moments along the way. The Boeing 747, the F train, or the Volvo. That attractive stranger on the plane, the time your soup spilled on the bus, or crying in traffic. Regale us with tales of commutes, fastened seat belts and left turns.

EXIT, PURSUED BARE: A SHAKESPEAREAN BURLESQUE & VARIETY SPECTACULAR

Friday, January 19 and Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 8PM

Tickets from \$15

Shakespeare and burlesque? Such a mad marriage was never had before! This show is such stuff as dreams are made on: a burlesque and variety spectacular featuring dance, circus arts, music, spoken word, and more in celebration of the works of William Shakespeare. Behold the Bard's most beloved lords, lovers, sprites, and scoundrels in a fashion you've never witnessed before.

LADY BUNNY: TRANS-JESTER!

Glowberon

Thursday, January 25 and Friday, January 26 at 8PM

Second date added due to popular demand!

Tickets \$25

Foul-mouthed drag legend **Lady Bunny** usually shies away from politics—because it's one hell of a train wreck right now. But she doesn't shy away from gender politics. From the new pronoun we're forced to learn every time Will Smith's son puts on a dress, to Caitlyn Jenner reaching out to Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz to become his 'trans ambassador', Bunny feels that it's time for the gloves to come off.

Featuring new parodies of *Adele*, *RENT*, and Bruno Mars punctuated by some actually insightful social commentary (well, she thinks so anyway) and trashing the current overemphasis on political correctness, Bunny breaks down some of the latest buzzwords that we're all supposed to remember for every occasion. The self-proclaimed 'pig in wig' brings her trademark huge hair to astound and offend—prepare to be challenged.

PALESTINIANS, LIVE!

Sunday, January 28 at 5PM and 8PM

Tickets \$13

Palestinians, Live! is an evening of true and compelling stories told by Palestinians from all over the world, live on stage and in their own words. These stories, all told in English, are based on real life experiences and involve universal themes of love, loss, identity, and overcoming adversity. Come enjoy authentic Palestinian voices and a drink in a cabaret setting for a unique and memorable evening!

THE STORY COLLIDER

Usual Suspect

Tuesday, January 30 at 8PM

Tickets from \$10

Join ***The Story Collider*** for an evening of true, personal stories about science. From finding awe in Hubble images to visiting the doctor, science is everywhere in our lives. Whether we wear a white lab coat or haven't seen a test tube since eighth grade, science affects and changes us. We all have a story about science, and at ***The Story Collider***, we want to hear those stories.

ACOUSTICAELECTRONICA

Usual Suspect

Friday, February 2 at 10PM

Tickets from \$15

Succumb to an awe-inspiring experience that stimulates all of your senses. ***AcousticaElectronica*** sets its tale in the world of art's past, resurrecting its most intriguing ghosts and planting them here, in this new future. Dorian Gray, Carmen, Pierrot Lunaire, Odette the Swan, and the Conductor all travel through time and are planted here, in this moment. Watch as they struggle with who they were and what they are to become in this new future. The show blends elements of electronic and classical music, dance, circus arts, and immersive theater with the infectious energy of a nightclub to bring you an evening you won't encounter anywhere else. After-party until 2AM with DJ **Danny Satori!**

ENDLESS BURLESQUE

Sunday, February 4 at 8PM

Tickets from \$15

An evening of dreamy delights to entice the mind, body, and soul celebrating the sublime world of **Neil Gaiman's Sandman** series. With a variety of burlesque, circus, dance, and more inspired by the many immortal characters that populate Morpheus' realm and beyond. Featuring a live band and costume contest!

MAGIC DYKE 2018

Thursday, February 8 and Sunday, February 11 at 8PM

Tickets from \$15

Last year **The Slaughterhouse Society's** **MAGIC DYKE** sold out OBERON to a crazed, packed audience of screaming beauties who couldn't get ENOUGH of this divine, dashing, dirty, and delicious diversity of drag kings! This February the boys are BACK, baby! And its Valentine's weekend? Looorrd, have mercy. **MAGIC DYKE** is a steamy, bumping, grinding, pulsing TORNADO of drag kings, and queer performers ready to tease, please, and have you hit your KNEES, praying to Stripper Jesus for more!

QUEER HEARTACHE

OBERON Presents

Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10 at 7:30PM

Tickets from \$25

Kit Yan is an award-winning, queer, trans, Asian-American poet from Hawaii. **Queer Heartache** is his solo slam poetry show that explores his identities, asks what queer hearts and families are made of and interrogates the forces that constantly work to break them apart. **Queer Heartache** is a testament to the resilience of queer love in all its forms—between cis and trans siblings, lovers, pride parade attendees, and many more—in the face of heartbreaking barriers everywhere from the dating pool to the medical establishment. If you've ever had your heart broken, wondered how your pets self-identify, or wanted to tell someone your gender is none of their business, this show is for you.

Queer Heartache was part of the 2016/17 OBERON I.D. Festival and we are thrilled to have it back for two nights in 2017/18. The show has also been featured in the 2015 Chicago Fringe Festival, where it won the Artist's Choice, Audience Choice, and Spirit of Fringe awards, and 2016 San Francisco Fringe Festival, where it won Volunteer's Choice and Best of Fringe, and had its New York premier at the first annual 2016 Transgender Theater Festival. A print adaptation is out now through TransGenre Press (2016).

MORTIFIED

Usual Suspect

Wednesday, February 14 and Saturday, February 17 at 7PM

Tickets \$15

Hailed as a "cultural phenomenon" by *Newsweek* and celebrated for years by the likes of *This American Life*, *The Today Show*, *The A.V. Club*, and *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.

OLD SCHOOL GAME SHOW'S VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

Friday, February 16 at 8PM

Tickets \$19

Hey there, bump and grind valentines! Turn off the lights, light a candle, and get ready for **Old School Game Show's Valentine's Special!** Our Danielle Steele-approved pop culture trivia romance special features the hilarious **Old School Game Show** cast, baby-making music from our celebrity musical guest, and the magical comedic stylings of our guest comedian! Plus the slow jam grooves of **The Swinging Old School Game Show House Band**, fabulous prizes from amazing local sponsors, surprise guests, and a brand-new smooth as silk pajamas dance routine from the **Cubic Zirconia Dancers!** **Old School Game Show** is a live interactive theater experience done with all the pageantry and analog style of a 1970's television game show. The show combines elements of pub trivia, variety specials, and comedy sketches to produce a completely unique trivia event. It's all the fun of an afternoon spent rolling around in the rumpus room—without the rug burn.

THE DONKEY SHOW

The Long-Running Hit

Presented by A.R.T.

Every Saturday night

Tickets from \$25

Tony Award-winner **Diane Paulus'** celebrated smash hit continues its ninth Season at OBERON every Saturday night, bringing you the ultimate disco experience – a crazy circus of mirror balls and feathered divas, of roller skaters and hustle queens inspired by Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The party rages on the dance floor to all the best '70s hits as the show unfolds around the audience. After the show, the party continues into the night so you can live out your own disco fever fantasy!

OBERON is located at 2 Arrow Street at the corner of Mass Ave. in Harvard Square, Cambridge. For more info and tickets visit cluboberon.com.

OBERON is the American Repertory Theater's second stage, a destination for theater and nightlife on the fringe of Harvard Square. In addition to offering work from the A.R.T.'s main season, OBERON is also a thriving incubator for emerging artists to imagine new projects that could only exist in this exciting club-theater environment. Thousands of artists and performance groups bring work to the space each year. OBERON regularly features a wide variety of local performers including aerialists, beat poets, musicians, tap dancers, gender-bending sketch troupes, comedians, burlesque performers, and aerialists.

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