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OBERON announces Bridget Everett Returning for One Night Only Wednesday, August 27th at 8pm

Additional Programming for July and August

Cambridge, MA — **OBERON**, the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.)'s second stage and club theater venue on the fringe of Harvard Square, announces the return of cabaret performer **Bridget Everett** on Wednesday, August 27th at 8pm, as well as other exciting and original programming during the month of July and August.

Bridget Everett returns to OBERON with her funny yet gut-wrenching and outrageous performance. Bridget has played to sold-out venues nationally, been joined by guests ranging from Broadway icon Patti Lupone to Rock icon Flea, and has instantly developed a cult-like following with her edgy cabaret. Each performance is as explosive as it is unpredictable. She has been called one of the Funniest People in New York by *Time Out*. Her film, theater and television credits include Inside Amy Schumer, At Least It's Pink, Two Broke Girls, Jeffrey Cole Casserole, The Bleep Show w/ Whitney Cummings, Jukebox Jackie and Our Hit Parade. Bridget has appeared at Montreal and Chicago's Just For Laughs Festival, HBO's Aspen United States Comedy Arts Festival, The Adelaide International Cabaret Festival, The San Francisco Sketchfest, and The New York Comedy Festival. Bridget was awarded a grant from Joe's Pub in 2013 as part of their New York Voices series. Everett has toured nationally with Amy Schumer.

"...a woman with more personality and drive than one body can handle. A pure id on the rampage." - New York Times

"Tremendously entertaining" – The Wall Street Journal

"Now there's a girl with great talent...She's got guts. She's fearless. That girl's got guts." – Patti Lupone

Tickets: \$25

OBERON ALSO ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING FOR JULY and AUGUST, including the return of OBERON favorites such as The Moth, You're the Expert, and Mortified; as well as OBERON Artists in Residence The Boston Circus Guild's Speakeasy Circus and Touch Performance Art's Sexyback: Or What You Will.

The complete lineup is as follows:

YOU'RE THE EXPERT

Presented by Christopher Duffy Tuesday, July 1st at 7:00pm; Tuesday, August 5th 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.

THE BIG QUIZ THING

Presented by OBERON and The Big Quiz Thing Monday, July 7th at 8:00pm; Monday, August 4th 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.

THE WALK ACROSS AMERICA FOR MOTHER EARTH

Presented by The Circuit Theatre July 9th-24th at 8:00pm

The Walk Across America For Mother Earth depicts a ragtag band of activists marching across the nation to raise awareness about a nuclear testing site in Nevada, among other environmental and social injustices. Based on a real protest in 1992, this raucous, commedia dell'arte-infused show combines music, dance, and comedy to tell a dynamic, stimulating story about finding love, growing up, and negotiating the differences between idealism and reality.

MORTIFIED

Presented by Mortified Media

Friday, July 11th at 7:30pm; Friday, August 8th at 10:00pm

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. Where else can you hear grown men and women confront their past with firsthand tales of their first kiss, first puff, worst prom, fights with mom, life at bible camp, worst hand job, best mall job, and reasons they deserved to marry Bon Jovi? 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.

CUNNING FOLK CABARET — AMY KUCHARIK CD RELEASE SPECTACULAR

Presented by Amy Kucharik Friday, July 11th at 9:00pm Tickets \$15-30

After wowing the audience with an emotional performance opening *Heartbeat* at OBERON last November, Amy Kucharik brings her "Friends (With Benefits)" and an entire cast of performers to OBERON to celebrate the release of her new album, "Cunning Folk" with an epic Vaudeville-inspired evening of jazzy, bluesy original music, dancing, and mayhem!

Cunning Folk Cabaret will feature Amy Kucharik & Friends (With Benefits) performing all ten songs from the new CD, complete with new original choreography by aerialist Eileen Little, burlesque performer Izebel Vivant, and blues/jazz dancer Jenn Martinez. Nationally acclaimed singer-songwriter Samantha Farrell will open the show with her band and tap dancer Sean Fielder. Also performing will be local blues/soul artist Sophia Belle, Boston-based poet Timothy Mason, belly dancer Khya, and our evening's MC, Johnny Blazes! ...and more.

THE MOTH

Presented by The Moth StorySLAM Tuesday, July 15th at 8:00pm; Tuesday, August 12th at 8:00pm Tickets: \$8-16

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 Detroit/Ann Arbor have multiple shows each month. Louisville and Pittsburgh, added last year, are thriving. And this fall we're thrilled to add Boston, Milwaukee, Portland and Seattle! The shows are 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!

SEXYBACK: OR WHAT YOU WILL

Workshop performance presented by OBERON and Touch Performance Art Wednesday, July 16th through Friday, July 18th at 8pm

Tickets: \$10

From Touch Performance Art, a resident company of OBERON, comes their newest work, **Sexyback**: or what you will — a new immersive club-theater experience of boy band hits and killer dance moves- inspired by Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. **Sexyback** captures the feeling of that 90s concert you went crazy for with a traditional male ensemble that ignites the boy band fever we had-plus all the hilarious gender-bending glory of Shakespeare. Party, drink at the bar, and dance to all the hits as the show fulfills all your reunion fantasies.

Please note this is a workshop performance.

VIDEODROME DISCOTHEQUE

Presented by Videodrome Discotheque

Friday, July 18th at 10:30pm; Friday, August 29th at 10:30pm

Tickets: \$10-12

Voted Boston's Best Dance Night in 2012's Boston Phoenix Readers Poll, Videodrome Discotheque serves up a non-stop mixture of outrageous sound & vision, with a particular emphasis on the Disco, New Wave, Rock, Hi-NRG, & Pop of the late 70s and Early 80s - along with select modern artists (such as Gaga, Kylie, and Scissor Sisters) that fit their vintage aesthetic.

THE STORY COLLIDER

Presented by The Story Collider, Inc. Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$10-12

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.

SPEAKEASY CIRCUS

Presented by The Boston Circus Guild and OBERON

Friday, July 25th at 7:00pm and 10:00pm; Friday, August 22nd at 7:00pm & 10:00pm

Tickets: \$25-45

Get dolled up in your finest threads and put on your dancing shoes! Join us as we transform A.R.T.'s OBERON into the Oberon Social Club, a hot new speakeasy guaranteed to liven up the scene. The cool cats and dapper dames from the Boston Circus Guild will amaze you with phenomenal acts, including acrobatic feats of strength, astounding juggling, high-energy hooping, titillating burlesque, and glamorous aerial performances, all set to the sounds of the hippest electro swing and jazz in Boston. Enter our underground cabaret and get front row seats to a spectacular show both on and offstage. Seedy thugs mingle with drunken socialites, flappers dance their cares away, and the band keeps the joint jumpin'. Through it all, our club's proprietor will have to make deals with bootlegging gangsters, keep away from the fuzz, and manage one sassy diva. Will he be able to balance his unstable partnership with an unsavory crime

boss and his dream of having the coolest club around? Will the business of the underworld be too much for him? Wild times are sure to ensue!

A JOYFUL NOISE

Presented by The Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Friday, August 1st at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$10-30

A Joyful Noise is a Cabaret Review hosted by the Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence to promote local talent and raise funds for the Boston Sisters' Community Grant Fund. Come dance, laugh, and sing along with your Sisters and their closest friends. See your Sisters as you never have before as they let their voices rise in jubilation, stay for the comedians, drag performances, local rising pop stars, and burlesque.

THROWING SHADE

Presented by Throwing Shade Thursday, August 7th and Friday, August 8th at 8:00pm Tickets: \$15

Brought to you by MailChimp. *Throwing Shade* is the irreverent weekly political/absurdist comedy podcast & Funny or Die web series hosted by Upright Citizens Brigade alums and Funny or Die writers Erin Gibson and Bryan Safi. Join Erin and Bryan and laugh at things you're not supposed to, in person, for a night that we promise will be better than prom.

ALTERNA-TEASE: THE NEW ENGLAND NEO-BURLESQUE FESTIVAL

Presented Alterna-Tease

Thursday, August 14th and Friday, August 15th at 8:00pm

Alterna-TEASE is a festival focusing on having fun, building community, and showcasing the best and most interesting neo-burlesque. Alterna-TEASE finds beauty in the bizarre, the wonderful in the weird, and the sexy in the strange. We aim to feature acts that push the boundaries of traditional burlesque, whether it be conceptually, politically, or artistically.

MURDER BALLAD

Presented by Rose Tinted Productions

Friday, August 29th and Sunday, August 31st at 7:30pm

Tickets: \$15-30

New England Regional Premiere! *Murder Ballad* is a 360-degree immersive theatrical experience fresh from an acclaimed off-Broadway engagement. With a pulse-pounding, electric rock score, this dangerously steamy and razor-sharp new musical will keep you on the edge of your seat from the first forbidden kiss to the last untimely breath.

Murder Ballad is the dramatic story of a love triangle gone wrong centering on Sara, an uptown girl who seems to have it all, but whose downtown past lingers enticingly and dangerously in front of her. The musical explores the complications of love, the compromises we make, and the betrayals that can ultimately undo us forever.

Directed by Edward Carignan and from the team that brought the award-winning Hedwig and the Angry Inch to OBERON, Murder Ballad was conceived by and with book and lyrics by Julia Jordan. Music and Lyrics by Juliana Nash.

THE DONKEY SHOW

Presented by A.R.T. Every Saturday Night at 7:30PM and 10:30PM Tickets: from \$25

Tony Award-winner Diane Paulus's celebrated smash hit continues its 5th 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 A Midsummer Night's Dream. Come party on the dance floor to all the 70s disco hits you know by heart as the show unfolds around you. After the show, the party continues into the night so you can live out your own fantasy of disco fever!

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