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## OBERON ANNOUNCES MAY AND JUNE EVENTS

**Cambridge, Mass.**— **OBERON**, the American Repertory Theater (A.R.T.)'s second stage and club theater venue, announces its May and June line up of exciting and original programming on the fringe of Harvard Square.

The coming months include limited engagements as well as 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**, Touch Performance Art's **AcousticaElectronica**, and Liars and Believers's **Icarus**.

The complete lineup is as follows:

### **ICARUS**

Presented by Liars & Believers and OBERON  
Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from May 1<sup>st</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm  
Tickets: \$25-35

HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! See Minnie Minoseczeck's Menagerie of Marvels - a show of amazements and abominations, traversing the land through the Great Depression! Icarus is a tale of poverty, love, transcendence and oppression!  
See Passionate Penny fly through the air! Hear the mellifluous music of Icarus! Watch them try to escape monsters and machinations of all kinds!

Created by OBERON Artists in Residence, Liars & Believers, *Icarus* features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras.

### **STRIP ZEPPLIN**

Presented by Niki Luparelli  
Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30pm  
Tickets: \$20-30

Comedian & vocalist Niki Luparelli—producer of numerous shows celebrating individual artists & cultural icons such as David Bowie, James Bond, Madonna, & Prince—brings to OBERON, Cambridge, on Friday, May 2, her Strip Zeppelin spectacular, a live music and burlesque explosion blending the best of Led Zeppelin with the best of Boston's burlesque and aerial artists.

### **THE BIG QUIZ THING**

Presented by OBERON and The Big Quiz Thing  
Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **JERKUS CIRCUS**

Presented by The Steamy Bohemians  
Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30pm  
Tickets \$15-25

*Jerkus Circus*, also known as "Jerk du Soleil," is the award-winning vaudeville show that will steal your heart, your wallet, and probably make out with your girlfriend. Called "haute vaudeville" by the Boston Phoenix, and named "Best Nouvelle Vaudeville" in their Best of 2009 readers poll, *Jerkus Circus* has an irreverent and individualistic charm. Founded in 2005, the show is widely considered to have pioneered the current NeoVaudeville movement in Boston. It's traveled through Boston, New York, Providence, and Worcester. Featuring wildly diverse performance artists, uniquely hilarious comedic acts, pasties, drug references, and all of your favorite swear words. Created, produced, and hosted by The Steamy Bohemians. Watch us channel the gods of chaos! Our struggle will seem effortless. What song will Lainey forget how to play? What will Niki pull out of her boobs? There's only one way to find out. Come see hilarious comedians, scary weirdos, sexy dancing, and fabulous music.

### **THE LITERARY ROAST**

Presented by Weird Love Productions  
Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
Tickets \$12-25

Did school assignments about Edgar Allan Poe make your midnights dreary? Do you wish you could em-dash Emily Dickinson? Have you always wanted to pop Ernest Hemingway in the jaw? Do you objectively despise Ayn Rand? The Literary Roast has hired a crack team to knock these authors down a peg with words, music, comedy, booze, and tits. Starring: Stephen Burt, Daniel Nester, Madge of Honor, Johnny Blazes, Janaka Stucky, Wes Hazard, Dan Chelotti, Allix Mortis, Michael J. Epstein & Sophia Cacciola, Sarah Oktay, Aquanette Jones, Jane Doe, Krysten Hill, Busty Keaton, Sam Cha, hosted by Jade Sylvan.

### **ACOUSTICAELECTRONICA**

Presented by Touch Performance Art and OBERON  
Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm  
Tickets: \$25-55

Presented by Touch Performance Art and OBERON, *AcousticaElectronica* is a mind-blowing event that blends elements of electronic and classical music, dance, circus arts and immersive theatre with the infectious energy of the contemporary nightclub. Leaders in these industries have teamed up to create an extraordinary, next-generation experience. This ultimate dance

party becomes an immersive event for the audience. Dancers, symphonies, aerialists, operas, and live musicians (THE WIG included) all happen around every inch of the space to keep the audience guessing at every turn.

### **DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!**

Presented by HYPE! Mime Troupe  
Tickets: \$8-12

These mimes ain't stuck in no box! HYPE! Mime Troupe gives traditional mime performance a modern twist, writing, directing, and performing original skits set to contemporary music. These mimes will accompany your Wednesday night drinks by presenting original stories that range from the comedic to the tragic to the absurd and everything in between--all in whiteface, of course.

### **RAIN DOGS**

Presented by Babes in Boinkland  
Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>; Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
Tickets: \$25-30

Climb aboard our shipwreck train, through the alley, back from hell to the strains of Tom Waits' RAIN DOGS. Splash the wine and huddle the doorways. Get out of your mind. For you are a Rain Dog, too. Music performed live by Peter Mulvey and the Crumbling Beauties. Babes in Boinkland dance and swallow the night. For it is all ripe for dreaming.

### **THE MOTH**

Presented by The Moth StorySlam  
Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **SPEAKEASY CIRCUS**

Presented by The Boston Circus Guild and OBERON  
Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm and 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 electroswing 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!

### **MURIEL ROBIN**

Presented by WORLD MUSIC/CRASHarts

Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$25-40

French comedian and actress Muriel Robin, comes to Boston for the first time with her all French, one woman show, *Muriel Robin Returns ... Tsoin Tsoin*. After leaving the stage eight years ago, Robin returns a new woman, with a new life story, yet still funny and a huge hit in France.

### **EN-ER-GY 5**

Presented by Jha-D

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$15-25

EN-ER-GY is an exploration of Boston talent. It is an evening in which the Audience and the Artists will give each other as much love, life, experience and Energy as they possibly can. It is an opportunity to bring a diverse cast of artists and guests under one roof to celebrate the excitement of art. It is more than a talent show! It is a contribution to Boston's music, poetry and dance scene. It is a collection of artists who own the ability to entertain, showcase, engage and inspire. It is one of the best shows you will ever have the pleasure of participating in!

### **MORTIFIED**

Presented by Mortified Media

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$15

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.

### **CLASS ACT**

Presented by Ryan P. Casey

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Tickets: \$16-20

Class Act is a rhythm tap show inspired by the Big Band Jazz era of the 1920's and 30's, which blends tap dance with humor, poetry, cinematography and more.

### **DISCO PIGS**

Presented by Colleen Hughes

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm

Tickets: \$15-25

A raucous ride through Cork, Ireland, *Disco Pigs* follows two best friends as they try to hold on to a childhood that they may already have lost. *Disco Pigs* follows Pig and Runt, best friends living in Cork, Ireland, as they navigate their coming of age. Inseparable since birth, they have always faced the world together, but as their 17th birthday celebration goes on, their friendship will be

put to the test. Will Pig and Runt be able to hold on to their kingdom of Pork City, or will the booze, lust, and violence break their extraordinary bond?

### **REVENGE OF THE ROBOT BATTLE NUNS**

Presented by the Slaughterhouse Sweethearts  
Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm  
Tickets: \$15-20

The End of the World. Foxy hallucinations. The President's mutant daughter. Mad science. Cannibals. And one bloody, perverse story of revenge. Who amongst you has a taste for the bizarre? An eager ear for this terrible tale? For those with a strong stomach, a twisted mind, and a perverse groin, REVENGE of the ROBOT BATTLE NUNS has it all. Aerialists, stilt walking, gender bending, boylesque, splatter, a rocking soundtrack, comedy, violence, and, of course, pasties.

### **THE DONKEY SHOW**

Conceived by Randy Weiner  
Directed by Diane Paulus  
Every Saturday Night at 7:30PM and 10:30PM  
Tickets from \$25

Tony Award-winner Diane Paulus's celebrated smash hit continues 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!

### **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 **[cluboberon.com](http://cluboberon.com)**