



THE
BURLYPICKS
BURLESQUE & VARIETY PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

PRESS RELEASE: BURLYPICKS 2017

We at Burlesque Bitch are proud to announce The 2016 Burlypicks, Burlesque and Variety Arts Competition, coming to a city near you. The Burlypicks gives a stage to local talents, and elevates them to international stardom.

SCHEDULE of events for 2017 include:

April 15	Tucson, Arizona
April 21	Kansas City, Missouri
May 5	Washington, DC
May 7	Denver, Colorado
May 12	Alexandria, Italy
May 20	Neenah, Wisconsin
June 3	Louisville, Kentucky
June 10	Salt Lake City, Utah
June 16	Detroit, Michigan
June 17	Fort Worth, Texas
June 30	Los Angeles, California
July 1	Columbus, Ohio
July 7	West Palm Beach, Florida
July 23	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
August 25, 26	Finals in Denver, Colorado, USA

Burlypicks winners will go on to compete at the finals event; The World Championship Burlypicks Competition, which is held in a different city each year.

This year's Finals will be held in Denver, Colorado:

August 25 at The Clocktower Cabaret, located in in the heart of downtown Denver, nestled beneath the historic Daniels & Fisher Clock Tower building. They have been delighting audiences for more than 10 years with its beautiful European-style decor, variety entertainment, and top notch hospitality.

August 26 at The Oriental Theater, located in the Tennyson Art and Business District, which serves the broad interests of Denver's burgeoning cultural scene. With multi-leveled chair and table seating and a 100+ seat balcony, The Oriental has subtle nuances that reflect the age of the historic theater.

Competitors at Burlypicks events are hand selected, based on the applicants for the particular city, but always include best overall performance, which is open to any kind of performance art. Other titles to be won at regionals, that will qualify an act for finals include; Master of Singing, Master of Lip Sync, Master of Comedy, Master of Amazement, Master of Tassels, Master of Assels, and Master of Improv. A night at Burlypicks is sure to be a unique experience that only comes around once per year.

Event information and Tickets for specific cities can be found at: www.burlypicks.com/tickets

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ABOUT THE BURLYPICKS

The Burlypicks is the only international burlesque competition that focuses on burlesque and variety performance. We believe that the burlesque community has a deep history involving different styles of performance. The result is a diverse show by which audiences are amazed and contestants are proud to have been a part of it.

We believe that an art form is defined not by an organization or business, but by the performers who embrace the art and contribute to their field. Therefore, unlike other burlesque competitions that categorize and separate levels of experience or styles, we gather a variety of performers, with different types of experience and put them all up for the Best Overall act for the night, while allowing special nods to stand-out talents with the superlative titles.

Contestants also have the chance to compete in performance games which offer a change of pace to the night. Games include an improv. game, a tassel-off, and an assel-off, all of which are rowdy crowd pleasers.

The Burlypicks is an international tournament, that starts right in your home town!

EVENT HISTORY

The Burlypicks began as a 3-day event at Café Club Fais Do-Do, in Los Angeles in 2013. It was a massive success. Dozens of acts competed to a packed house, and Pearl Lux became our first winner. In 2014, we began the regional competitions in cities across 5 countries around the world. Each regional brought forth amazing contestants. Ultimately, it was a boylesque performer from Arizona, Matt Finish, who won first place, proving that a man can win in a woman-dominated world. In 2015, a young woman, Mika Romantic, from Pennsylvania took won the gold. Our reigning Champion, Egypt Blaque Knyle, from Los Angeles took the gold in

2016, and will be doing her step down performance at this year's finals. We are now in the 5th year of Burlypicks. The event now travels to 15-20 cities with a regional event, with an international finals event that takes place in a different city each year, this year being Denver, Colorado.

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

The regional competitions narrow down the competition, by selecting the best, from each event. While most competitions are currently located in the USA, there are events in other countries also. Regional competitions are produced by a local producer, who partners with us to find the best venues, and reach out to the local talent and audiences. Our partners also help us promote the event, to insure the success.

OUR AUDIENCE

Burlesque has a diverse audience spanning many demographics, but all attendees are those craving an exciting nightlife. Burlesque got its revival in late-night cabaret shows on dive bar stages and has thrived on the 20 and 30 somethings bar and club patrons. Burlesque audiences tend to be body positive and queer friendly, creating an atmosphere of acceptance amid rowdy cat calls.

CONTACT

The Burlypicks is organized by Crystal Swarovski, long time performer, producer, and editor of the burlesque enthusiast website, Burlesque B*. She can be reached at: Crystal@Burlypicks.com

MEDIA

Videos from previous Burlypicks shows can be seen on our YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BurlesqueBWebsite>

Promotional Photos Below:

2013 Winner: Pearl Lux



2014 Winner: Matt Finish



2015 Winner: Mika Romantic



2016 Winner, and Reigning World Champion: Egypt Blaque Knyle

