



THE
BURLYPICKS
BURLESQUE & VARIETY PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

PRESS RELEASE: BURLYPICKS 2018

We at Burlesque Bitch (Burlesque B*) are proud to announce The 2018 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 2018 include:

April 6	Dunellen, New Jersey
April 20	Detroit, Michigan
April 21	Kansas City, Missouri
April 28	Tucson, Arizona
May 4	Alexandria, Italy
May 5	Columbus, Ohio
May 11	Las Vegas, Nevada
May 12	Washington, DC
May 19	Neenah, Wisconsin
May 19	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
June 15	Salt Lake City, Utah
June 16	Orlando, Florida
June 30	Los Angeles, California
July 15	Louisville, Kentucky
August 24, 25	Finals in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Burlypicks regional 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 Oshkosh Wisconsin:

August 24th the Master Showcase with feature regional winners in the categories of Master of Lip Sync, Master of Singing, Master of Amazement, and Master of Comedy. At the Algoma Club, 7pm.

August 25th the winners of the previous night's Master Showcase will get a chance to compete against the regional Winners to pick the very best in Burlesque for 2018. This night also features the Master Games, where regional winners of Master of Assels, Tassels, and Improv go head to head for those respective titles. At ReMixx Nightclub, 7pm.

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 a 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 scene. In 2015, a young woman, Mika Romantic, from Pennsylvania took won the gold. Egypt Blaque Knyle, from Los Angeles took the gold in 2016 at our finals in Pennsylvania. And bearded queen, Indy Fire, took the win in 2017 in Denver. We are now in the 6th year of Burlypicks. The event travels to 15-20 cities with regional events, and with an

international finals event that takes place in a different city each year, this year being Oshkosh Wisconsin.

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:
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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



2017 Top 3; Indy Fire, Kitten Von Mitten and Maxi Millions; used for 2018 promotion

