



THE  
**BURLYPICKS**  
BURLESQUE & VARIETY PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

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We at Burlesque Bitch (Burlesque B\*) are proud to announce The 2019 Burlypics, Burlesque and Variety Arts Competition, coming to a city near you. The Burlypics gives performers a platform of excellence and a path for international stardom.

SCHEDULE of events for 2019 includes Regionals in:

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5 dfj` &\$`	Kansas City, Missouri
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Tulsa, Arizona

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World Championship Finals in Columbus Ohio

Burlypics regional winners will go on to compete at the finals event; The World Championship Burlypics Competition, which is held in a different city each year. This year's Finals will be held in the vibrant city of Columbus Ohio, known for its burgeoning arts culture and embrace of the LGBT community:

October 3rd and 4th the Master Shows will feature regional winners in the categories of Master of Lip Sync, Master of Singing, Master of Amazement, Master of Comedy, and Masters of Collaboration.

October 5th the winners of the Regionals will compete to pick the very best in Burlesque for 2019. At the Northland Performing Art Center.

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 the Masters Shows include; Master of Singing, Master of Lip Sync, Master of Comedy, Master of Amazement, Masters of Collaboration, 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/schedule](http://www.burlypicks.com/schedule)

Event information and Tickets for the World Championship can be found at: [www.burlypicks.com/tickets](http://www.burlypicks.com/tickets)

More information about Burlypicks in general can be found at: [www.burlypicks.com](http://www.burlypicks.com)

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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!

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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. 2018's finals were held in Wisconsin and our first Group champions won; Gabe & Martina. We are now in the 7th 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 Columbus Ohio.

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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.

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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.

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Videos from previous Burlypics shows can be seen on our YouTube Channel:

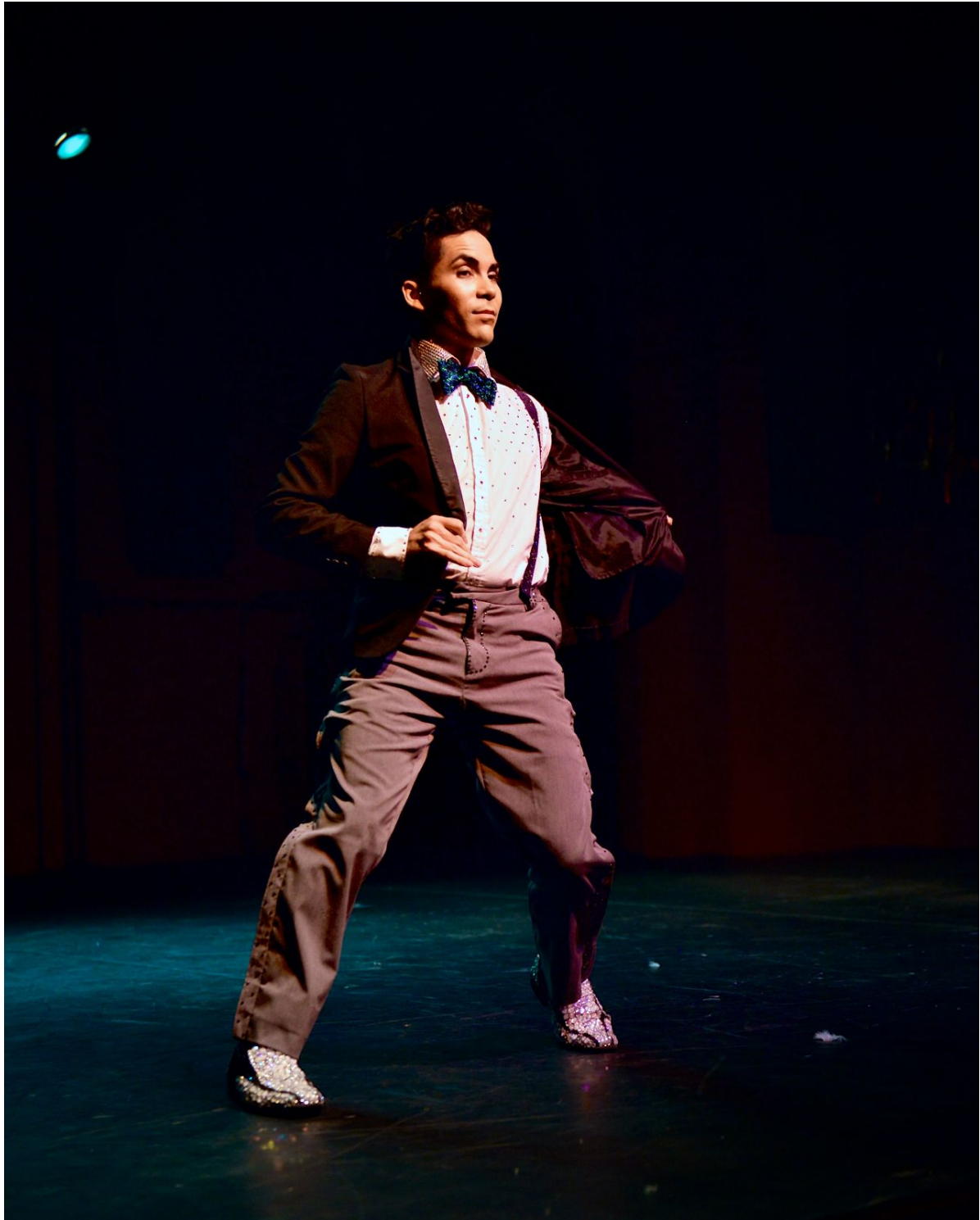
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BurlesqueBWebsite>

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