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### **Sasha Soprano Presents “The Drag Queens of Comedy” In New York City**

**One Night Only: Sat., May 13, 2017  
Two Performances at 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM  
At PlayStation Theatre in the Heart of Times Square**

**CALENDAR LISTING:** Saturday, May 13, 6:00 and 10:00 PM. Two performances of “The Drag Queens of Comedy” starring Alaska Thunderfuck 5000, Willam, Bob the Drag Queen, Sasha Soprano, Miss Coco Peru, Lady Bunny, Jackie Beat, Peaches Christ, Heklina and Lady Red Couture at PlayStation Theater, located at 1515 Broadway and 44th Street. Tix: [Click here for tix.](#)

**NEW YORK CITY** — History will be made in Times Square in May when the “Crossroads of America” plays host to The Drag Queens of Comedy 2017, featuring 10 of the most outrageous and uproarious drag queens to ever throw shade over the “Great White Way.” Producer, celebuteante and heiress Sasha Soprano presents the largest drag queen show ever served up to The Big Apple!

**“The Drag Queens of Comedy” stars Alaska Thunderfuck 5000, Willam, Bob the Drag Queen, Sasha Soprano, Miss Coco Peru, Lady Bunny, Jackie Beat, Peaches Christ, Heklina and Lady Red Couture.**

Two performances will take place on Saturday, May 13, at PlayStation Theater, located at 1515 Broadway and 44th Street. First show: Doors open at 5:00 PM; curtain up at 6:00 PM. Second show: Doors open at 9:00 PM; curtain up at 10:00 PM. Show entry is limited to people 16 years or older.

Ticket prices range from \$49.75 to \$104.75 apiece. Purchase tickets to the 6PM show [here](#). Purchase tickets to the 10PM show [here](#).

The Drag Queens of Comedy 2017, touring across America, arrives for a one-night-only, two-performance show. These headline grabbers have made their name in clubs across America and on the world-renowned “RuPaul’s Drag Race” TV show, where most of America first met them, fell in love or were scandalized by them.

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Guests who attend this epic, not-to-be-missed comedy extravaganza will roar with laughter as these “girls” serve up politically incorrect humor guaranteed to offend everybody. Those who are easily shocked should take their anti-anxiety medication before arriving at the PlayStation Theater.

The line-up for The Drag Queens of Comedy 2017 are:



**Alaska Thunderfuck 5000:** A Glamazonian princess from the planet Glamtr0n whose space ship crash-landed on Earth in the mid-to-late 1980s. Clutching only a 1966 copy of *Redbook* magazine and a can of Tab diet soda, Alaska found herself thrust into the spotlight as a finalist on Season 5 of the hit TV program “RuPaul’s Drag Race”. With a venomous determination and an unquenchable lust for fame and power, Alaska returned to “RuPaul’s Drag Race” All Stars in 2016 and won the highly-coveted crown, scepter, and a spot in the Drag Race Hall of Fame. Her only mission now is to bless the inhabitants of Earth with her unique brand of beauty, grace, and liberation from gender norms — and to get enough Twitter followers to get her space ship back up and running. [Click here to visit website.](#)



**Willam:** Famous for breaking the rules. After playing cross-dressing guest star roles on every major TV network, he incited a national frenzy as the only contestant ever disqualified from “RuPaul’s Drag Race,” spawning the ubiquitous internet meme *#WhatDidWillamDo?* Undeterred, Willam has released a Billboard Top Ten-charting solo album and toured extensively to locales such as Tokyo, Brazil, Iceland, Dubai & Ohio. Willam was a member of the now-defunct Los Angeles pop group DWV, consisting of drag queens Willam Belli, Detox Icunt and Vicky Vox. The trio found fame with the release of “Chow Down (at Chick-Fil-A)” in March 2012 (satirizing Chick-fil-A’s controversial stance on marriage equality). Their follow-up was the January 2013 release of “Boy is a Bottom”, which has garnered more than 16 million views on

YouTube. After the group’s break-up in 2014, Willam released a Spanish-language music video of the song “Es Una Pasiva.” He continues working as a model/actress/mattress/hostess with American Apparel and Obsessive Compulsive Cosmetics for Sephora. [Click here to visit website.](#)



**Bob the Drag Queen:** Stage name of Christopher Caldwell, a drag performer from New York City, New York. She is one of 12 contestants to compete on the eighth season of “RuPaul’s Drag Race”. [Find Bob the Drag Queen on Facebook.](#)



**Sasha Soprano:** The creator and founder of The Drag Queens of Comedy, the world’s largest and most successful drag comedy festival, Sasha Soprano resides in both San Francisco and Beverly Hills, CA. She has become well-known for her acerbic, non-apologetic, straightforward humor and gained a substantial online following through her horribly twisted social media posts. Sasha is a 4<sup>th</sup>-generation native San Franciscan who attended Saint Cecilia and Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep. She has produced and starred in her own Castro Theatre productions, including: Comedy in the Castro 2009, The Drag Queens of Comedy 2010 & 2014, and The Rolodex of Hate Tour. She has opened for Loni Love, Pam Ann, and Coco Peru. Sasha can be seen on TV, commercials, and music videos. She was the face of

Benefit Cosmetics Campaign 2011. She is a fixture at the Castro Theatre and reveals her boy self for many productions. What is next for Sasha? Only time and money will tell.

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**Miss Coco Peru:** Storyteller/monologist Miss Coco Peru aka Clinton Leupp got his/her start 20 years ago in New York's cabaret scene after he wrote, produced, directed, and starred in his first show "Miss Coco Peru in My Goddamn Cabaret." On screen, Miss Coco is best known for her roles in Jim Fall's *Fineline* feature film, *Trick* (Sundance 1999) and Richard Day's IFC comedy *Girls Will Be Girls* (Sundance 2002). For this film, Coco shared the Best Actress Award with co-stars Jeffery Roberson and Jack Plotnick at the HBO Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen. He also was named Best Actor at the Outfest Film Festival. Other film appearances include *To Wong Foo*, *Thanks for Everything*, *Julie Newmar*, *Nick And Jane*, and *Straight-Jacket*. Coco can be heard in the Disney feature, *The Wild* as Mamma Hippo! Coco has appeared in

*Girls Will Be Girls* web series, recreating her cult film role. Coco will be seen in the upcoming sequel *Girls Will Be Girls 2*. [Click here to visit website.](#)



**Lady Bunny:** Successful comedienne, emcee, singer, songwriter, actress and DJ, she is, most famously, the founder and organizer of Wigstock — the outrageous festival of drag and music that delighted New Yorkers every Labor Day for nearly 20 years. She also made the leap to television and movies, with cameo appearances in *Sex in the City*, *Party Girl*, *To Wong Foo*, *Thanks for Everything*, *Julie Newmar*, and more. She was a featured judge on "Drag U," a spin-off of "RuPaul's Drag Race". A staple of New York City nightlife, Lady Bunny is currently touring with her critically-acclaimed one-woman show "Trans-Jester!" which plays the Stonewall Inn every Tuesday in May before returning to London in June. [Click here to visit website.](#)



**Jackie Beat:** With razor-sharp comedy and highly amusing song parodies, this drag superstar has been entertaining audiences across the US and Europe for more than 10 years. Jackie not only warps hits by Britney Spears, Madonna, Mary J. Blige, Christina Aguilera and Cher, but she flawlessly sings her twisted new versions live — hitting every note. Her one-woman show "Jackie Beat Is a Whole Lotta' Love" ran a record 18 months at NYC's premiere cabaret, Fez, where she returns annually with her award-winning, sell-out Christmas show. Jackie has performed stand-up in comedy clubs nationally and on Comedy Central, VH-1 and MTV. She was a staff writer for the WB comedy series "Hype!", has written for the Syfy, is one of *US Magazine's* Fashion Police top cops and voices Bertha on Nickelodeon's animated

series "Kung-Fu Spy Troll". In addition to TV, Jackie has appeared in several movies, including *Flawless* with Robert DeNiro and the cult hit *Wigstock The Movie*. Jackie has also been cast in Off-Broadway, performed on cruise ships, and is lead singer of the popular electroclash band Dirty Sanchez. [Click here to visit website.](#)



**Peaches Christ:** Alter-ego of writer/director Joshua Grannell. Joshua attended film school at Penn State, where he originated the character of Peaches Christ while creating his Audience Award-winning senior thesis film *Jizzmopper: A Love Story*. Post-graduation, he spent days managing Landmark Theatres' movie houses in the San Francisco Bay Area and nights immersed in the alternative drag world of Trannyshack. Joshua soon blended the two into "Midnight Mass" — a summer series of classic and contemporary cult cinema that ran 12 years at Landmark's Bridge Theatre and became the nation's most successful midnight movie series, screening new classics like *Purple Rain* and *Showgirls*. Special guests have included Elvira, Linda Blair, John Waters, Tura Satana, Mink Stole, RuPaul and Mary Woronov. Ms.

Christ has been on VH1's "Totally Gay!," AMC's "Movies That Shook the World", and in Gus Van Sant's Oscar-winning film *Milk*. In 2007 HDNet gave Peaches Christ her own national TV series, "Midnight Mass with Your Hostess Peaches Christ," produced by Mark Cuban. In 2007, the DeYoung Museum mounted a "Decade of Peaches Christ" retrospective of artwork created for and inspired by Peaches Christ. In 2010, she was the face of a city-wide marketing campaign celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the SFMoMA.

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**Heklina** gained fame as the creator, promoter, and hostess of San Francisco legendary drag club Trannyshack! She is a premier hostess and DJ in the San Francisco Bay Area and promotes her outdoor party at El Rio (with DJ Carnita and Stanley Frank) and Daytime Realness. She has appeared on E! Entertainment Network, NBC, VH1, Comedy Central and BBC on acclaimed shows such as "Trauma," "The Cho Show," "Playing it Straight," "The Daily Show," and "Around the World in 80 Raves." Heklina appeared in the Scissor Sister's "Filthy Gorgeous" video, and guested on Jerry Springer and Ricki Lake. In 2011, she introduced Britney Spears for "Good Morning America." Film credits include festival favorites *Baby Jane?* and *All About Evil*. Theater credits include the 2006 Theater Rhino production "TROG!," the popular SF "Golden Girls" plays, and Velvet Rage Productions (Sex And

The City Live!, Roseanne, Friends Live!). She was voted Community Grand Marshal of the 2004 San Francisco GLBTQ Pride Parade. In 2009, she won the Pride Creativity Award for outstanding artistic contribution to the LGBT Community. She is thrilled to be part of current SF nightlife with the opening of Oasis 2015 and the launch of her weekly show, "Mother." [Find her on Facebook by clicking here.](#) [Click here to visit her website.](#)



**Lady Red Couture:** Long, long, ago in a snow-white city of Park City, Utah, there was born a pretty little queen named Lady Red Couture. As she got older and sharpened her hosting skills, she moved to West Hollywood where now she resides as "The Largest Drag Queen in Captivity!" Lady Red Couture can be seen on "Hey Qween!" as co-hostess to Jonny McGovern, hostess of "Judge Lady Red" and on many other "Hey Queen"—produced programs. Lady Red just wants to spread love — and her legs — to the world for joy and pleasure.

More info at [TheDragQueensOfComedy.com](http://TheDragQueensOfComedy.com) or at [Facebook.com/TheDragQueensOfComedy](https://Facebook.com/TheDragQueensOfComedy).

PlayStation Theater is an indoor live events venue located on 1515 Broadway, at the corner of Broadway and 44th street. Designed by architect David Rockwell, it opened in September 2005, and has 2,100 seats. [Click here](http://playstationtheater.com) to visit playstationtheater.com.

For high-resolution photos of the performers, [click here](#).

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