

The 4th Annual Vancouver International Burlesque Festival

May 1st – May 10th, 2009

Ten Days and Nights of Titillation & Tease

bur-lesque - noun

1. An artistic composition, esp. literary or dramatic, that, for the sake of laughter, vulgarizes lofty material or treats ordinary material with mock dignity
2. Any ludicrous parody or grotesque caricature
3. Also, bur-lesk, a humorous and provocative stage show featuring slapstick humor, comic skits, bawdy songs, striptease acts and a scantily clad female chorus

Since 2006, burlesque artists and aficionados from around the globe have alighted upon Vancouver's annual burlesque festival to enjoy a variety of decadent entertainment. The festival offers sumptuous burlesque performances, live music, vaudeville, workshops with industry professionals, bazaars, artworks, fashion shows, networking events and even a murder-mystery! Held in various locations across Vancouver, the festival is the world's longest consecutive-day burlesque gathering and has something to tickle everyone's fancy.

Attracting sell-out crowds in 2008, this year's festival will showcase Vancouver's vibrant burlesque scene and will feature productions by local luminaries including; The Screaming Chicken Theatrical Society, Sweet Soul Burlesque, The Pink Flamingo Burlesque, Kitty Nights, The Wet Spots, The Diamond Mine, The Cheesecake Burlesque Revue and Girls on Top.

Visiting burlesque stars will also twinkle throughout the festival and we are excited to present the legendary Jo 'Boobs' Weldon (NYC), Red Hot Annie (Chicago), MC Vincent Drambuie (Seattle), Scarlett James (Montreal), Malaika Millions (Los Angeles), Delilah Burlesque (San Francisco) and others to be confirmed.

The festival will be filled with opulent costumes, extravagant performances and a plethora of glitz, glamour, music and comedic relief. Reinforcing positive body acceptance and creative sensual expression, burlesque in 2009 represents more than just a glimpse of stocking and the flick of a feather fan. This festival will highlight the classic, the traditional, the kitsch, the rock 'n' roll, the retro, the modern, the bizarre and the funny. Come and join us and observe performers from various disciplines and aesthetics bond over the glitter pot. Vancouver will dazzle and delight... if you dare!

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