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BONBOY BURLESONE

A show for burlesque fans, Hip Hop lovers and everyone in between. A night of spectacular performance celebrating the legacy and culture of Hip Hop through the art of burlesque, from the city where it all began!





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About Boombox

The mission of Boombox is to celebrate the legacy of hip hop and its roots in New York City through the art of burlesque, highlighting the beauty of both art forms. The festival aims to educate and entertain audiences while uplifting the New York City Black and LatinX community that has been instrumental in the evolution of the hip hop genre since its inception. The festival provides a platform for diverse and talented performance artists to showcase their skills and connect more deeply with the native Hip Hop community in NYC, creating a dynamic and inclusive event that inspires creativity, encourages personal expression, and fosters a love for all things Hip Hop in the city that started it all.

Why Boombox Matters

The scandalous worlds of burlesque and Hip Hop overlap quite a bit. People often think they know what burlesque "should" look like or what good music "should" sound like. Both art forms are highly stigmatized and misunderstood performance styles that tell stories and create fantasies. Both don't get the mainstream recognition for artistry and impact as other genres in their field. And neither can be defined as a monolith.

Boombox aims to shatter preconceived notions and demonstrate how the art forms, often regarded as "low brow" or "classless," can be the most beautiful, dynamic and powerful performances an audience has ever seen. Burlesque can be raw and gritty. Hip Hop can be glam and sensual. Boombox creates a much-needed space where both art forms can be explored and appreciated while highlighting the BIPOC communities that fuel and progress both art forms. Boombox is here to change minds, change tastes, and change stages.

Previous Cast Members: Zyra Lee Vanity, Poison Ivory, Miscallaneous DomTop, Abby Fantastic, Airloom Beats, Queerly Femmetastic, Foxy Belle Afriq, GiGi Holliday, exHOTic Other, sister selva, Susie Dahl, Magical Girl Ebony, Regal Mortis, Messica Rabbit

Meet the Crew

Miss AuroraBoobRealis

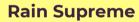
has co-founded multiple distinguished troupes & shows over her iconic 16 year burlesque career and lights up the stage with her unique mixture of raw and earthy, wild and fearless burlesque!





Stella Nova

is NYC's resident Hip Hop burlesque artist, emcee and award-winning producer of The Nova Experiment, integrating dance, comedy and storytelling into her performance.



is a Queens born burlesque bombshell. She's 1/3 of the Assorted Chocolates Podcast, and has been performing at several New York hot spots for almost a decade.





ILOV GRATE

is a versatile performing artist who intricately blends dance, theater, and poetry to delve into themes of autonomy and personal expression, engaging audiences with her powerful somatic narratives.

Offerings: The Show

"Boombox Burlesque is one of the most dynamic and culturally relevant burlyQ shows I've ever seen. The joy! The nostalgia! The political commentary!" – Cinnamon Chéri

Boombox Burlesque: A Hip Hop Burlesque Remix

This show is not your typical tease. It's the more electrifying, sensual and diverse cousin of the burlesque show you have in your mind.

Boombox Burlesque marries Hip Hop elements and burlesque elegance, shattering all understanding of what this elemental genre could/should be by integrating:

- Beatboxing
- Political commentary
- Sensual expression
- Comedy and storytelling
- And more...

This show features acts by the Boombox Crew and special guests that break down barriers and build connections between two often misunderstood art forms, honoring their brilliance.

Runtime: 1.5 hours



Offerings: Worksops

Step into the cipher! Learn the best techniques of the tease from Boombox's award winning producers. We aim promote safe exploration and creative expression within our workshops. All workshops are customizable and open to all levels of ability.

Groove & Glamour: The Art of Hip Hop Burlesque

The Boombox Crew embodies the fusion that is Hip Hop Burlesque as they guide you through a warm up, movement explorations and finally choreography that combines the dynamics of Hip Hop with the expressiveness of burlesque.

All Eyes on You

They say 90% of any performance is confidence. Learn the fundamentals of tease and master how to mesmerize your audience and fill a room with your presence before you take anything off.

Improvisation From Your Soul

Explore improvisation as an extension of who you are as a burlesque performer. Through guided journaling, discussion and improv exercises you will expand your tool kit and strengthen your connection to the essential you on stage.

Vixens to Visionaries: Redefining Sexuality in Hip Hop

This workshop re-examines the narrative of female sexuality in Hip Hop, highlighting the female artists who unapologetically embraced their sexuality as a part of their artistic expression. Through a combination of music appreciation, lyrical analysis, and guided performance, participants explore how these artists have used their platform to redefine and claim ownership of their sexuality within the Hip Hop genre.

Release Your Wiggle: Twerk It Out

Ready for a deluge of knowledge? We will teach you to release tension, throw it back, and ground yourself through the ancestral art of twerking.

Previous Engagements

Festivals & Conferences

- New York Burlesque Festival (NYC, NY)
- Mi Gente Burlesque Festival (NYC, NY)
- Teaser Festival (New Orleans, LA)
- What The Funk Festival (Seattle, WA)
- Booklover's Burlesque Festival (Portland, WA)
- Baby Grand Burlesque Festival (South Africa)
- BurlyCon (Seattle, WA)
- Ohio Burlesque Festival (Cleaveland, OH)
- Blerdlesque Festival
- Texas Burlesque Festival (Austin, TX)

Universities & Colleges

- Northwestern University
- Wesleyan University
- Sarah Lawrence College
- Barnard University
- Oberlin College
- Swarthmore College
- Middlebury College
- Vassar College
- Williams College
- Brandeis University
- Skidmore College
- Mount Holyoke College

Major Venues/Events

- Brooklyn Museum
- The Signature Theater
- Coney Island USA
- The Slipper Room
- Joe's Public Theater
- Brooklyn Public Library (Central Branch)
- The Kraine Theater
- Starr Bar
- BAAD (Bronx Academy of Art and Dance)
- Parkside Lounge
- La MaMa ETC
- WOW Cafe Theater
- City of Gods
- The Mermaid Parade
- Sunday Shuga Shaq (Seattle, WA)
- Stage 773 (Chicago, IL)

Press & Audience Reviews

Winner of the 2024 Silver Tusk Visionary Award: Breaking Ground in the Industry

White Elephant Burlesque: The Podcast – Links: Spotify, Apple Music

Quotes

"Tonight was AMAZING. It was HISTORY. It was ICONIC. Such a phenomenal showcase! Congrats to the entire Boombox Burlesque production team & all the performers! It felt like community, like love, like family. I am inspired & in awe!" – Zyra Lee Vanity, Award-winning, international burlesque performer

"The fresh take and important message Boombox Burlesque delivers is EXACTLY what the New York burlesque scene has been craving" – Bambi the Mermaid, veteran performer and producer; Director of Performance at Coney Island USA

"Boombox Burlesque grabbed the mic to remind everyone of Hip Hop's true rebellious essence. Boombox spins burlesque on it's head, whether on the 1's and 2's or on cardboard, by shouting out and expanding the canvas of glamour." – Professor M, Connecticut performer, producer and Emmy-winning Sportscaster

"The joy each performer emanated off the stage! I was taken by the fact that there was not only showmanship but I felt a deep connection to who each individual was through their joy." – Bella Sin, Ohio performer and producer of the Ohio and Cleaveland Burlesque Festivals

