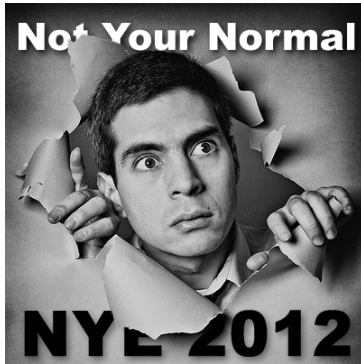


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**RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH  
BREAKTHROUGH COMEDY!**

Third Annual "Not Your Normal  
New Year's Eve" at Herbst Theater

San Francisco, CA, November 30, 2011 — This New Year's Eve audiences are invited to San Francisco's Herbst Theatre to experience an evening of cutting-edge comedy. **Not Your Normal New Year's Eve** is a mind-blowing night of hilarious stand-up, live music, and topped off with a massive balloon drop at 10pm (midnight in Normal, IL). It all takes place at San Francisco's historic and elegant Herbst Theatre.

**NYNNYE** ("Ninny") features today's most original comedians with Headliner **Brent Weinbach**, **Jill Bourque**, **Kevin Camia**, **Natasha Muse**, **Alex Koll**, **Steve Lee**, and hosted by **Liz Grant**. The show features the music of indie chamber pop ensemble **Foxtails Brigade** and guitarist **Steve Laciak**.

**Not Your Normal New Year's Eve** is **Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm**. For tickets (\$25-59) and information, call 415-392-4400 or visit [www.NYNNYE.com](http://www.NYNNYE.com)

"Madcap absurdity touched with a dash of theatricality."

*-Chloe Veltman, Arts Critic*

The show features a line-up of unique and hilarious comedians:

\* **BRENT WEINBACH** has created his own genre of comedy, which takes audiences to the far reaches of his absurdist imagination. Brent is the winner of the Andy Kaufman Award at the HBO Comedy Festival, which recognizes innovation in stand-up comedy. He has appeared on Conan, Lopez Tonight, Comedy Central, toured with the Comedians of

Comedy, performed at the Coachella and Bumbershoot festivals as well as Just For Laughs in Montreal, and was the creator and star of the Super Deluxe web series "Weinbach in Wonderland."

\* **JILL BOURQUE** brings audiences into her hilarious world of modern mayhem and off-kilter characters. She's performed her unique style of improvisational stand-up comedy in clubs, festivals, and theaters all over the world. Jill is the creator and host of the international improv smash hit, HOW WE FIRST MET, a theatrical journey through the true-life hilarity of meeting, dating, and mating.

\* **KEVIN CAMIA** won most outstanding rising stand-up star at the 2009 Rooftop Aspen Comedy Festival. He's had several high profile TV appearances including Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham," AZN's "Asia Street Comedy," Rooftop's Aspen Comedy Festival, and the SF Sketchfest. His dry wit, hilarious social satire, and thought-provoking ruminations make for a killer stand-up act.

\* **NATASHA MUSE** is not only the winner of the 2010 "Battle of the Bay Comedy Competition" she's also guaranteed to be at least the second-funniest transsexual you know. Natasha's cerebral wit has gotten her in the door at Cobb's Comedy Club, the San Francisco Punchline, Purple Onion and all the best comedy clubs and shows in the Bay Area. She is adored by her peers, easy on the eyes, and a force to be reckoned with on Twitter. Natasha also is the host and producer of San Francisco's long-running underground hit "A Funny Night for Comedy," and the podcast, "Too Soon."

\* **ALEX KOLL** is a one of the Bay Area's most original comedians, with absurdist observational humor that weaves between what's right in front of us all and unexpected forays into the strange. Alex has performed at numerous comedy comedy festivals, including the prestigious Montreal Just For Laughs Festival, garnering a "Best of New Faces" nod, and appeared on Comedy Central's "Live At Gotham." Alex is also the two-time winner of the San Francisco Regional Air Guitar Championship; No kidding.

\* **STEVE LEE** is a fresh new voice in the San Francisco stand-up scene. He performs in comedy clubs and festivals in San Francisco and Hong Kong, receiving high praise on both continents for his off-beat brand of humor. His comedy blends his Chinese roots with his love for all things American. Steve grew up in Hong Kong in the last phase of British colonial rule, attending a school for disabled children. He came to the US, as an exchange student, to go to high school in Kansas City. He studied animation and graduated from the Academy of Art school in San Francisco. Steve is the co-producer of the popular weekly show "Comedy & Cocktails" at the legendary Purple Onion.

\* Hosted by **LIZ GRANT**, who is a favorite among Bay Area audiences. She was a writer for George Carlin's Laugh.com, a winner of The Brian Regan Impression Contest, and this year will begin touring with her successful one woman show "How To Fail At Dating And Relationships." Liz was a poor white hippie child in the Bay Area when she learned how to channel her hyperactivity (which back then only carried the diagnosis of "annoying") into a spot-on impression of Smeagol from The Hobbit album. She found out this quickly made her the scariest/funniest tomboy dork in the third grade. She wasted her comedic talent on bartenders and drug dealers before getting sober nineteen years ago.

\* **FOXTAILS BRIGADE** is **Laura Weinbach** and violinist **Anton Patzner**. The group presents an ornate kind of chamber pop where intricate violin arrangements are anchored by Laura Weinbach's exquisitely played classical guitar and pitch perfect vocals. But underneath the simple melodies lie an impeding darkness, a lyrical landscape populated by shadowy and bizarre characters. Laura started Foxtails Brigade in 2006 and moved to San Francisco a year later, playing every club and street corner and she could find. It wasn't long before the city started to notice. Their debut CD "The Bread and the Bait" was released this year.

**NYNNYE** will be presented at the beautiful 900-seat Herbst Theatre, which features dramatic chandeliers and beaux-arts murals.

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