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Lost Spirits

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OF LOST SPIRITS DISTILLERY**



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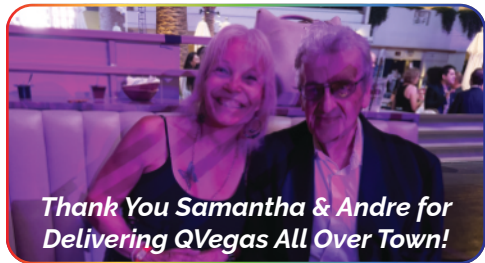
Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

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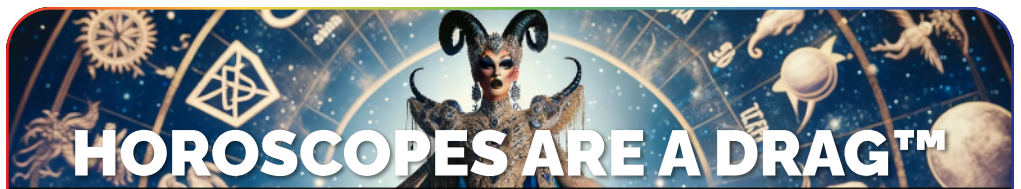
We're also thrilled to announce Horoscopes Are A Drag, a new feature on QVegas.com that's updated every week.



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This week we introduce a new feature! "Horoscopes Are A Drag", blending astrology with drag queen flair, offering unique, humorous forecasts for each zodiac sign. It's horoscopes with sass, encouraging readers to embrace their fabulousness and tackle the week with confidence. **Updated weekly at qvegas.com/horoscopes-are-a-drag.**



PISCES

March 2024

Honey, let me spill the celestial tea for all my fabulous Pisces fish out there! March 2024 is going to be a rollercoaster ride with rhinestones on, so you better glue those wigs down tight. With Venus strutting its stuff in your sign early in the month, you'll be exuding charm and allure like a headlining diva at the biggest drag ball of the year. People won't be able to resist your magnetic pull - and why should they, darling?

But hold on to your sequins, because it ain't all glitter and lip sync battles. Mid-month might bring a Mercury retrograde moment that'll test your patience harder than a tuck on a long night. Communication could go wonky, so make sure your messages are as clear as your contour.

By the end of the month, though, Jupiter will sashay into the scene, bringing opportunities that'll have you gagging. We're talking bigger, bolder, and full of blessings that are tailor-made for a star like you. So, keep those heels high and that confidence higher, because March is going to be one for the history books, sweetie!



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These hotels have a current HRC Corporate Equality Index score of 100.

CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT
caesars.com

Caesars Palace
The Cromwell
Flamingo
Harrah's
Horseshoe (formerly Bally's)
The LINQ
Paris
Planet Hollywood

THE VENETIAN RESORT LAS VEGAS
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Excalibur
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BOX OFFICE

SHOW OF THE WEEK

DITA LAS VEGAS

Dita Von Teese, the reigning queen of burlesque, is set to dazzle the Las Vegas Strip with her latest spectacle, "Dita Las Vegas," at the Horseshoe Las Vegas. Renowned for her glamorous and meticulously crafted performances, Dita promises an extravaganza that blends her iconic vintage aesthetic with the lavishness of Vegas. The show is an open invitation to the LGBTQ+ community, celebrating diversity, beauty, and the art of tease with a modern twist. Expect a night of opulent costumes, mesmerizing choreography, and Dita's signature acts that pay homage to the golden era of burlesque while pushing boundaries. "Dita Las Vegas" is more than just a show; it's an experience, offering an escape into a world of glamour, inclusivity, and sensational entertainment.



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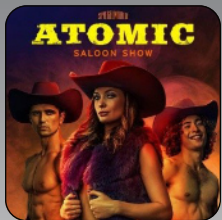
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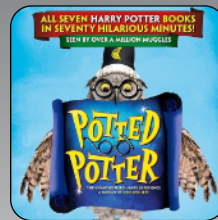
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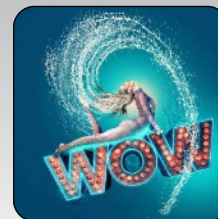
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GLITZ AT GIPSY



The legendary Gipsy nightclub, situated in the heart of Las Vegas's vibrant gayborhood or "Fruit Loop" at 4605 Paradise Rd., is poised to redefine the entertainment landscape with *GLITZ—The Las Vegas Showkids Show*. This spectacular event, a collaborative endeavor with Synergy Haus and the artistic prowess of Ferly Prado and Estevan Velasco, is scheduled for one magical evening on Saturday, March 23.

As the doors swing open at 9 p.m., patrons are invited to step into a world where the past and present of Las Vegas converge in a dazzling spectacle of dance, music, and storytelling. The show commences at 10 p.m., unveiling a tapestry of performances that knit together the rich history of Las Vegas, the spirited journey of its showkids, and the indelible impact of the LGBTQ+ community on the city's entertainment scene.

Directorial Vision

Under the guidance and creative vision of Prado—who has worked with some of the biggest stars including Tina Turner, Cher, Beyoncé, Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake—and Velasco, *GLITZ* is not merely a show but a celebration of the city's storied past and its vibrant present.

Reviving the Legacy of Las Vegas Showkids with a Modern Twist



Featuring over 30 performers from the illustrious "Dita Las Vegas—A Jubilant Revue" and the Prado Dance Company, the show is a testament to the enduring spirit and talent that define Las Vegas's entertainment world. Performers are from Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

A Tribute to Resilience

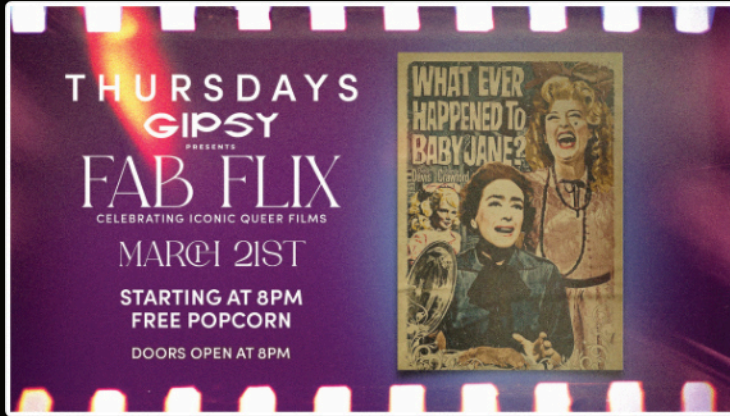
The name "gipsy," reminiscent of the club's origins in the 1980s, is a homage to the resilience of entertainers during the tumultuous period of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The original Gipsy nightclub served as a sanctuary for many who were ostracized by society, providing a family and home to those in need. Today, the newly revitalized Gipsy continues this tradition, offering a space where the current generation of entertainers can flourish and add their voices to the legendary narrative of Las Vegas shows. For over four decades, Gipsy has been a

cornerstone of the LGBTQ+ community in Las Vegas. The new, opulent venue, dedicated to its previous owner Paul San Filippo, offers a state-of-the-art experience complete with a full-service sushi bar and sophisticated craft cocktails. Open Thursday through Sunday, Gipsy provides an array of diverse weekly programming, ensuring that the legacy of entertainment and community continues to thrive.

"*GLITZ*" is more than an event; it's a revival of the rich cultural and entertainment heritage of Las Vegas, promising an unforgettable night that honors the past, celebrates the present, and looks forward to the future. Join Gipsy and its partners in this once-in-a-lifetime celebration that will light up the heart of Las Vegas' entertainment district.

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Lost Spirits Distillery

A Symphony of Spirits and Performances

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Lost Spirits Distillery is more than just a place to enjoy exquisite spirits; it's an immersive experience where every corner tells a story, and every sip takes you on a journey. Described by Sami as a night spent "drinking in a dream," the distillery merges the craft of spirit-making with the allure of modern cirque and immersive theater, creating an otherworldly adventure for its visitors.

Spanning the size of a football field, Lost Spirits is a labyrinth of themed rooms, each offering a distinct experience. From jazz lounges to mystical spaces, guests are encouraged to explore and interact with the environment and performers, making each visit uniquely personal. The distillery doesn't just produce spirits; it crafts experiences, with every cocktail telling its own tale. Head of the beverage department, Alex Velez, crafts these libations from house-made spirits, offering guests a taste of innovation with drinks like the 20,000 leagues under the sea, cherry rum, pineapple rum, Navy rum, and the exclusive Japonisme.

What sets Lost Spirits apart in the sea of Las Vegas entertainment is its lack of separation between performers and guests, creating a dynamic where visitors are as much a part of the show as the entertainers themselves. Sami shared

how performers at Lost Spirits play exaggerated versions of themselves, blending the real with the fantastical and enhancing the immersive experience. This unique interaction allows performers to connect with guests on a more personal level, making each performance an intimate and unforgettable encounter.

Sami's role at Lost Spirits is a testament to the distillery's commitment to diversity and talent. With a repertoire that pays homage to legendary jazz artists, she brings a touch of history and culture to the modernity of Lost Spirits. Her performances are not just a display of vocal prowess but a tribute to the greats who paved the way, resonating deeply with audiences and leaving lasting impressions.

Lost Spirits is not just a venue but a community, embracing diversity and inclusivity. Sami, identifying as a lesbian, and other LGBTQ+ talents find a welcoming and supportive environment, reflecting the spirit of acceptance and love that the distillery stands for. This ethos aligns with the vibrant LGBTQ+ community of Las Vegas, making Lost Spirits a place where everyone can feel at home, celebrated for their artistry and individuality.

The distillery's unique concept extends to its set design, heavily inspired by the novel and film "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." Bryan Davis, the visionary behind Lost Spirits, has meticulously crafted each space to reflect the story's essence, from swinging chandeliers to submarine-themed rooms, creating an immersive ambiance that complements the theatrical experience.

Lost Spirits Distillery is a sanctuary for celebration, offering a perfect backdrop for a range of events from intimate dates to grand weddings. With its dim lighting and atmospheric setting, the distillery sets the stage for moments of connection and celebration, embodying the essence of a shared, dream-like experience.

For those looking to partake in this extraordinary journey, tickets can be purchased through Lost Spirits' website, with a variety of options to enhance the experience, including early entry, special seating, and exclusive tastings of their sparkling rum champagne. The distillery welcomes locals and visitors alike, offering discounts to ensure everyone can enjoy the magic of Lost Spirits.

Sami revealed how Lost Spirits has been a catalyst for her personal and artistic growth, helping her overcome challenges and embrace her identity. The distillery's nurturing environment has not only allowed her to flourish as a performer but also to connect deeply with audiences, making every show a heartfelt expression of her journey and talent.

Lost Spirits Distillery stands as a beacon of creativity, inclusivity, and innovation in Las Vegas. It's a place where spirits are not just consumed but experienced, where performances transcend the stage to touch the hearts of all who enter its doors. As Sami eloquently put it, Lost Spirits is not just an experience; it's a journey into a dream, a place where the fantastical becomes real, and every visit leaves a lasting imprint on the soul.



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ACLU
aclunv.org

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ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER
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HENDERSON PRIDE
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HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
hrc.org

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desertempire.org

LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
lambdalv.com

LAS VEGAS MEN'S CHORUS
lvmenschorus.org

LAS VEGAS PRIME TIMERS
lasvegasprimetimers.com

LAS VEGAS TRANSPRIDE
lasvegastranspride.org

LEATHER UNIFORM CLUB OF LAS VEGAS (LUC OF LV)
lucoflv.com

LEGACY COUNSELING
legacycounselingandworkforceconnections.com

MAMA DRAGONS
mamadragons.org

NEVADA GAY RODEO ASSOCIATION
ngra.com

THE PRIDE TREE
thepridetree.lv.com

SILVER STATE EQUALITY
silverstateequality.org

YOUNG: EQUAL
youngequal.org



HIV Resources

AID FOR AIDS OF NEVADA (AFAN)
afanlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

GOLDEN RAINBOW
goldenrainbow.org

HORIZON RIDGE WELLNESS CLINIC
hrc.lv.org

SIN CITY SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE
sinsitysisters.org



STI Testing

THE ARLENE COOPER COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
thecenterlv.org

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)
aidshealth.org

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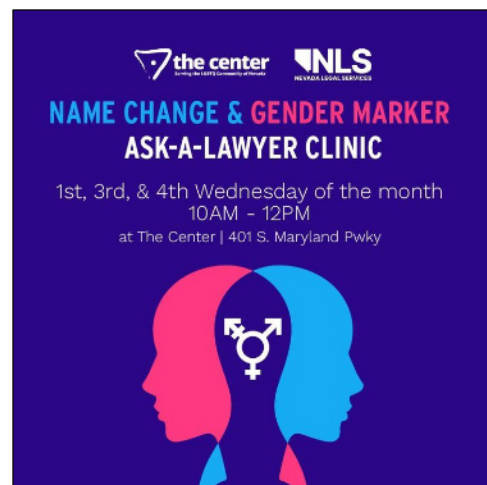
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VENUE OF THE WEEK



Badlands Saloon, nestled in the heart of Las Vegas, is a beacon of heritage and inclusivity in the LGBTQ community. With a storied history spanning over 35 years, it represents one of the oldest gay bars in the area, evolving from its original incarnation as a country-themed bar into a modern, welcoming space for everyone. This transformation reflects the bar's ability to adapt and cater to a broad audience while maintaining its core identity as a haven for the LGBTQ community.

Originally, Badlands Saloon welcomed patrons with its country charm, complete with wood-paneled walls and cowboy memorabilia, celebrating the spirit of the Old West. However, as times changed, so did the bar. It underwent significant renovations to adopt a more contemporary look, signaling a shift towards a broader inclusivity and diversity in its clientele and events. Today, Badlands Saloon is celebrated not just for its gay country roots but for its eclectic mix of music formats, daily themes, and special events that appeal to a wide range of tastes and preferences.

Badlands Saloon prides itself on being one of the most friendly and laid-back LGBTQ bars in Las Vegas. The staff's commitment to knowing their patrons by name and ensuring everyone feels welcome is a hallmark of the establishment's ethos. It's a place where diversity and acceptance are not just encouraged but celebrated. With events ranging from drag shows and live music to karaoke nights and games, the bar ensures that there's something for everyone, fostering a sense of community and belonging among its patrons.

The bar's resilience and adaptability were notably tested during the COVID-19 pandemic, as with many small businesses. Featured on the hit reality show "Bar Rescue," viewers witnessed first-hand the challenges Badlands Saloon faced, including a temporary closure. Despite these hurdles, the bar emerged stronger, with renovations that included state-of-the-art air purification systems and a new dance floor, enhancing the customer experience and ensuring a safe environment for patrons to enjoy.

Badlands Saloon's legacy as a pioneering LGBTQ venue in Las Vegas is a testament to its enduring appeal and the pivotal role it plays in the community. It stands as a symbol of progress, inclusivity, and the enduring spirit of hospitality that defines the Las Vegas LGBTQ scene. As Badlands Saloon continues to evolve, it remains a cherished destination where everyone is welcome, and every visit promises new memories in a space that honors its rich history while looking forward to the future.