

MEDIA ALERT

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Bergen Gets Bawdy: Songs, Schtick & Male Chicks *Cabaret Shows at BergenPAC*

WHAT: Bergen County resident/Korean-Jewish stand-up comedian Esther Goodhart brings a series of fabulous cabaret shows with the flair and talent of New York City's best entertainment to the BergenPAC. The ensemble cast offers up a mixture of hilarity, impersonation, and musical entertainment as diverse and intriguing as the performers themselves. All proceeds will benefit various children's charities.

SHOWS:

"Chop Schtick" - "3 Chop Schticks and a Jew"

Starring Shecky Wong (Chinese), Helen Hong (Korean), Vijai Nathan (Indian), and Brad Zimmerman (Jewish)

Shecky Wong

When: April 17, 2009; Two Showings - 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20 cover. Plus 2 drink minimum. Light food available.

New stars include Helen Hong who was a semi-finalist in the 2008 and 2007 NY's Funniest Stand-Up Competition. Vijai Nathan is an internationally known female Indian comic who has spread her comedy talents worldwide and has won various comedy competitions. Shecky Wong, the godfather of Asian American comics, has opened for Tommy Davidson and hosts the Comedy Zen show. A talented comedian and actor, Brad Zimmerman, has opened for Brad Garret, George Carlin, and Joan Rivers. Brad is currently touring across the country with his uproarious one man show, "My Son's A Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy."



Peggy Lee, Liza Minelli, and Barbra Streisand Female Impersonators *The biggest show from New York City's "Don't Tell Mama" night Club*

When: **May 1, 2009;** Two Showings - 7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$25 cover. Plus 2 drink minimum. Light food available.



Three Super Star impersonators from famous NYC Cabaret "Don't Tell Mama" are having special night at BergenPAC. Join Liza Minelli (Rick Skye), Judy Garland (Tommy Femia) and Barbara Streisand (Steven Brinberg). Critics call it "Masterful. .. Astonishing ... Brilliant (*Chicago Sun Times*) and it has earned a MAC Award for Best Impersonation - 2006, the "Best Achievement in Performance" Award at the 2007 Dublin Theatre Festival. and the Terrier Award at the Edinburgh Fringe.

"Chop Schtick" - "3 Chop Schticks and a Jew"

Starring *Shecky Wong (Chinese), Rio Kioke (Japanese), Helen Hong (Korean), and Brad Zimmerman (Jewish)*

When: **May 15, 2009**; Two Showings - **7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.**
Cost: \$20 cover. Plus 2 drink minimum. Light food available.

Shecky Wong is one of the godfathers of the Asian American standup scene. He has been on the comedy scene since the 1980's, appearing on numerous TV shows and on the national comedy club circuit. He was featured in "Take-Out Comedy" in Hong Kong. Rio Kioke is a regular fixture at New York's most popular comedy clubs and has been featured on television programming ranging from Comedy Central to NBC's Last Comic Standing. Helen Hong is a producer fo TLC's "What Not to Wear" and is a regular at The Gotham Comedy Club. She is currently touring throughout the US.



KT Sullivan, nationally renowned Cabaret Singer

When: **May 29, 2009**; Two Showings - **7:00 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.** Cost: \$30 cover. Plus 2 drink minimum. Light food available.

The golden voice of KT Sullivan evokes memories of stellar screen legends in this superb tribute to the songs and singers made famous on film. Through songs immortalized by those ladies of the silver screen, including Bette Davis and Doris Day to Carmen Miranda and Marlene Dietrich, you'll be transported back to vintage Hollywood, where you" discover the truth about the unknown female voices captured on celluloid. KT Sullivan, a voluptuous platinum blonde with a bright-eyed wit, is a fusion of those not-so-dumb screen idols, Marilyn Monroe and Judy Holliday, and has built a thriving cabaret career on her stylized parody of a 1950's glamour girl.



WHERE: BergenP AC (Performing Arts Center)
30 North Van Brunt Street, Englewood, NJ
www.bergenpac.org

Helen Hong
KT Sullivan

SEATING: All shows are performed in an intimate cabaret-style room. Limited seating.

TICKETS: BergenP AC Box Office
Call: **(201) 227-1030**
In person: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday

CHARITY: All proceeds will be donated to a variety of children's charities.

These unique cabaret-style events have been brought to the BergenPAC by Esther Goodhart, the dynamic "Oriental Beauty." Ms. Goodhart's goal in organizing these and future events is to help keep performance alive at the Bergen PAC and give back to the diverse communities from which she draws her distinctive perspectives. Additional charitable events are being planned to benefit a variety of area children's charities and those hit hardest by the economic downturn.

A Demarest, NJ resident, Ms. Goodhart was born in the heart of Texas to Korean immigrant parents. As Ms. Goodhart explains, her father was a famous Korean Presbyterian Minister and her mother is "the Oriental Tammy Faye Baker," so who knew she would end up being a Jewish Catskills' comedian?

Ms. Goodhart has been featured in PBS documentaries, TV commercials, made for TV movies, and even a cartoon on the Food Network. She enjoyed success with her one-woman show *Out of The Wheelchair and into The Fire!* which comically documents her struggle of being dependent on a wheelchair while still getting out and doing stand up in high heels. She has won several comedy competitions nationwide and is a member of the famed Friars' Club. Ms. Goodhart is currently a co-host of "Asian America" on WNYE-TV and "The Jewish Hour" on WOR 710 radio. For relaxation, she teaches Hebrew throughout Bergen County.

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Esther Goodhart



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