



MONTREAL BURLESQUE STARS LIGHT UP OCTOBER NIGHTS

(Montreal, Quebec – September 18, 2017) - While for many late October may be a time to dress up in the spirit of Halloween, the Montreal Burlesque Festival encourages exactly the opposite behavior by inviting world-class artists, citizens, and lovers to *un-dress* in their best clothes. The glamorous festival, sponsored by Montreal's artisan White Keys vodka, returns to Club Soda on October 19th, 20th, and 21st for three glorious evenings, packed with shows and events staged to titillate, seduce, provoke and simply entertain.

The 2017 edition of the Montreal Burlesque Festival will unleash upon the city the charms of more than 40 of the world's finest burlesque stars and legends. This year's headliners are none other than the delightful Dirty Martini, the irreverent New Yorker famous for her over-the-top reinterpretations of classic burlesque numbers; the sultry Scarlett James, Montreal's very own international burlesque superstar and historian of the art; the defying Sukki Singapura, recipient of an Asian Women of Achievement Award and founder of the Singapore Burlesque Society; the awe-inspiring Angie Pontani, a multi-talented dancer, producer, choreographer and costumer from Brooklyn, NY; and the dangerously curvy Missy Lisa, winner of "Miss Viva Las Vegas" and ranked among the top-20 Burlesque Performers in the World by 21st Century Burlesque magazine.

Completing the top billing is the legendary burlesque pioneer, April March, whose main headlining career spanned over thirty adventure-filled years from 1952 to the eighties. Every evening, April March will thrill audiences with anecdotes from her wild past, many of which can be read in blushing detail in her new book to be presented at the event. In a highlight not to be missed, the 82-year old artist will take the stage by storm to honor the public with a very rare performance.

The night of Thursday, October 19th, promises to sparkle with the 2017 Mr. and Miss Burlesque Montreal competition, where budding bodacious performers shall vie for the prestigious Lili St-Cyr award. The pressure to shine will be intense, as every gyration and provocative pose will be judged for the pleasure of the crowd by the discriminating eyes of headliners April March, Dirty Martini, Sukki Singapura, Angie Pontani, and Missy Lisa.

In addition to its star attractions, the stage of the Montreal Burlesque Festival will burst out of its seams with ravishing performances by the elite of burlesque, including such exotic names as Amorous Ava, The Lady Josephine, Lily Linx, MiMi Cherry, Kitty Crimson, Audrey Ivory, Lily Monroe, Kismet Katie, Miss Meow, Kitty Kin-Evil, Fairy Floss, Jacqueline Hyde, Pastel Supernova, Chantal de Bisous, Lou Lou la Duchesse de Rière, Aria Delanoche, Aurora Black, Foxy Lexxi, and many more.

And if watching is not enough, daring male and female members of the public will be encouraged to partake in the fun burlesque workshops open to all in the afternoon of Saturday, October 21st, within the privacy of the Wiggle Room.

PRESS CONFERENCE

A revealing press conference will take place on October 16th at 1 pm, at Bord'elle (390, St-Jacques, Old-Montreal) where more highlights and activities shall be announced.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKETS: montrealburlesquefestival.ca clubsoda.ca

Thursday

Regular: \$30 / Premium: \$65 / VIP: \$115

Friday and Saturday

Regular: \$45 / Premium: \$79 / VIP: \$129 / VVIP: \$180 (White Keys vodka)

Everyone is welcomed to the after-party as of 11 p.m. / Thursday at Midway Tavern, Friday at the Wiggle Room and Saturday at 4e Mur.

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