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AFTER HOURS EVENTS IN MARCH

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – American Stage Theatre Company’s “After Hours” Series continues with three events in March called **Hawk and Wayne’s This is a Comedy Show**, **Paul Wilborn and The Blue Roses presents: Red, Hot and Blue – A Cole Porter Party** and **The Vagina Monologues**.

SUNDAY COMEDY SERIES:

Hawk and Wayne’s This is a Comedy Show

A hilarious, totally improvised one act play

Sunday, March 1 @ 6pm

Critically acclaimed comedy improv duo, Gavin Hawk and Ricky Wayne weave together a hilarious, totally improvised one act play based on audience suggestions. Back for their 6th straight year in residence at American Stage, they have been well received nationally this past year touring comedy festivals like Philadelphia’s DuoFest, Sarasota Improv Festival, Hartford Improv Festival, Detroit Improv Festival and Out of Bounds Comedy Festival in Austin, Texas.

Here's what the critics say about Hawk & Wayne:

"Just two months in, Gavin Hawk and Ricky Wayne’s News of the Weird: Live is already a comedy hit, providing a new entertainment go-to at the acclaimed American Stage — and quite possibly, a reason to believe in live local improv again." -Mina Abgoon, *Creative Loafing*

"At the risk of offending snobbier Hawk and Wayne fans, there seems to be a “catchphrase” energy to their improvised interactions. But this aint “git ‘er done”, it’s more about their ability to find the right sub-topics and the right groove, and then escalate. They utilize repetition, emphasis and verbalized attack-and-retreat to comedic effect like linguistic swordsmen.” –Ryan P. Carey, *WitOut.net*

"They find more humor in their unscripted hijinks than most actors ever find in the most celebrated of comic texts. If you love to laugh, you ought to give them a look." - Mark Leib, *Creative Loafing*

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“Perhaps the success of Hawk & Wayne is due to their ability to blend two uniquely different improv styles: Wayne spent years performing and studying at The Groundlings in Los Angeles, while Hawk studied at The Second City and The Annoyance Theatre in Chicago. Much could be written on the differences between the two styles, but in essence west-coast improv is rooted in character work, while Chicago improv is relationship-based, seeking the “truth in comedy”. Hawk & Wayne bring them together beautifully.” –Heidi Lux-Gillon, *Tampa Bay Informer*

Tickets: \$10 ticket purchase. Performed in our lobby cabaret, where of course, there will be full cash bar service for all our patrons.

CABARET MUSIC SERIES:

Paul Wilborn & The Blue Roses Presents:

RED, HOT AND BLUE – A COLE PORTER PARTY!

Friday, March 6th @ 8pm

Saturday, March 7th @ 8pm

Sunday, March 8th at 6pm

Join Cole and his friends for two marvelous parties – the first at his Parisian villa in the 1920s, the other at a suite in the New York’s Waldorf in the 1930s. You’ll mingle with his friends – F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway, George Gershwin, Noel Coward and more. And hear his best songs – including favorites like *Night and Day*, *D’Lovely*, and *Let’s Do It (Let’s Fall In Love)*, along with hidden gems from Cole’s collection. The show features the entire Blue Roses lineup - Paul Wilborn on piano and vocals; Ms. Eugenie Bondurant on vocals; Frank Bowman on horns and Matt Cowley on drums.

Tickets: \$15.00 advance ticket purchase (\$18 at the door.) Performed in our lobby cabaret, where of course, there will be full cash bar service for all our patrons.

CABARET DRAMA SERIES:

The Vagina Monologues

by Eve Ensler

A Smash Hit Returns with New Cast Members this Month

Sunday, March 15 @ 6pm

Obie Award-winner Eve Ensler’s whirlwind tour of a forbidden zone: The Vagina Monologues introduces a wildly divergent gathering of female voices, including a six-year-old girl, a septuagenarian New Yorker, a vagina workshop participant, a woman who witnesses the birth of her granddaughter, and a feminist happy to have found a man who “liked to look at it.”

Tickets: “Pay-What-You-Can” \$15 advance ticket purchase (Suggested donation \$10-\$20 at the door.) Performed in our lobby cabaret, where of course, there will be full cash bar service for all our patrons.

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American Stage Theatre Company is located at the Raymond James Theatre,
163 3rd Street North in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg, Florida.

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