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GET YOUR GEEK ON WITH THE FIFTH ANNUAL CHICAGO NERD COMEDY FESTIVAL, BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Let your inner nerd shine and enjoy the 2017 lineup, headlined by Brandie Posey, September 14 through September 17 at Stage 773

CHICAGO – The vibrant comedy hub of Chicago, [Stage 773](#), is proud to host the **5th Annual Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival**, taking place September 14 through September 17 at 1225 W. Belmont. Featuring an eclectic line up of shows and events, the Chicago Nerd Comedy Festival celebrates all that is the Chicago nerd comedy scene. Nerds will unite for one glorious weekend in Chicago to laugh, pay homage, and perhaps worship their favorite genres of nerd-ness. Now in its fifth year, the festival is bigger and better than ever, featuring an expanded schedule of shows, a day of panels and workshops, and exciting events to connect performers, audiences, and artists in nerd comedy central.

Standup comedian, writer, and producer Brandie Posey will headline this year's festival. Posey, known for her work in *Lady to Lady*, *Picture This!*, *#BurnThisElection*, and *Opinion Cave*, has opened for the legendary punk band Against Me!, and has appeared on MTV, E! & Comedy Central.

"This year's Nerd Fest will be one for the books! 2017 is an exciting year for the festival as it welcomes Brandie Posey and several other amazing, diverse acts to Stage 773 for the first time," says Producer Cody Melcher. "We are producing a vast amount of standup for 2017 Nerd Fest and highlighting a variety of different types of comedy that will attract an array of groups to the venue."

Highlights include *Vertical Slideshow*, a new cabaret show, and *Clown Car To Sicily*, a Chicago-based musical improv and sketch comedy group that uses choreography and beautiful harmonies to have you singing and laughing as you watch. Other featured performers include *Improvised Jane Austen*, *The Stuntmen*, *Cosplay Competition*, *The Unwritten Works of William Shakespeare*, *Wig Bullies*, *Secret Origins Improv*, *Garrett Allain: Altered Boy*, and *Down in Front*.

Tickets may be purchased at www.stage773.com or by calling 773.327.5252. Individual tickets are \$10 for each show; All-Festival passes are \$75; day passes are \$30 on Thursday/Friday and \$50 on Saturday. Workshop prices vary on Sunday. Those who attend in costume will receive a “cos-play” discount of \$5 off any festival pass or \$3 off any ticket.

Performance dates and times are Thursday, September 14 on the hour from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. (plus after party), Friday, September 15 on the hour from 7 p.m. until Midnight (plus after party), Saturday, September 16 on the hour from 4 p.m. until Midnight (plus after party). Sunday, September 17 will feature workshops, panels and other programming.

About Stage 773

Stage 773 is a vibrant anchor of the Belmont Theatre District and home to Chicago’s finest off-Loop talent. As a performance and tenant venue, our four stages provide entertainment for everyone: comedy, theatre, dance, musicals and more. We are a not-for-profit, connecting and catalyzing the theater community, while showcasing established artists and incubating up-and-coming talent.

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