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TWO SPECIAL SINGLES PERFORMANCES AT THE BACK ALLEY:

SEE THE WORLD PREMIERE OF "A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE"

ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 7 PM

EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF "BITTERSUITE," L.A.'S NEWEST HIT
MUSICAL ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 10 PM.

Back Alley Theatre Singles Nights have become extremely popular as a low-key way for single people who love the theatre to get together. There is ample opportunity to mingle and meet both during intermission and after the show to discuss the production with other audience members and the cast. Ticket prices includes cheesecake, chocolate mousse after the show, plus fruit and coffee during intermission.

For those singles with a sense of adventure, Will Holt's new musical A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE will certainly provoke lively discussion after the performance.

Based on the Nelson Algren novel of the same name, the show takes the lid off the American Dream in a wild phantasmagoria of pimps, panders and double-dealers at the Rex Cafe in New Orleans during the Great Depression. Dove Linkhorn, an illiterate country boy, leaves his home town for the seductive promises of the big city, to carve a name for himself any way that he can. Down at the Rex Cafe, Dove discovers that he has hidden talents, and is riding the crest of his wave until he meets Achilles Schmidt, a former circus strong man whose fiercely

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uncompromising morality has terrifying consequences. The twelve-strong cast features Adrienne Barbeau and James Dybas, and an original score by Will Holt (lyricist for THE ME NOBODY KNOWS). It is co-directed by Allan Miller, Producing Director for the Back Alley and Patricia Birch, who has just been nominated for an Emmy for her choreography on the PBS special "Celebrating Gershwin: Great Performances" and recently directed the smash-hit show ELVIS in Las Vegas. All tickets for Singles Night are \$15.50.

Regular performance schedule for A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE is Thursday 8 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 pm with Sunday matinees at 2 pm. Tickets are \$14.50 for Thursdays and both shows Sundays, \$15.50 Fridays and \$18.50 Saturdays.

BITTERSUITE, extended due to popular demand, is an original musical revue by Michael Champagne and Elliot Weiss. Each song is a vivid vignette in which the characters attempt to come to terms with their shattered dreams in both tender and hilarious ways, from dealing with the fragile precariousness of love affairs to a side-splittingly funny seduction scene over the preparation of a beef stew. The L.A. Times called BITTERSUITE "...one of the funniest and most polished shows in town." Drama-Logue commented that "BITTERSUITE leaves one with a pungent aftertaste that will return to haunt the reveries of the soul." The Daily News said " BITTERSUITE is hilariously funny, moving, biting, tender, touching ,sarcastic and altogether wonderful...it's downright exhilarating!" BITTERSUITE has already been named Critics Choice in the L.A. Times and the Daily News, and Pick of the Week in the L.A Weekly. Singles Night tickets are \$18.50.

The regular schedule for BITTERSUITE is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 pm, Friday and Saturday at 10 pm and from September 10th, a Saturday matinee at 2

pm. Prices start at \$14.50 for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, \$15.50 for Friday, \$18.50 for Saturday evening and \$12.50 for the Saturday matinee.

The Back Alley Theatre is located in Van Nuys at 15231 Burbank Blvd. (east of the San Diego Freeway). Box office hours are 10 am - 6 pm Monday - Wednesday, and 10 am - 8 pm Thursday - Sunday. Tickets may be purchased over the phone with Visa, Mastercharge or American Express Cards by calling (818) 780-2240.