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## **ARTISTS CREATE LGBTQ+ BURLESQUE TROUPE**

*The Queer-focused, Co-ed Amateur Burlesque Troupe's Debut Performance is Set for Saturday, April 20th at Mixwells in Northside, Cincinnati.*

**CINCINNATI, OH, February 25, 2019** – Local artists and performers Clarity Amrein and Christina Coobatis have teamed together to form an LGBTQIA+ focused amateur burlesque and drag troupe called Smoke & Queers, housed in Mixwells dance club, located in Northside. The group's first performance will occur on Saturday, April 20 at 7:30pm at Mixwells on Spring Grove Ave.

Any person 21 or older is welcome to join the troupe and no previous dance experience is required. The group holds rehearsals every Sunday, where they teach basic burlesque movements, assist with costuming and makeup techniques, and help performers workshop their dance pieces.

According to their website's mission statement, the group aims to be more than just an entertainment organization.

*The website states, "Smoke & Queers is a queer-led, co-ed burlesque, drag, and performance art troupe that encourages all weird and wild expressions of self, gender, identity, and sexuality. As a budding nonprofit arts organization, our mission is to help connect and unify the LGBTQ+ community in Cincinnati and to create a space where those outside the typical standard of beauty come to feel sexy, celebrated, and empowered."*

The group is comprised of 15 rotating cast members, all with different performance styles and influences, including experimental themes.

Smoke & Queers has scheduled shows throughout 2019 at Mixwells and other venues and will march in Cincinnati's Gay Pride Parade. The group intends to partner with relevant organizations, host community events, and perform for charity and benefit events in Cincinnati. All shows and events will be free and open to anyone 21 or over.

Follow the troupe on Facebook or Instagram at @smokeandqueerscincy.

**About Smoke & Queers Burlesque Troupe:** Smoke & Queers an LGBTQ+ focused, co-ed amateur burlesque, drag, and performance art troupe and budding nonprofit arts organization with DIY ethos. For more information, visit their website at [www.smokeandqueersburlesque.com](http://www.smokeandqueersburlesque.com) or contact Clarity Amrein via email at [smokeandqueerscincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:smokeandqueerscincinnati@gmail.com) or 513-601-1722.

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