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Upright Cabaret Gets Wicked

**Event date:** June 11, 2009 - August 23, 2009

West Hollywood's Upright Cabaret is set to host a trio of shows called *Upright Cabaret's Wicked Summer Nights: Beyond the Yellow Brick Road* at the Ford Amphitheatre in Los Angeles. The performances will star a different figure from the Broadway musical phenomenon *Wicked*, and will be performed once a month. All three shows will be directed by Upright Cabaret Artistic Director Billy Porter and presented by Chris Isaacson and Shane Scheel.

The first show of the theatrical showcase will take place in June as part of the "Pride Night Out" kick-off event for Los Angeles Gay Pride 2009. The theatrical concert will star Shoshana Bean and will feature hits from her debut album, "Superhero." Joining her will be Tony-nominated dancer Desmond Richardson, and Music Direction by James Sampliner.

Eden Espinosa will be returning to her hometown in July to perform in *ME*, a collection of songs that are close to her heart and have inspired the Broadway powerhouse. Joining her will be singer-songwriter Audra Mae and Music Direction by James Sampliner.

Closing the showcase will be Stephen Schwartz in August. The acclaimed lyricist and composer will present a sneak peak of his new opera, *Séance on a Wet Afternoon*, followed by a compilation of some of his most famous Broadway hits.

Upright Cabaret was born and bred in West Hollywood, and has been bringing the city old style cabaret mixed together with young Broadway and Hollywood in a live setting since 2005.

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