

## SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER

What words best describe Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer? How about bold, bawdy, and just plain hilarious? Not afraid to ask tough questions that uncover the laughs underneath, Suzanne's made a career out of telling the truth. And the truth is, life is funny.

And now, Suzanne takes it to the road one more time with her upcoming tour, most appropriately named, "Totally Inappropriate." This new show will continue Suzanne's tradition of working mostly unscripted, so when she hits the stage it's an unpredictable, original night of comedy magic. Every night on the tour will feature new material inspired by her experiences in that city, some of which are created on the spot. "The audience and I participate in the creation of each night's show," she says, an interactive approach that makes her shows unique in the world of live comedy.

While she says she can't promise dancing girls or magic tricks on her new tour, she does guarantee an hour and a half of "the same brilliant stand up comedy that I've been pumping out for 19 years." And, she adds, "Each show on the tour will have its own version of inappropriateness, so you'll need to come to a show and find out for yourself." Upcoming stops on the "Totally Inappropriate" tour include shows in Ft Lauderdale, Denver, Alexandria, Va., Santa Ana, Ca., and Ft Worth, Tx.

Suzanne says the inspiration for her new show came from a joke between her and her girlfriend of six years, Jennifer. "We were each raised very differently," Suzanne says, "And ever since we've been together she's been shocked, horrified, and aghast at the things I'll say. This includes everyday things like asking people about their sexuality in the bank line. She tells me I don't have appropriate boundaries, so it's become a huge running joke between us." Suzanne hopes that "Totally Inappropriate" can progress from a stage show to something that eventually she can get down on paper, like a book, or perhaps, she says, "a comedy brochure."

After entering the world of comedy on a dare, Suzanne has been delivering gay material in mainstream clubs to straight audiences and proudly performing within the LGBT community ever since. She became the first openly lesbian comic ever to appear on television in 1991 on an episode of *Sally Jesse Raphael* entitled "Breaking the Lesbian Stereotype...Lesbians Who Don't Look Like Lesbians." She went on to become the first openly gay comic to host her own HBO Comedy Special in 1994, which earned her a Cable Ace Award nomination. Other television appearances include *The Late Show with David Letterman*, GSN's remake of the classic game show, "I've Got a Secret" as well as HBO, Bravo and LOGO TV specials. Now beginning her 20th year of side-splitting merriment, she continues to forge new ground while enjoying her well-earned reputation as a pioneer on the lesbian comedy scene.

Suzanne's recent tour, "Finally legal... in a few states," entertained audiences across the country, and was a headlining act on Sweet's recent Caribbean cruise. Her latest venture, a starring role in the popular online web drama "We Have To Stop Now" is about to enter its second season, with the first soon available on DVD. Her GLAMA award-winning specials "Nothing in my Closet but my Clothes," "I'm Not Cindy Brady" and "Guaranteed Fresh" are all available on DVD, as are her most recent televised specials, "Live from the Village" and "A Bottom on Top."

#### **COMEDY CDS / DVD & AWARDS**

"HBO Comedy with Suzanne Westenhoefer" (1994): Nominated for a Cable Ace Award

"Nothing in my Closet but my Clothes" (1999): Gay and Lesbian American Music Award (GLAMA) winner for best comedy CD

"I'm Not Cindy Brady" (2000): GLAMA winner for best comedy CD

"Guaranteed Fresh" (2003) : GLAMA winner for best comedy CD

"Live at the Village" (2006)

"A Bottom on Top" (2007)

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