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Beauty Love Truth: Guest Musicians Inspire Improvised Scenes

SHOW DATE: June 30, 2011 9:30 Peoples

Improv Theater

June 22, 2011 - New York - After a decade of shows at UCB, Barrow Street Theatre, Magnet, The PIT, and countless bars and venues around New York City, *Beauty Love Truth*'s elegant format of "improv inspired by live music" returns on a monthly basis.

Guest musicians provide the material and inspiration for sets of improvised scenes and the rotating cast of actors use themes, images, words, moods, or ideas in the music. Nothing is planned; relationships will be sweetly or tragically transformed, worlds will be created or destroyed, souls enlightened or crushed, and magic truths underscored with laughter.

This month's show will feature the music of **Chris Mills**. He just released a new compilation called *Heavy Years*: 2000-2010 and it is wonderful. You can read more about him in recent features in the Village Voice, Pitchfork, Magnet Magazine, and more.

"His hidden elegance lies in the twist of lovesick metaphor, the wistful chord, the revisionist take on the slamming door." *NME* 

http://chris-mills.com

This show is co-produced and co-directed by Shannon Manning and Louie Pearlman, who explains, "I was Shannon's student, and *Beauty Love Truth* was always very inspiring to me: rich, unique, and theatrical. Then I taught *Beauty Love Truth* to my own students, and now I'm so pleased to continue to build this incredible pool of talented improvisers!"

Creator Shannon Manning learned improv from Del Close in Chicago and says, "Beauty Love Truth was a response to the tragedy and general malaise a decade ago in New York. The title came from an attempt to distill 'What is the Point of Anything Anyway' into three words. You kinda need to shout it to the sky when you say it. We get to explore the images and ideas of the musicians, and celebrate the art of others, which is the heart of our philosophy of improvisation (of life!) to make one another look good."

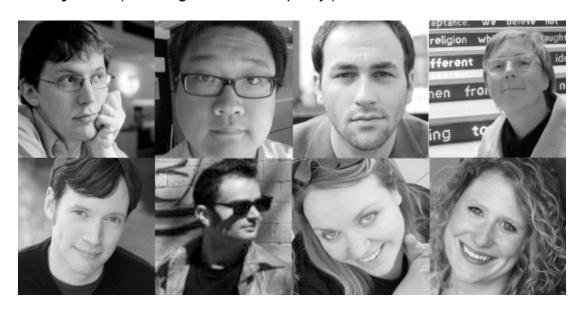
Beauty Love Truth is always introduced by a guest who will present something on the topic of beauty, love, and/or truth. For this show we welcome New Yorker and Lulu Eightball cartoonist Emily Flake, who is wonderful. <a href="http://eflakeagogo.com">http://eflakeagogo.com</a>





## The cast of improvisers for the June 30th show:

Tony Carnevale (Channel 102, Tony Carnevale's Greatest Hits)
Terry Jinn (UCB, The Project)
Bradford Jordan (Swords, Story Pirates)
Shannon Manning (UCB, Magnet, PIT, IO, Conan)
John Murray (30 Rock, UCB, Magnet)
Louie Pearlman (Story Pirates, The Spidey Project, Magnet)
Alexis Saarela (Taco Supreme, Magnet)
Ashley Ward (PIT, Magnet, UCB, Jeopardy!)



Another feature in this run: guest actors who do not usually improvise will be invited to sit in with the rotating cast. Special guests will often be unpublicized so join the mailing list at <a href="http://beautylovetruthtv.com">http://beautylovetruthtv.com</a>

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aka <u>The PIT 123 E 24th BTW Park & Lex</u> (new location, by Madison Square Park!) Running Time: 60 mins.

<u>Tickets</u> \$10. General Admission, available at <a href="http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/175593">http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/175593</a>

There is an adjoining bar and café, so early arrival and after-hang is encouraged.