

THEATRE RHINOCEROS

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SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER: THE SEMI-SWEET TOUR

Stand-up Comedy

Production Company: Theatre Rhinoceros

Title: Suzanne Westenhoefer: The Semi-Sweet Tour

Starring: Susanne Westenhoefer

Venue: Victoria Theatre

2961 16th Street (at BART/Mission)

San Francisco, CA 94103

Performance Date: Friday, April 8 – Saturday, April 9, 2011 *TWO SHOWS ONLY!*

Time: 8:00 PM

Box Office: www.TheRhino.org OR (800) 838-3006

TIX: \$30.00 - \$35.00

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Suzanne is back with her first show at The Rhino since 2009. The iconic comedian embarks on a crazy, all-new, heart-pumping, mind-bending, hilarious romp through heartbreak, comedy, life, love, and everything about couples uncoupling in the modern world. You've never seen Suzanne like this before! Expect non-stop inappropriate comedy!

Suzanne Westenhoefer is an out lesbian stand-up comedian. She starred as a panelist on GSN's remake of *I've Got a Secret*, which featured a panel of gay celebrities who had to guess the various guests' 'secrets' through a series of timed questions. Her comedy special and documentary, *A Bottom on Top*, aired on LOGO Television in the fall of 2007. In 2004 she was featured in the film *Laughing Matters* along with Kate Clinton, Marga Gomez and Karen Williams.

After accepting a dare, she began her career delivering gay-themed material to straight audiences in mainstream comedy clubs in New York City in the early 1990s. 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. In 1991 and 1992, her stand-up comedy appeared on Comedy Central's Short Attention Span Theater and Stand-up Stand-up. 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) and to appear on The Late Show with David Letterman in 2003. Suzanne's current US tour is entitled Semi-Sweet.

Suzanne's 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 from Wolfe Video. 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*.

She was married to her long-timer partner Jennifer Houston on September 6, 2008.

Theatre Rhinoceros (John Fisher, Artistic Director), America's longest running professional queer theatre, develops and produces works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of our queer community.