



Pepe & the Bottle Blondes

PEPE & THE BOTTLE BLONDES was created in October 1995 to bring back the 'Copacabana style' dinner theater enhanced with the costuming, make-up and percussion and beat of Latin rhythms, PEPE & THE BOTTLE BLONDES created a strong and stimulating visual stage performances not to be missed.

Pepe Raphael's piquant pulsations have taken him from Madrid (where he was born) to New York City (where he performed) to Portland (where he now lives). Pepe has performed leading roles in *Evita* with Music Theatre of Oregon and in *West Side Story* with the Musical Theatre Company and with The Portland Opera. Pepe has also appeared in several major motion pictures and television movies.

Pepe successfully blends dance, opera and musical theatre experience with his 'original songwriting' and 'comedic' wit to deliver a fresh and innovative performance.

Born in Madrid, Spain, Pepe began his dance career with the National Ballet of Spain. He then worked with Ballet Liceo of Barcelona and upon moving to the United States, danced with Ballet Hispanico of New York, Princeton Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet and, most recently, Oregon Ballet Theatre. Pepe has performed locally with the Portland Opera Company, Music Theater of Oregon and The Musical Theater Company.

Along with his ballet, opera and musical theater experience, Pepe has also appeared in several made for TV movies and has been a featured stand-up comedian at Harvey's comedy club for the last five years.

PEPE & THE BOTTLE BLONDES are currently performing in night clubs throughout Portland as well as for private parties and corporate events. They have provided entertainment for the Trailblazers, Weiden & Kennedy, McMenamins, VoiceStream Cellular, The Red Lion, Hillman Properties and others. Their repertoire includes popular songs from the 30's to the 60's, plus a strong selection of Tangos, Boleros, Rhumbas, Sambas and many other exciting Latin American rhythms.

An eclectic, 'Copacabana style' ensemble of saxophones, congas and percussion, trumpets, and three-part harmonies combines the talent and visually arresting performance that echoes the indulgence of the 1950's nightclub chic.

Pepe & The Bottle Blondes have performed in San Francisco, Seattle, Los Angeles, at the Horizon Casino in Lake Tahoe and in Portland at the Heathman Hotel and for the Portland Trailblazers. Pepe has sung in Madrid, Paris, and Las Vegas, including appearances with Pink Martini at the Cannes Film Festival and with the Oregon Symphony.

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