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PRESS RELEASE

**Under The Gaydar's Spring Tour Launches!**

From New York City comes **Under The Gaydar**, a stand up spectacular that unveils four of the freshest talents in gay and lesbian comedy, ready to take the country by storm.

**Under The Gaydar** brings together four of comedy's funniest, most fearless stand-ups performing their uncensored blend of disarming wit and all-out wackiness, delivered from a gay point of view.

Getting their start in the New York City comedy circuit, the foursome became best of friends while honing their sets and wowing the crowds, gay and straight alike, night after night. They decided to join forces and bring their acts from the underground to clubs all over.

All four are rapidly making their way into the national spotlight: you may have already seen them on Logo, here! tv, MTV, VH1, Aqua Girl, DC Comedy Festival and at Pride events and colleges across the country. They've always been out; now, they're on their way up.

The Under The Gaydites are Dave Rubin (host, Hot Gay Comics, Topical on here!), Jackie Monahan (Logo's One Night Stand Up, Girls on Girls on here!), Shawn Hollenbach (Hot Gay Comics, "Busted" podcast) and Claudia Cogan (Raw Dog comedy, Afterellen.com). Each one of them has a distinct take on the world that expands, refines and celebrates gay comedy. Which is to say, they're having a blast.

The tour kicks off Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 8pm in Allentown, PA at the Brew Works. Other tour dates for PA, VA and CT are to be announced shortly. Please check [underthegaydarcomedy.com](http://underthegaydarcomedy.com) for up to the minute news.

**Under The Gaydar:** the talent is easy to detect. So get a ticket when they're in your town. You can brag later, "I always knew they were funny."

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## ABOUT THE COMICS

### DAVE RUBIN

Dave Rubin is a ten year veteran of the NYC stand-up circuit. In addition performing regularly at all the major comedy clubs (Carolines, Gotham, Comix, etc.), he also started two clubs run by comedians themselves, Joe Franklin's Comedy Club and The Comedy Company. After 7 years in the closet, he came out only a few years ago and things really started to fall into place. The here! Network quickly picked him up as the host of two podcasts: Hot Gay Comics, offering interviews with gay comics from all over, and Topical, a weekly roundtable of current events with other gay personalities. Hot Gay Comics Live was also picked up by the network with Dave as the host, and debuted on television in November, 2008.

### JACKIE MONAHAN

Quickly becoming a local favorite at Gotham and Caroline's on Broadway, Jackie took her show on the road headlining at Clubs and Colleges all over the country as part of the LOL (Lesbians of Laughter) Tour. When she is not on the road with the LOL tour, she is busy around Manhattan doing spots on Maxim's Sirius radio and VH1 shows. Look out for Jackie's star-making appearance on One Night Stand Up for LOGO. Her hit podcast "Girls on Girls" on the HERE network has broadened an already impressive fan base. Jackie most recently won the TIME OUT NY 2009 "Joke of the Year". This summer, she takes her act to the Caribbean to entertain on Olivia Cruise getaways.

### SHAWN HOLLENBACH

Shawn Hollenbach is a New York based stand-up comedian, improv actor and songwriter. He has been featured on two episodes of Hot Gay Comics Live on here! TV and is the host of a celebrity video podcast, Busted. Shawn is the producer of Closet Cases, a Critics' Pick for Time Out NY and a Homo Must for HX Magazine. He co-produces The Back Room at Comix Ochi's Lounge and The Skip and Sparkle Variety Show as Skip Lickdale. Shawn has also been on the Comedy Central at Crash Mansion Showcase and has performed with the Funny Gay Males 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show. You can also see him in the short film Second Guessing Grandma directed by Bob Giraldi (director of music videos Beat It, Love is a Battlefield and Hello) starring next to Tony Award Nominee, Kathleen Chalfont.

### CLAUDIA COGAN

Deemed "hilarious" by Time Out New York and an "acerbic wit" by The New York Post, Claudia is poised for national attention. She was nominated two years in a row for "Best Female Stand Up" in the 2008 and 2009 ECNY Awards. In January 2008, Claudia won the first ever Time Out New York "Joke of the Year." Claudia has performed at Caroline's, Comix, Stand Up New York, Laugh Lounge, M Bar (LA), the UCB Theatre and the DC Comedy Festival. She spent October in swing states on The Obama Girls of Comedy Tour. Fans of satellite radio may have heard her on Raw Dog Comedy and the Derek and Romaine Show. Her work has appeared on After Ellen's "Fake Gay News", collegethumor.com, and bestweekever.tv. Look for her on here! Networks's Hot Gay Comics. She's the lesbian in the blazer.