

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EVENT: "LOL@Artscape"  
WHO: Baltimore Improv Group  
WHEN: Friday, July 19 and Saturday at 11 am-9pm; July 20  
Sunday, 11am-7pm on Sunday  
WHERE: 1727 N. Charles St, Baltimore, MD  
COST: FREE



## Discover Baltimore Stand-up Comedy & Improv at Artscape 2019

**"The U-HAHA", "LOL@Artscape After Dark", " Baltimore Improv Group @ LOL@Artscape" features an air-conditioned U-Haul, diversity, and inclusion in Baltimore's comedy scene**

BALTIMORE, MD – The nonprofit Baltimore Improv Group (BIG) returns as a program partner of LOL@Artscape, which features comedic stand-up shows, improv shows, and comedy workshops. Artscape is America's largest free annual arts festival, attracting 350,000+ attendees over three days.

BIG presents LOL@Artscape with three main comedy events. After renting a large U-Haul, "The U-HAHA" creates a mobile theater all day and night at Artscape. "Baltimore Improv Group @ LOL@Artscape" features improv stage performers at The BIG Theater who instant comedy based on an audience interview. LOL@Artscape After Hours LOL@Artscape After features over a dozen of Baltimore's successful stand-up comedians.

Michael Furr, an LGBT stand-up comic, hosts LOL@ Artscape After Hours.

"This year's LOL@Artscape is going to be bigger, funnier and more filled with Laugh Out Loud moments than ever before," Furr said. "The performers featured on this year's lineup are an amazing representation of what the Baltimore comedy scene is all about: diverse line ups, seasoned talent and of course, hilarious material.

"LOL@Artscape 2019 is going to show the people of Baltimore just how much love you can give from the stage," said Furr.

At The BIG Theater, all shows will be based on an audience interview. Last year's guests included D Watkins, Lou Catelli and Ann Costlow.

The U-HAHA is be parked outside of BIG's Theater on North Charles and holding free continuous performances throughout Artscape.

On May 11, 2019, The U-HAHA took to the streets of Baltimore with shows at Lexington Market, Poe House, Mondawmin Mall, Rem Fest The Shops at Canton Crossing, and Fell's Point Square.

Alysia Lee is an artist, arts educator, teaching artist and arts advocate who studies and performs improv comedy with BIG.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Lee. "But the day did not disappoint. That truck was filled with yucks and yelps of delight—who knew so much connection and joy could happen in the back of a U-Haul. "

"I had a blast participating in the U-HAHA! We traveled to parts of Baltimore I've never been to, and we introduced improv to a bunch of new folks. I felt so connected with the city and the people we convinced to walk through a velvet curtain to the back of our U-HA-HA truck." Grant Chang, improviser.

"LOL@Artscape" is Friday, July 19 and Saturday at 11 am-9pm; Sunday, July 20, 11 am-7pm at The BIG Theater, 1727 N. Charles St. For updated information go to [bigimprov.org/artscapes](http://bigimprov.org/artscapes)

### ABOUT BALTIMORE IMPROV GROUP

Baltimore Improv Group (BIG) serves as the city's leading non-profit improv comedy venue. BIG began in 2004 and now entertains with over 120 shows each year. With an annual audience of over 5,000 people, over 100 regular performers present audiences with shows every night of the week. As part of Young Audiences of Maryland (YAMD), BIG performs in assemblies and teaching residencies in Maryland schools.

The BIG Theater opened in October 2017 in Station North. The theater offers 3,000 square feet of space for shows; classes and workshops for adults, kids, and teens; a podcast studio; and a lobby connecting actors, comedy performers, and audiences. BIG shows include improv comedy, stand-up, sketch, and more.

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