

Rocket Ride 10:00pm, FREE. DJ Eric 13 plays rock classics.
83 First Ave, at E 5th St (6 to Astor Pl)
212-388-0059 www.threeofcupsnyc.com

Tonic
Andrew Wilder & Jon Santos 9:00pm
107 Norfolk St, between Rivington and
Delancey Sts (F to Delancey St; J,M,Z to
Essex St) 212-358-7501 www.tonic107.com

Tribeca Grand Hotel
Edward Newton 9:00pm
2 Sixth Ave, at Church and White Sts (1,9 to
Franklin St) 212-519-6677
www.tribecagrand.com

View Bar
DJ Leo Garcia 9:00pm to 3:00am
232 Eighth Ave, at 22nd St (C,E to 23rd St)
212-929-2243

West 8th
Oasis 9:00pm, \$15. A mix of hip-hop, R&B
and funk classics.
40 W 8th St, between Sixth Ave and
MacDougal St (A,B,C,D,E,F,V to W 4th St)
212-477-9333

comedy

African American Show
New York Comedy Club 11:30pm, \$10
cover, 2 drink min. This night features
some of the best comedians who have been
seen on BET, Showtime and the Uptown
Comedy Club.
241 E 24th St, between Second and Third
Aves (6 to 23rd St) 212-696-5233
www.newyorkcomedyclub.com

All Headliner Comedy
Boston Comedy Club 7:30, 10:00pm,
12:15am, \$12, 2 drink min
82 W 3rd St, between Thompson and
Sullivan Sts (A,B,C,D,E,F,V to W 4th St)
212-477-1000 www.bostoncomedyclub.com

Boothby Graffoe
Village Theatre 8:00pm, \$35
158 Bleecker St, between Thompson and
Sullivan Sts (1,9 to Christopher St-Sheridan
Sq) 212-358-7798

Brew-ha-ha Comedy
Boudoir Bar 9:30pm
273 Smith St, between Degraw and Sackett
Sts, Bklyn (F,G to Carroll St) 718-624-8878
www.eastendensemble.com

**Eddie Brill Workshop
and Seminar**
Gotham Comedy Club 10:30am to 5:00pm,
\$199. The six-hour workshop includes
working with one of the industry's top
teachers, a catered continental breakfast
and lunch, and a videotape of your workshop

Beauty Bar 8:00pm, FREE. Josh Haness
provides a friendly and familiar atmosphere
in which to enjoy stand-up comedy and
food from his fridge.
231 E 14th St, between Second and Third
Aves (L to Third Ave) 212-539-1389
www.beautybar.com

**Grown Up's Playground
Improv Troupe**
New York Comedy Club 6:00pm, \$10 cover;
2 drink min. This comedy show is hosted
by Joy Neuman.
241 E 24th St, between Second and Third
Aves (6 to 23rd St) 212-696-5233
www.newyorkcomedyclub.com

**Happy Birthday
From the Huntleys**
Gotham City Improv 8:30pm, \$7 advance;
\$10 day of show. This is an audience inter-
active sketch comedy performance with the
Huntleys, a family from the 1950s.
158 W 23rd St, 2nd fl, between Sixth and
Seventh Aves (F,V to 23rd St) 212-367-8222
www.gothamcityimprov.com

Holy Cp!**
Gotham City Improv 10:00pm, \$10. This
is a completely improvised exploration of
"Karmic destiny".
158 W 23rd St, 2nd fl, between Sixth and
Seventh Aves (F,V to 23rd St) 212-367-8222
www.gothamcityimprov.com

Latino Show
New York Comedy Club 9:00pm, \$10 cover,
2 drink min. The Latino Show is performed
in English.
241 E 24th St, between Second and Third
Aves (6 to 23rd St) 212-696-5233
www.newyorkcomedyclub.com

Mother: The Soundtrack
Upright Citizens Brigade Theater 10:30pm,
\$7. The UCB Theater Harold team, Mother,
perform an improvised show based on CDs
you bring from home.
161 W 26th St, at Eighth Ave (C,E to 23rd St)
212-366-9176 www.ucbtheater.com

Off the Top of Our Heads
Gotham City Improv 7:00pm, \$7. This is
a weekly improv comedy show fueled by
audience suggestions.
158 W 23rd St, 2nd fl, between Sixth and
Seventh Aves (F,V to 23rd St) 212-367-8222
www.gothamcityimprov.com

Prime Time Comedy
Nell's 10:00pm, \$10 before 10pm with
internet pass; \$15 after. This comedy line
up features some of the top comics.
246 W 14th St, between Seventh and
Eighth Aves (A,C,E to 14th St; L to Eighth
Ave) 212-675-1567 www.nells.com

Aesthetic Realism Foundation 2:30pm,
FREE. This is a discussion of Sargent's
Madame X.

141 Greene St, at Houston St (B,D,F,V to
Broadway-Lafayette St; 6 to Bleecker St)
212-777-4490

Author Barbara J. Winter
Angel Orensanz Foundation 10:00am to
5:00pm, \$49 for one seminar; \$89 for both.
Winter discusses from 10am to 1pm: Making
a Living Without a Job; and from 2 to 5pm:

Quite A Pickle

How many times have you stumbled
down Ludlow Street at three in the
morning in search of a cab? Your fami-
liarity with the bouncer at Pianos sug-
gests that the answer is many. But how
many of those drunken nights have
cucumbers crossed your mind?

Had you been on Ludlow Street at
the same time a hundred years ago,
cucumbers would most certainly have
been at the forefront of your thoughts.
Ludlow Street, frequented by PBR-
drinking hipsters and junkie punks
alike for years, used to be an entirely
different late-night scene.

Before fresh produce delivery
was centralized at the Hunts Point
Produce Terminal Market in the
Bronx more than 30 years ago, veg-
etable deliveries were scattered all
over the city. Merchants on Ludlow
Street received untold millions of
cucumbers, with trucks pouring in
each night to be unloaded at about
the same time the revelries get
started these days.

When Russian Jewish immigrants
began crowding into the neighbor-
hood's tenements just before the
turn of the last century, these copious
quantities of cucumbers were brined
and spiced in wooden barrels, just as
they had been in the old country. The
legacy of the Ludlow Street cucumber
deliveries would still be evident if you
ever made it down to that neighbor-
hood during the daylight hours. The
city's two remaining pickle stands can
still be found there, one a block east
of Ludlow on Essex, the other a block
west on Orchard.

A century ago, when the Lower
East Side was the most densely
populated place on the planet, more
than 80 pickle stands lined the neigh-
borhood's sidewalks. Today, there are
almost as many bars.

David Freedenberg