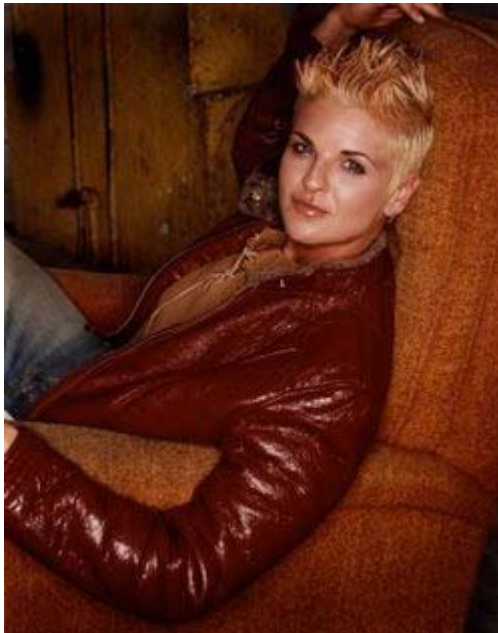




Jimmy Tingle Backstage

BEHIND-THE-SCENES BUZZ AT JIMMY TINGLE'S OFF-BROADWAY THEATER IN DAVIS SQUARE. THEATER, COMEDY, MUSIC & MORE!

INTERVIEW: Amy Tee Toots Her Horn



Amy Tee, one half of the 2 Dyke Minimum comedic duo featuring Sandra Valls, wants to be a rapper. Seriously. Move over Eminem and Lady Sovereign, MC Feminem is in da house.

Taking a break before hitting the road with her show, the 31-year-old Tee weighs in on her greatest fear, her affinity for shoes and her secret desire to be the lesbian version of Hugh Hefner.

What is your greatest fear?

Sleeping through my alarm on the first day of my sitcom.

What is the trait you most deplore?

Girls who don't know how to use their indoor voice in bed on a Sunday morning.

Which living person do you most admire?

Oprah ...beautiful inside and out ... and her bank account isn't too shabby.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Shoes...32 pairs of sneakers, 25 pairs of flip-flops.

What is your favorite journey?

Life. The journey IS the destination.

What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Monogamy. No wait; humility - if you don't toot your own horn, who will?

What is your idea of perfect happiness?

Realizing my dream of being the lesbian version of Hugh Hefner.

Which words or phrases do you most overuse?

'Fabulous' with 'Here's the Deal' running a close second.

When and where are you most comfortable?

On stage when my game is on.

Which talent would you most like to have?

I'd like to be a rap star.

What is your current state of mind?

Floored! You should see my cell phone bill!

If you could change one thing about your family, what would it be?

Daddy would have been Daddy starting a long time ago.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Losing 130 pounds ...that's an entire person you know.

What do you consider your greatest failure?

What do you mean? There's no failure.

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Self pity.

What is your dream job?

Not having to work would be a dream.

What is your most striking characteristic?

Have you seen my picture?

What is the quality you most like in other people?

That they laugh at my jokes.

What do you most value in friends?

That they toot my own horn.

Who are your heroes?

My mom hands down.

What is it that you most dislike?

Those CROC shoes and meat on the bone.

How would you like to die?

Proud of how I lived every day of my life.

What is your motto?

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.



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