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Comedians, musicians, actors perform in new 'After Hours' series

by [Rebecca Wallace](#)

So "SNL" isn't the same without Amy Poehler? Well, at least there's something new to do in Palo Alto at 11:30 on Saturday nights.

For five weeks starting Feb. 28, the downtown Dragon Theatre is trying out a new "Dragon After Hours" series, hosting comedians, singers, actors and other artists in informal gigs. If the series proves popular, the theater will be looking for more acts.

Dragon Executive Producer Meredith Hagedorn said she's starting the program to give more local artists a place to put on a show. The theater's available after Dragon Productions plays are over for the night.

"Also, I was hoping we could entice some of the local college or high school students to perform," she said.

After Hours is scheduled to start on Feb. 28 with a performance by The Hatnappers, an acoustic folk/Americana music duo; and Adam Magill, a comedian and magician.

On March 7, several South Bay actors will do informal readings of new short plays by San Jose playwright/actor Doug Brook. The plays include "The Case of the Cereal Killer," about the investigation into a missing bowl of cereal; "Retrograde," a love-hate story with palindromic dialogue; and "The Miles High Club," about a married astronaut couple.

R&B singer Tyrone Woodrow is scheduled to sing on March 14. The following week's program is still being determined.

Comedy is scheduled for March 28, with the Star Trek-themed Shatner Butt Girls and Jimmy Gunn set to perform.

All After Hours artists will take the stage at the small (42-seat) theater at 535 Alma St. for one-and-a-half to two hours, with an intermission. Tickets are \$7 and sold only at the door.

For more information, e-mail info@dragonproductions.net or call 650-493-2006.

Artists who are interested in performing at After Hours can also e-mail Hagedorn at info@dragonproductions.net. Dragon Productions does not produce After Hours acts; it provides just a venue and marketing.



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