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Puckduction & The Atlanta School of Burlesque in partnership with Metropolitan Studios present a lineup of BIPOC & LGBTQ performances with A Weekend With What The Funk?! on December 1-4, 2022.

Two arts organizations partner from coast to coast to celebrate Funk music and the art of burlesque!

ATLANTA (November 18, 2022) – The Atlanta School of Burlesque in partnership with [Puckduction](#), a Black and Queer owned performing arts production company based in Seattle, WA, will be bringing [A Weekend With What The Funk?!](#) Festival to Atlanta's [Metropolitan Studios](#) Arts & Movement Community, and Atlanta's Burlesque & Cabaret House. The Pacific Northwest's only all BIPOC burlesque festival, **What the Funk?! pays tribute to the Black American music genre of Funk while showcasing and honoring the artistry of Black, Indigenous and performers of color through the often-overlooked performance art medium of Burlesque.** WTFB celebrates performers locally, nationally, and internationally through their three-day festival. They hope to inspire, offer representation, and shine a spotlight on the creativity and talent found in the BIPOC Burlesque community.

Opening night on 12/1 kicks off with **You Sing, We Strip Burlesque Karaoke™: Funk Edition!** Featuring headliners Shimmy LaRoux and D'Monica Leone, and local and regional performers!

Nights two and three, 12/2 & 12/3, are **showcase evenings with both early and late showings.** Each show will feature a variety of headliner performances by [P.NoNoire](#) (2022 Mr. Exotic World!), [Android Allure](#) (2022 Grand Master Funk), [Samson Night](#), [Goddess Brig House](#), [D'Monica Leone](#) (Imperial Mr. Gay Washington 2022), [Shimmy LaRoux](#) (Playboy Denmark Cover Model June 2022 & Miss Burlesque World 2022), [GiGi Holliday](#), [Mx. Pucks A'Plenty](#), [Rebecca Mm Davis](#), and more!

The final day of events closes out on 12/4 with the [What The Funk: A Love Letter to the POC Community](#) documentary screening, that premiered at the [2022 Seattle Queer Film Festival](#). Follow producer and founder Kia Puckett, aka Mx. Pucks A'Plenty, in this labor of love as they explore what it means to rewrite the rules of burlesque to build a supportive community of performers for personal and professional development. See excerpts of live festival performances as well as intimate behind the scenes footage. Hear performers speak about the inspiration that drives their performances as well as lingering challenges to inclusivity and

accessibility. Explore what it means to question cultural norms, utilize the body as an artistic medium, and live life on one's own terms. The screening will be followed by a talk back with Mx. Pucks A'Plenty and Briq House!

[Movement and lecture classes will also be offered throughout the day on 12/2 and 12/3.](#)

Representation matters, and that is why it is so noteworthy that this festival is making its way to Metropolitan Studios, here in Atlanta; this is history in the making! Burlesque isn't just entertainment and art, **it is culture**. This is a cultural space that is being activated with joy, hope, and representation.

For tickets and more information please visit: www.metrostudioseav.com/funk

Schedule:

Thursday, 12/1	Friday, 12/2	Saturday, 12/3	Sunday 12/4
9:00pm - You Sing, We Strip Burlesque Karaoke: Funk Edition!	10:00am - 4:00pm - Classes Scheduled 7:00pm - "Go To Bed Early" Burlesque Showcase 10:00pm - "Stay Up Late" Burlesque Showcase	10:00am - 4:30pm - Classes Scheduled 7:00pm - "Go To Bed Early" Burlesque Showcase 10:00pm - "Stay Up Late" Burlesque Showcase	1:00pm - Documentary Screening with talkback: What The Funk: A Love Letter to the POC Community

Those interested are encouraged to follow What The Funk?!, The Atlanta School of Burlesque, and Metropolitan Studios on Instagram ([@whatthefunkfest](#), [@atlburlesqueschool](#), [@Metropolitan Studios](#)), and Facebook ([@WhatTheFunkSEA](#), [@atlburlesqueschool](#), [@MetropolitanStudios](#)) to keep up with announcements and more.

