

## Wing-It Productions

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### *Jet City Improv's Sweet 16*

SEATTLE, WA – Wing-It Productions' *Jet City Improv* has been around a lot longer than you think. First performing at the Bite of Seattle in 1992, May marks the **sixteenth** Anniversary of *Jet City Improv*. To celebrate sixteen years of providing entertainment to Seattle, *Jet City Improv* presents their "Sweet 16 Performances."

#### ***Jet City Improv's Sweet 16 performances:***

- Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00PM and 10:30PM
- Over fifteen cast members, past and present, will join together to perform and celebrate the first sixteen years of *Jet City Improv*
- Performers will all be wearing "Sweet 16" party dresses or dorky suits, just like Junior Prom. Audience members are encouraged to do the same.
- \$10 (\$9 Students) – further discounts if you wear your "Sweet 16" gear!

Both shows are at the Historic University Theater located in the U-District at 5510 University Way NE. Tickets for all shows are available at the door, or through [www.jetcityimprov.com](http://www.jetcityimprov.com).

A brief history...

Co-founders Andrew McMasters and Mike Christensen created *Jet City Improv* in 1992 after meeting at a local audition. Following their first performance at the Bite of Seattle, Andrew and Mike soon found a weekly home for *Jet City* in Pioneer Square's Owl 'n Thistle pub. The show quickly outgrew the Owl's tiny stage and, one year later, moved into the (now defunct) Belltown Theater Center.

*Jet City Improv* continued to succeed in Belltown and once again the infectious comedy show outgrew its space. So, in 1996, Andrew and Mike moved *Jet City* to the U-District, where it was enjoyed every Friday and Saturday night at the Ethnic Cultural Theater. 1996 also marks the year that Wing-It Productions was formed to help produce *Jet City Improv* and other improvisational works.

*Jet City Improv* thrived at the Ethnic Cultural Theater, performing there for over six years to sell-out crowds nearly every weekend. All the while Wing-It

Productions steadily grew, taking on more community events like the Fremont Outdoor Movies, and providing outreach and education around the state.

When the Paradox closed its doors in the U-District, *Jet City Improv* was poised to take its biggest step yet. In February of 2003, amidst much anger over the closing of a beloved all-ages venue, *Jet City Improv* and Wing-It Productions moved into their new home and renamed it the Historic University Theater (the HUT).

Graffiti plagued the theater the first half-year or so, but *Jet City Improv* continued to flourish and help establish the Historic University Theater as one of the prime comedy venues in Seattle. Winner of the 2006 NWSOURCE People's Choice award for Favorite Improv/Sketch Comedy, *Jet City Improv* looks forward to sixteen more years of providing quality entertainment to the hippest and youngest theater going crowd in Seattle.

**DID YOU KNOW?** *Jet City Improv* has maintained at least two shows a week since 1994, and has been performing at least three times a week since 2004. That's over 1600 performances and 220,000 audience members!

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