

1000 Kates is an annual night of shameless ecstatic lushness using Kate Bush's craft as the source material. Through dance, costume, spectacle, humor, video, music and song these performances LET THE WEIRDNESS IN. Inspired by NYC's long running Night of 1000 Stevies, friends and artists—Cookie Factorial, Danielle Redden, and Crystal Kovacs—launched 1000 Kates in 2014 at the Barbary. Over the past 9 years hundreds of glorious freaks, most hailing from PHILADELPHIA, have performed. This year's show alone will feature over 80 performers.

Danielle Redden - Co-Creator / Co-Producer / Performer

Redden is a Philly born artist, filthy heron & chamber punk. This little show is one of their most favorite passions cause it is friends making art together for the sheer pleasure of it. As always, they would like to shower gratitude onto their Them Heavy Sabbath comrades for putting up with their enduring enthusiasm for preposterous props. When not 1000Kates-ing they sing with Trust Your Moves, parade with Vaudevillains NYB, swim in the sea & learn gaeilge. @to_make_red

Joslyn Newman - Co-Producer / Stage Manager

I was introduced to Kate Bush when I was 13. My step mom from the UK would "teach me to drive" while we smoked stale cigarettes with mints in our mouths and listened to The Dreaming... My life was forever changed.

Jay Roselius - Co-Producer / DJ

I like to play.

Cookie/ J. Factorial - Co-Creator / Host

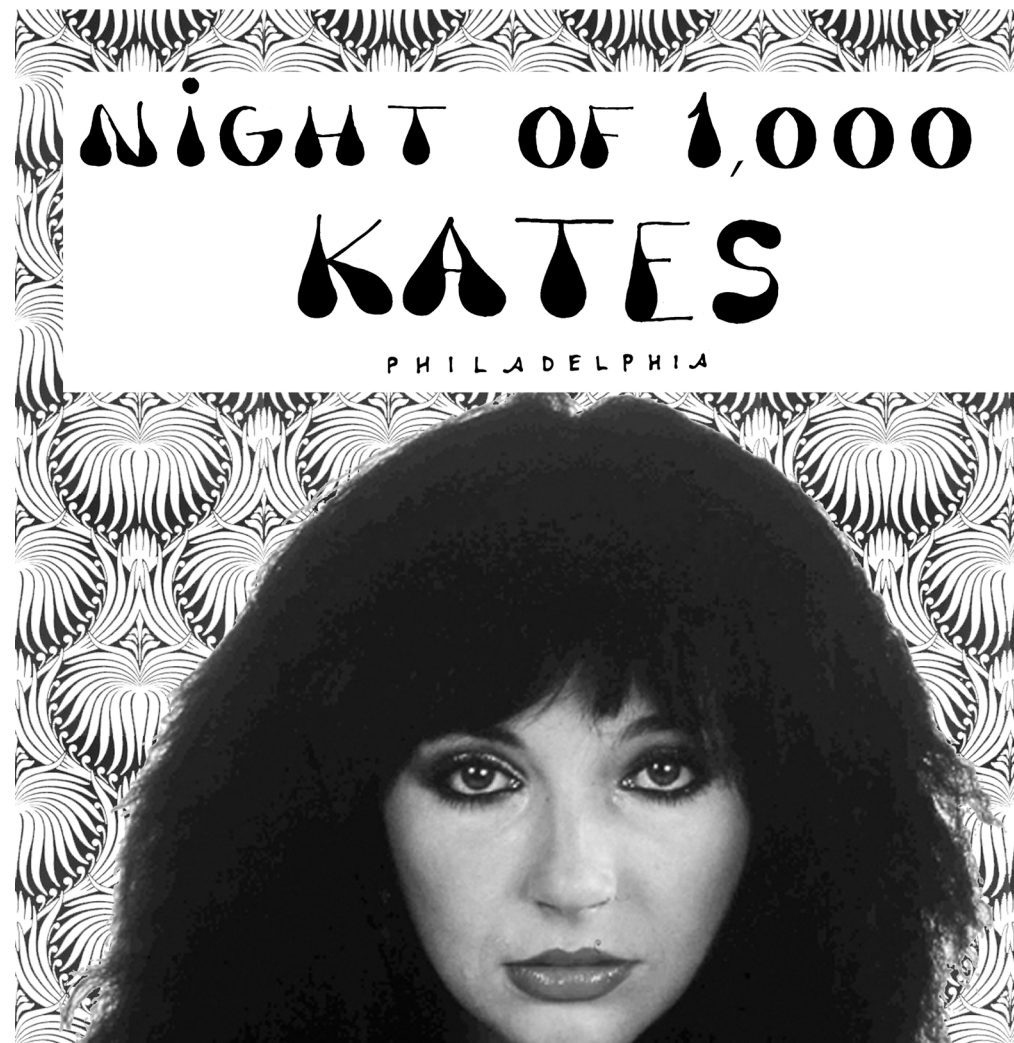
Factorial returns as host for the ninth year of this show. They are excited to welcome new folks into the fold and to see what surprises are up the sleeves of this year's performers. When not co-creating Night of 1,000 Kates, they are scheming up other ways to explore fandom/fan culture and moving towards and with the ocean.

Leigh Huster - Assistant Producer / Performer

Leigh is a Philly-based mover, choreographer, and performing artist. They completed an artist residency with Headlong Performance Institute in 2019. They are a former choreographer and captain of the mummies brigade, the Vaudevillains and a performer with 2HOT2GREEDY.

THANK YOU to the following Diamond Kites for their support this year:

This year's performers - your craft, kindness and flexibility are an inspiration
Crystal Kovacs, who helped co-create Kates, is the artist who designed 2023's t-shirt/poster
LJ Brubaker, Philly digital artist, for socials and website support
Shawn Kornhauser, Philly filmmaker, for documenting show & creating our recap videos
Chris Baker-Evans, our incredible photographer
Jeff Bolt at Soft Hand Screen Printing LLC prints our shirts & totes
Alina Josan painted the photobooth backdrop for the 6th year in a row
PhillyCAM for providing our livestream. An amazing community media resource
Chris Baldys & Peterson Goodwin for stage & tech support
Jesse Castor & Julia Albertson for running the merch booth
Anne Bryant for livestream moderation
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Em Lowing for printing all these programs!!!



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Saturday April 1, 2023
Union Transfer, Philadelphia
& streamed live to the world

NIGHT of 1000 Kates Performers

2HOT 2GREEDY – Suspended in Gaffa

Lisa Aquilino, Brooke Di Leone, Laura Fish, Leigh Huster, Al San Valentin, Ash Kole, Annie Kochersberger, Joanna Quigley, Jenna Schmitz

2HOT 2GREEDY is a dedicated group of Philly writers, artists, educators, and performers. In various iterations, we've danced together for over a decade. For this performance, we unite to celebrate our love and devotion to Kate Bush, the weirdest choreographer in pop music, the squeaky-voiced siren, perhaps the only person who can craft a magnum pop opus from the works of the Bronte sisters. With Kate Bush's weirdness as our muse, we've come together as a group to celebrate weirdness on stage, with an audience of weirdos.

Brucie Baby – Hounds of Love

bruce baldini

Brucie Baby is a man. A trans man. A trans man with a secret. What secret? That they ache for human affection, connection and confection every moment of the day, every beat of the night. Behind their gray eyes lies a storm of pain and fury only quieted by the embrace of YOU. Caught in the knowing sight of our trans and queer community- Hold him, love him. And when you feel that sweet silky pain of being alive and need a confidant, a cowboy, and Casanova... know it's Brucie, baby. He'll make it alright.

Emotional Landscapes – Feel It

Kristen Jas Vietty, Peterson Goodwyn, Joni Leibovic, Chris Baldys

Emotional Landscapes are friends, lovers, musical collaborators based in West Philly. This novel configuration includes some long-time Kates veterans and some virgins. Come aboard their maiden voyage toward earthly pleasures.

Fruit Integration – Rubberband Girl (mx.dash remix)

Jodi Bosin, Alanna Bozman, Shannon Brooks, Dana Cohen, Nora Einbender-Luks, Andrew Keller, Theo Loftis, mx.dash, Jenna Spitz, Elizabeth Weinstein

Fruit Integration are a panoply of delicious ripe fruits who have mutated into stretchy, bendy, jellybelly gummybutt elastic entities. Join them as they boing, snap and twang their way into coming to terms with this new evolution.

Kelly Crodian – Suspended in Gaffa

Kelly Crodian is an artist, death-positive activist, and general nerd-about-town based in West Philly. They have been a Night of 1000 Kates performer since 2017 and can't wait to get weird and run up that hill with you all once again <3

Layer Meat – Oh to be in Love

Layer Meat is Anna Young. Artist, composer and performer. Born in the midwest, living in Philly, performing world wild. Nick Copfhee forever. Lisa Young forever.

Lili St. Queer – Cloudbusting

Lili St. Queer is a multi-talented force! A jack-off all trades! A drag queen, musician, cabaret & theatre artist, comedian, educator, and DJ. They were a contestant on OutTV's drag competition Camp Wannakiki, Season 4. They are a co-founder of Jaffe St. Queer Productions, which produced a series of Broadway parodies including "Gay Miz" and "The Lizard of Oz," and their partnership with the Penn Museum created the original musical "Eric & Lili's Night at the Museum." Their cabaret duo Glitter & Garbage won Philly Magazine's Best Cabaret Act 2019, and they were named "Best Flirt 2022" by your dad. Lili is also the prettiest cast member in their recurring one-woman show "Cabaret Sauvignon," which recently celebrated its 5th year running and has featured many a Kate Bush tribute.

Moondrifts, Sing Slavic, & Sarah Cammarata – Rocket's Tail

Sarah, Dina, Laila. Rachel, Becca, Karen, Amber, Mel, Avery, LP

Moondrifts are a new, trans space-rock band from Philly, on IG @gay4themoon & playing shows of our original songs soon! We are donating our honorarium from tonight's show to Stop Cop City/Defend the Weelaunee Forest. A small ensemble from Sing Slavic is performing the Bulgarian portion of this song, originally by Trio Bulgarka. Sing Slavic is a West Philly-based community choir, find us @singslavic on all platforms! Sarah, (who spent many of her high school days dancing to Kate Bush music videos in her friend's basement) is really pumped to be sharing this experience with her sister, Amber! She travels the globe as a musical theatre performer, and can be found performing in Alaska for the next 5 months.

Rocksteady Rollers – The Red Shoes

Emily Joynton, Mo Stubbs

Mo & Emily of Rocksteady Rollers are both obsessed with roller skating, and with Kate Bush. We've been performing as a skate duo at public and private events around the city for about a year and look forward to more in 2023 (you can hire us!). We are longtime skaters in roller derby, at the rink, out on the trail, or at your neighborhood basketball court. We bring our energy, talents and weirdness to Night of 1000 Kates and are thrilled to be involved with this incredible event!

Roof of the World – Wildman

Alex Melman, Rivka Maizlish, Scott Melman, Abby Hawkins, Chia Jorento, Kayvan Halpern, Lev Hirschhorn, Leewana Thomas, Adrienne Price, Liza Behrendt, Cassandra de Alba

"Wild Man" is translated from the Tibetan Migoi, that phantom of the Himalayas you may know by another of its names: Yeti. Do you want to find it? To love it? Kill it? Be it? Do your desires dance, like snow upon the wind? Tonight,

for you, we friends and artists address these burning questions.

****CALL TO ACTION: Heard of the proposed arena in nearby Chinatown? This billionaires' construction project threatens one of Philadelphia's most beloved neighborhoods, but city council can block it! Get involved at linktr.ee/nacsphilly.**

Settled Arrows – Running up that Hill

Empress Mars is the lead singer, producer and writer of Philadelphia-based Chamber Prog ensemble, Settled Arrows. Their music has been described as haunting and elegaic by the New York Times and they have been referred to as the Kate Bush of their generation. Their music can be found at www.settledarrows.bandcamp.com

Songs by Dishong – And Dream of Sheep

Laura Dishong, Mark Dishong

Songs by Dishong is the duo of Mark and Laura Dishong. This is their first time playing for Night of 1000 Kates. Laura is a harpist, singer, and songwriter. Mark is also a singer and plays the keys- piano and organ. Both are music teachers by day, bringing up the next generation of Kate Bush fans. When off duty, they play all kinds of music everywhere they can. Kate Bush has long been an inspiration to them, and they were going for her style during the recording of Laura's CD "Little Green Apples". This performance goes out to everyone who is feeling adrift. Keep that little light shining.

Them Heavy Puppets – 1979 Christmas Special

Charlie Welch, J Healey

Charlie Welch is a multi media artist, award winning pie baker and a complete disaster. He lives in Bella Vista with his demons, dashed dreams and Dolly, a mouse that lives under his stove when he's not baking pies. The Kick Inside is one of his top all time favorite albums.

Them Heavy Sabbath – "Love & Anger" & "Wuthering Heights"

Chloe Wang, Danielle Redden, Sarah Danger, Sophia Abraham-Raveson, Tip Flannery

our performance of L&A is inspired by the mythology of deer mother and the wildness that comes when we sink into nonlinear time. what would we do without youse: prop assist Julien Birch // banner droppers Nooshin Sadegh, Kit Cali, KL Miller, Monica Fanya Barr, Max Parrish, Julie Britton, Rebecca Knab, Lora Reehling // film stars Jennifer Kates, Josie Newman // button presser Sam Bonosevich // song edit Jay Roselius

Thunder Hearts – Lily

Nick Forrest, Ryan O'Laughlin, Melissa Biddle, Kim Barbetta

Thunder Hearts is a union of members of Body Dreamz and "Nick and Ryan": DIY dance groups birthed by the sweaty, Sparks-strewn dance floors of Philadelphia. Doomed to body-roll for all of eternity, we laugh into the void, bringing blessings of beauty and chaos for all. Join us won't you?

Upholstery – Them Heavy People

Kate Black-Regan, Brian Decker, Jason Bachman, Jeremy Prouty, Marty Gottlieb-Hollis, Jess Bautista

Upholstery creates dark music for curious minds. The art-rock troupe draws on a wide range of musical influences - Portishead to Talking Heads, cabaret to post-punk - while striving to create music that is visceral and thought-provoking. Their fifth album Woven is available now on Exotic Fever Records. @UpholsteredMusic

Violint Themmes – Violin

Chrissy Tashjian, Jake Brennan, Emily Bate, Daniel DeJesús, Mel Regn, Jackie Soro

Thank you to Kate Bush's 1979 BBC Christmas special for putting the "violin" back in "violence." Love to our families. Hail Satan.

VOMDOTCOM – Hello Earth

Kathy Seufert

VOMDOTCOM was there at the birth, out of the cloudburst, the head of the tempest. She returns to Night of 1,000 Kates to take us on a briny voyage, crashing into the Ninth Wave to see what lies beneath. Hop aboard as we yell "Hello Earth!!!" in crab. VOMDOTCOM can be found online via her Instagram @vomdotcom, sidling around the streets of Philadelphia, and inside old discarded shells if you look really hard. D'you know what? She loves you better now.

Wow: A B-Movie Horror Dance Film Short

CJ Jasen, Behind the camera Eli Kim, Hayley Rubins-Topoleski

CJ is a dancemaker and singer/vocalizing performance person, and first time Kate's act! They are a co-creator of Queerobics West Philly, a collectively-run, monthly aerobics class and dance performance all in one. The Queerobics Dance Captains are kicking off outdoor classes this Spring so stay tuned! Eli (pronounced "Ellie") Kim was behind the camera on this project along with Hayley Rubins-Topoleski, and a special thanks to the ever-supportive Ash Kole and Court Craig

Water Sign – Big Sky

Anissa Weinraub, Arden Harris, Lauren Parker, Sophie Lieberman, Julie Lipson, Jesse Cronin-Conolly

We gather in a small room. A queer creativity zone emerges from the ashes of a home gym. We crack the window. There are surprises outside. And snacks. Most of us are water signs. But you already knew that.

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