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Montana Playwrights Network (MPN) presents

A Weekend of Comedy

Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT) // 1319 Helena Avenue // Helena, MT

Tickets are \$15 and available online at <https://www.montanaplaywrights.org/> and at the box office.

October 3 at 7:30 pm

NOTORIOUS HLN

Featuring Helena community leader and monologist, **Andy Shirtliff**, **Notorious HLN** is patterned after **Notorious BOZ**, an hour long, long-form improv show in the tradition of the Chicago improv form "The Armando" and adapted to the beautiful and surprising state we live in and love. Every show features a guest "Armando" or monologist who will share true stories from their life. The Bozeman cast starring in **Notorious HLN** will then use those stories as inspiration to create characters and scenes and bring it all together in a completely hilarious and improvised show. Notorious BOZ is a staple of Saturday nights at Last Best Comedy in Bozeman. This first **Notorious HLN** is produced by the Montana Playwrights Network in Helena.

Meet our esteemed monologist: Andy Shirtliff is a proud Montanan. He was born in Butte to a single mother from Anaconda. He was adopted and raised in Kalispell where he attended High School and Community College before graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana. Andy lives in Helena with his wife Laura, a Helena native and business owner, and her two sons, Peyton and Cooper, who both attend Capital High. Andy enjoys volunteering with organizations such as the Lewis & Clark Disaster Action Team of the American Red Cross of Montana, Habitat for Humanity, and the Helena Food Share. He has served on the boards and committees of organizations like the Montana Economic Developers Association, Helena Farmers Market, and Exploration Works, and was the Chair of the Downtown Urban Renewal District Advisory Board during the pandemic before stepping down to fulfill the City Commission role. Andy is a candidate in the election for Mayor of Helena.

October 4 at 7:30 pm

MOSTLY JOKES with Aaron Foster

Aaron Foster's style lies somewhere between the hilarious storytelling of Mike Birbiglia and the raw honesty of Marc Maron. He is currently on tour with his show "Mostly Jokes" that was named "best

solo show” at the 2025 Tucson Fringe Festival. It is autobiographical standup and storytelling that one reviewer called: “Dark comedy with a huge heart.” Another said: “Subversively funny, laugh out loud, gallows humor.” “Mostly Jokes” - Growing up with a bipolar father and a schizophrenic brother left Aaron Foster with a combination of survivor's guilt, depression and anxiety that has invalidated his every accomplishment, destroyed his every relationship and invaded his every waking thought, hilarious!

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A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization incorporated in Montana in 2016, **Montana Playwrights Network (MPN)** helps people to create and share stories through playwriting, storytelling, poetry, non-fiction, historical essays, etc. MPN connects writers, storytellers, teachers, performers, theatre companies, libraries and businesses through stories to build communities across Montana. The **Helena Avenue Theatre (HAT)**, home to MPN, is available to individuals, businesses, and organizations to present their own performances, recitals, and other special events.
