

Bare Descriptions

Group Description:

It's hard to believe, but Bare is just two men: Fuzzy Gerdes and Shaun Himmerick. They've been performing together in one group or another for ten years (with a break for Shaun's unmentionable Colorado years). They both have impeccable improv pedigrees, with training from institutions like the ImprovOlympic and Annoyance Theater and from instructors like Del Close, Mick Napier, and Keith Johnstone. These days they live in the same apartment in Chicago, argue over whose turn it is to do the dishes, and work on their wildly inventive improv.

Show Description:

Bare is two men who perform with the energy and presence of a 10-person group – a ten-person group with some acrobats, a fire-eater, and a rock band in there somewhere. Their show starts with a single audience suggestion, and from that tiny seed they grow an improvisational tornado of extraordinary characters, extraordinary situations, and usually at least one impersonation of a live animal.

“I can't remember the last time I saw character work that good.”

— Paul Koster,
Toronto Main
Event



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Bare History

Shaun Himmerick and Fuzzy Gerdes have been performing together since 1993. They met through an improv group at Purdue University and went on to perform with a variety of improvisational groups, both separately and together—ComedySportz, TheatreSports, serious improvised drama, Chicago-style long form with the ImprovOlympic. Shaun and Fuzzy reunited in 1999 in Chicago. There they formed **Bare** to concentrate on all the possibilities of a two man ensemble.

Shaun and Fuzzy are constantly experimenting with the dynamics of two person improvisational theatre. They have performed and workshopped forms as diverse as a two man short-form show to a single thirty-minute scene.

We've performed in:

Arizona
Colorado
Florida
Illinois
Indiana
Louisiana
Massachusetts
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
New York
New Zealand
Ontario
South Carolina
Texas
Washington

As Bare, Shaun and Fuzzy have performed at festivals throughout the US, Canada, and New Zealand.



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Bare Personalities

We are a professional company with two highly trained and skilled actors. We pride ourselves on being not just talented performers, but among the best writers, directors, and instructors anywhere in the country.



Fuzzy Gerdes has been improvising since 1990. He has trained at the Annoyance Theatre and the ImprovOlympic. He was recently seen in *The Instant Movie* at the Edinburg (Scotland) Fringe Festival. Several of his short films have made the semi-finals of competitive film festivals. He also maintains the wildly popular New Improv Page: <http://www.fuzzyco.com/improv/>



Shaun Himmerick has been performing and teaching improvised theatre since 1993. In the past he has performed with National Velveeta, Crazy Monkeys, and Denver TheatreSports. Shaun has done scripted theatre and a sketch comedy TV show. He enjoyed training at the Annoyance Theater, ImprovOlympic and the Second City. He currently does training for corporations around the country with Chicago Comedy Company. Shaun hopes to be involved when Improv takes over the world.



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More Quotes

“Bare is fucking awesome.” — Scott Jennings, Improv Resource Center, NYC

“The evening flew by much too fast and was simply a joy to behold. ... I can't wait for Bare to return to the Northland so I can put them back on our stage and make some more money off of them.”
— Brian Matuszak, Renegade Comedy Theater, Duluth, Minnesota

“I can't say enough about how awesome Shaun and Fuzzy were. Great fun and pure class. Consummate professionals. Wonderfully talented and funny individuals. And a great team to work with, too.”
— Matt Grabowski, Seattle Festival of Improv Theater

“showing just how refined and in-tune two people can be... simply amazing to watch ...”
— Victor Hahn, Omaha Weekly

“Bare rocks. We learned a lot from Bare. Bare is where we are striving to be.”
— Jason Baker, Noun,

“Awesome!”
— Dean Poyner, Columbia Improv Festival, South Carolina

“Their show was disciplined, innovative, and endlessly surprising.”
— Lawrence Lee, Renegade Comedy Theater, Duluth, Minnesota

“Best theatre I've seen in a couple years... hard to believe it wasn't scripted.”
— Jeremy Breningstal, the Boulder Weekly

“Thanks guys. I have recently awoken from the deepest 9 hour sleep in history. I'm so glad you guys had a good time. There was a lot of love in this theater this weekend. Your show was a highlight. Thanks.”
— John Bowie, Upright Citizens Brigade coordinator for the Toyota Comedy Festival, NYC



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