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Sub Pi: A Comedy Benefit Show Starring the Submarine Act (Jaron Hollander & Slater Penney), Pi Clowns and a Few Other Circus Friends. Eight Shows; Two Weekends; a Different Show Every Night. Fridays – Sundays April 1 – 10, 2011.

Kinetic Arts Center announces the production of **SUB PI: A COMEDY BENEFIT SHOW** featuring the fabulous Submarine Act (wet, cramped and a submarine) and Pi: The Physical Comedy Troupe. Each show will be filled with comedy acts from these local groups as well as performances from a variety of other local circus artists. No two shows will be the same. **SUB PI** is a joint effort to raise money to enable each group to attend festivals local and afar.

OAKLAND (February 18, 2011) — The Submarine Act and Pi Clowns need your help to take their acts on the road to national and local performance art festivals. Kinetic Arts Center is the site for the Comedy Show to help raise money for these two groups. **SUB PI: A COMEDY BENEFIT SHOW** runs April 1 – April 10, 2011 -- Fridays at 9pm, Saturdays 6 and 9pm and Sundays at 2pm. “**SUB PI** brings these two very funny and highly entertaining groups together and -- with the addition of a few other talented circus and comedy performers -- they create a different show for each performance.” says Victoria Angello, Managing Director of Kinetic Arts Center. “Everyone is volunteering their time, talent and friendship to help these guys to spread laughter around the country. Even the SF Fringe Festival costs money to participate. Kinetic Arts Center is pretty excited about volunteering, too. When you see one of the SUB PI shows here, you will get to say you saw them ‘back in the day.’” Although curtain is listed at a certain time, doors open ½ hour earlier and the ‘show’ actually starts then. Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 2pm are more family-friendly. Fridays and Saturday at 9pm are adult rated. No two shows, however, are alike. ‘Tickets’ are a suggested donation of \$20 and seating is general admission. Larger donations are always welcome, of course.

Pi Clowns is a physical comedy troupe devoted to exploring the world and examining life’s mysteries through a lens of wonder. Six clowns currently comprise the ensemble of Pi Clowns, which was

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founded at the University of California at Santa Cruz in 2004. As a troupe, Pi Clowns creates theater using elements of clowning and mime technique, acrobatics, juggling, eccentric dance, live music, improvisation, puppetry and feats of incredible strength. Most of their work consists of short clown vignettes. Their storytelling relies mainly on the physical virtuosity of their bodies, although they do use speech when necessary. The spectator is fundamental to their clowning and plays a vital role in making every performance unique. "These are serious clowns, and their work is extremely silly."

-Robert Avila, San Francisco Bay Guardian

Submarine Act is the melding of the two clown brains of Jaron Hollander and Slater Penney. The act is about two guys, a submarine, the deep, dark and cold ocean, and all the things that can go wrong (and right!) in a little submersible.

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