

Improv Your Night At the Magnet Theatre

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A shadowy little side street -29th and 7th avenue - was where my night began the week after my 21st birthday at the Magnet Theater. Right around the corner from Madison Square Garden, the adorable venue was quite homey and very welcoming. Having no idea what to expect from the night, I was pleasantly surprised when I walked into the small theater seating about 35 or so people. The attire is pretty casual, and everyone is just laid back and excited to be there.

For a show that lasted around an hour or so, almost every minute was filled with laughter and giggles from the long-form improv group, Lead McEnroe. The five guys, Mike Barry, Nick Benaquista, Tim Eberle, Dan Scivoletti and Rob Williams, are the most down to earth people you could meet, and were pretty good at cracking a joke or two.

After a suggestion from the audience for the comedian Wayne Brady, the group put together some hilarious improv about him and somehow spiraled into a woman giving birth. Now, that was a first. A man on a stage, pretending to be a woman, giving



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Lead McEnroe puts on a comedy laced show at the Magnet.

birth. But, it worked, and everyone was laughing. Even the guy that was working the music behind us was cracking up.

Not only does the theater hold performances, but they also have classes for students interested in doing improv. For those unsure where to go for that kind of thing, I'd definitely recommend checking out the Magnet. Lead McEnroe was entertaining and very well trained, and they assured us their peers were just as quick-witted on their feet.

For only\$5, any college stu-

dent should jump on a train to make the 8:30 p.m. show on a Friday night, and spend the rest of the night roaming the streets of NYC. Why not, when the campus is about a 20-minute train ride away? Casual and affordable are the two main ingredients for a night filled with laughter. If you walk from 42nd Street to the theater on 29th, you can even get in a quick workout. Beers and beverages served at the theater adds to a great place to start a Friday night.