

Stern's irreverent cohorts to provide humor at Alrosa Villa

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File photo

Beetlejuice, left, and Rev. Bob Levy share a few !@#\$\$s.

Several comics known for their association with shock jock Howard Stern will perform Friday for the first show of stand-up comedy in the Alrosa Villa.

That's not counting David Lee Roth (or any group you consider a joke).

Promoters of the tour Killers of Comedy -- several comics who appear regularly on *The Howard Stern Show* on satellite radio -- called Alrosa co-owner Rick Cautela about doing a show at the North Side venue, which

at a glance

Killers of Comedy

ALROSA VILLA, 5055 SINCLAIR RD.
(614-885-9125, WWW.ALROSA
VILLA.COM; WWW.CLEANBOX
ENTERTAINMENT.COM)

SHOWTIME » 9 p.m. Friday

TICKETS » \$25, or \$40 with a
meet-and-greet session

ALSO » Beetlejuice, Levy and
Yucko at 11 tonight in Sloop's Bar
& Grill, 2619 N. High St. (\$10)

usually presents rock and reggae concerts.

"I always wanted to do comedy, but I know nothing about it," Cautela said. "It's not my field. . . . But . . . (they) approached me with it, and I said, 'Heck, I'll try that.'"

"I've been trying to do other stuff -- the more and more we get over this bad thing that happened at the Alrosa," he said, referring to the 2004 shootings that left five people dead.

"And so far, it's been working out. You know, we are getting over it."

The Killers of Comedy, he acknowledged, "aren't even a typical show for a comedy show."

"I just found that out," he said with a laugh.

John Bovenizer, who works with the politically incorrect Killers, described the act this way via e-mail:

"Traveling with the Killers is a cross between touring with a rock band from the late '70s and a turn-of-the-century P.T. Barnum freak show. We don't trash hotel rooms, but that doesn't mean the hotel staff isn't happy to see us go.

"Everywhere we go, people look at . . . (the comics) like they escaped from a local mental institution. Kids hide behind their mothers' legs. Fathers shield their daughters' eyes. It doesn't help that we have a crew of cameras following them everywhere they go, filming a reality show for *Howard TV*. It is a spectacle, but it's a hell of a lot of fun!"

The tour has a revolving cast of characters that changes slightly at each stop. For the Alrosa date, funnymen Beetlejuice, Sal Governale, Rev. Bob Levy, Shuli and Yucko the Clown are scheduled.

"Rock clubs kind of fit the theme of our kind of show," Levy, 46,

said by phone. "The show is actually really good. Even if you're not a Howard Stern fan, you're going to like this show."

Levy, of Deptford, N.J., has performed stand-up for 20 years, earning the ironic nickname "Reverend" for his foul language.

He also co-hosts the Sirius program *Miserable Men*, which he describes as a male version of *The View*.

Along with Shuli, the host with just one name, he will consume the lion's share of time onstage during the two-hour performance.

"Then we bring on Beetlejuice, me and Shuli together," Levy said of their diminutive headlining partner. "We call him the new Sammy Davis Jr., which he is. . . . People love him so much."

As for his own humor, Levy said: "I'm very charming onstage, yet it is a dirty act. But I can win you over. You can do anything with a smile."

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