



'America's Next Funniest' Alysia Wood books homecoming gig

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Bellevue native Alysia Wood will bring her stand-up routine back to Washington next month after [earning the moniker "America's Next Funniest" comedian](#) from the Improv comedy franchise in Las Vegas in January.

Wood, who now lives in Los Angeles, will perform April 17 at The Jewel Box Theater in Seattle.

"I've been swamped and on tour non-stop since I won (the Improv competition)," she said. "I'm thrilled to finally come home to celebrate with family and friends."

Wood beat out hundreds of hopefuls, including two others who competed live at the Improv at Harrah's Las Vegas, to earn her title as "America's Next Funniest" comedian.

A panel of judges including comedy legend Budd Friedman named the contest winner.

The victory entitled Wood to a six-night paid run at Harrah's from April 6-11.

It also helped her family regain some credibility in the old neighborhood.

Wood's mother called her to say the owners of a local 7-Eleven had seen an article about her Improv victory in the Bellevue Reporter.

"That was extremely helpful, since they caught my brother shop lifting when he was 7, and Mom's been embarrassed ever since," she said.

Additional information about Wood's Seattle show is available at [The Jewel Box Theater web site](#)

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