

SEXAPALOOZA

WONDER WHERE TO START? HERE ARE OUR TOP 10 PICKS.

1. Beautiful women

Columbus' own burlesque troupes, Ooh-La-Las, Kitten Purr-lesque and Viva! & the Velvet Hearts. Not enough, you say? There'll be breathtaking aerial acrobatics from Infinity Aerial, fashion shows and sinuous belly dancers. A different act takes the stage every 30 minutes.

2. Workshops for new Bedroom Tricks

The Birds and Bees will offer a Going Oral! seminar, while Love Style Naked Education will workshop techniques, foreplay, vibrator use and the company's famous "Double Tap" toy. Local adult store, The Chamber, will explain the finer techniques about unusual and kinky electricity play while Temptation Parties will present a workshop on "Romancing the G-Spot."

3. Audience participation

This is the part of the show where you a) get on stage b) win prizes and c) have strangers point you out to friends later on. On-stage contests include the ever popular "Screaming O" best faked orgasm and most sexual positions where couples are brought on stage and perform as many sex positions in sixty seconds as possible. Prizes range from sex toys and clothing to gift certificates.

4. The Dungeon

The "Dungeon", one of the more popular attractions, offers show attendees a chance to slip into something a little more restraining. Held in a draped off, no-cameras-please area, the Dungeon is all about BDSM, or Bondage-Discipline/ Domination-Sadism-Masochism to the uninitiated. Whether you're a "top" or "bottom" or "switch,", the Dungeon is manned by the BDSM community hoping "to educate and help people explore," says Lewis.

5. Alley of Fantasy

The Alley is actually a series of large painted panels depicting various compromising positions; punters poke their heads through the cut outs and have their photos taken. Need a new Facebook photo?

6. Body painting

Jeff Edney Studio is coming to town to showcase their erotic artistry. Models and showgoers alike can strip down, throw on a few discreetly-placed pasties and be expertly painted as a unicorn, tiger, fantasy-fairy-vampire-thingy or anything else that comes to mind. Just watch for the signs saying "Wet Paint."

7. Shopping Shopping Shopping

The show is powered by vendors selling the latest in clothing, lingerie, leather, latex, personal care items, bedroom accessories and pole dancing classes. "It's a really fun atmosphere where you can relax,

have a drink, look around and do some shopping," says Lewis. Remember -- Valentine's Day is just around the corner.

8. Bondage Bed

Looking to tie down your partner but they don't REALLY trust you? Sportsheets International will demonstrate a 'how-to', with their "Bondage Bed Sheetset." If you walk away wondering how anyone can bend like that, don't worry: the company also offers a take-home video.

9. Educational Videos

Just in case the rest of the show doesn't answer all your pesky, private or potentially embarrassing questions, a quiet movie theatre will run back-to-back educational movies from the Sinclair Institute. Founded in 1991, the institute is renowned for its straight-shooting, award-winning Better Sex Video Series, as well as films on tantric sex, oral sex, erotic dance and sexual positions.

10. Sex Museum

On a much smaller scale than New York's famous Museum of Sex, the show's modest version still aims to amuse, titillate and educate. Did you know it's illegal (and difficult) to have sex on a motorcycle in London, England? Or that Illinois prohibits public erections? Or that in 17th-century Spain, a woman's feet were considered more sexual than her breasts?

11. Erotic Dancers

Female and male erotic dancers will perform on the Main Stage. Need we say more?

12. Returning home with your honey.....and jumping into bed!