



**"One of the Top 10 shows to see in Los Angeles!"**

- Deborah Klugman, *STAGE RAW*



*"You poured your heart, mind, body and soul into your show—and it shows. We in the audience were with you every step of the wayward way."*

*"Thank you for sharing your warmth, candor and increasing our depth of understanding. Also, for giving the profession you abandoned for your own sake a truly human face and heart."*

- Esai Morales,  
*How to Get Away With Murder, Ozark, Criminal Minds*

**Told with live pole dancing and incorporating over a dozen dancers and customers, *Naked in Alaska* is a fearless look at the objects we make of ourselves to fit in and the buried truths we must face to have a chance of coming home.**



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**AUDIENCE FAVORITE**  
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Fringe Festival



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## Synopsis

*Naked In Alaska* follows Valerie Hager, a latchkey teenager with a meth addiction and an eating disorder as she fights to break through into her own coming-of-age story. When her life spirals out of control shortly after becoming sober at 21, she runs to her childhood best friend Raven for help. Raven invites her to work with her at a strip club in Tijuana, Mexico, and gives her the stage name “Autumn.” An evening that begins as a way to make some easy cash explodes into a 10-year career that tests the limits of friendship and her will to survive.

The characters she portrays—club managers, dancers, customers, boyfriends, and more—bring audiences viscerally into this shadowy world to reveal the joy, hurt, danger, and common humanity that connect us all in the longing to be free. As her choices in the clubs expose her to increasing danger and violence, Autumn must make a choice:

*Does she continue to run from what most terrifies her—or does she find the strength to face it head on?*

In *Naked In Alaska*, Valerie Hager tells the often-untold stories that women experience all over the world—objectification, entanglement of being desired with self-worth, and the need to be loved, even in the face of violence and abuse. In urban environments where women confront on a daily basis male-dominated industries where sex, success, and power messily intertwine, *Naked In Alaska* pushes audiences to confront their deeper feelings and true values, too-often shrouded in shame, and seize the courage to boldly live them.

***“The show is so fearless, candid, and personal  
that it is impossible not to be moved.”***

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## *The Behind-the-Scenes, True Story...*





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# I WAS A STRIPPER IN AMERICA'S MOST MALE-DOMINATED STATE



“★★★★★ (Critic's Pick) A surprisingly complex and personal story. A fearless performance.”



“★★★★★ A visual masterpiece. An audiovisual feast, dynamically performed and produced with flair, *Naked in Alaska* is an honest, funny and fast-paced walk on the wild side.”



“★★★★★ Taut and succinct. A show which never feels jagged or unable to keep up with Hager's own energy. Absolutely go see it!”



“★★★★★ Valerie Hager tackles the challenges of a solo show magnificently in *Naked In Alaska*.”



Solo shows at FringeNYC include "Recipe for Success," "Naked in Alaska," "Free Desiree," "Scarred for Life," and "Human Fruit Bowl."



"Hager's performance is astonishing!"



"Breathtakingly sensual." THE SCOTSMAN

"Best Bet!"





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## Performance History

### 2017

**Bootleg Theater**  
**Los Angeles, CA**

**8 shows**

October 28-November 17

### 2016

**The Last Frontier Theatre Conference**  
**Valdez, AK**

**Featured Artist**

June 15, 2016

### 2015

**Community College of Rhode Island**  
**Providence, RI**

**WINNER:**

Charles Sullivan Award for the Arts

September 18

**GendErotica Festival**  
**Rome, Italy**

**Festival Headliner**

**Sold out**

May 22

### 2014

**The Edinburgh Fringe Festival**  
**@ Assembly Roxy**  
**Edinburgh, Scotland**

**WINNER:**

Pick of the Fest, *The New Current*

**Multiple sold out shows**

**24 shows**

July 30-August 23

Off-Broadway:

**59E59 Theatre**  
**New York, NY**

**Sold out**

**3 shows**

July 12-20

**The Celebration of Whimsy Theater**  
**New York, NY**

**Multiple sold out shows**

**8 shows**

February 7-March 1

### 2013

**Maria Benitez Cabaret**  
**Santa Fe, NM**

**2 shows**

December 6-7

**The Chicago Fringe Festival**  
**@ The Gift Theatre**  
**Chicago, IL**

**WINNER:**

Audience Favorite

**Sold out**

**3 shows**

August 30-September 2

**The New York International Fringe Festival**  
**@ The Celebration of Whimsy Theater**  
**New York, NY**

**WINNER:**

Overall Excellence in Solo Performance

**Multiple sold out shows**

**5 shows**

August 15-24, 7:00 p.m.

**Dixon Place Theater**  
**New York, NY**

**Sold out**

April 27

### 2012

**EstroGenius Festival**  
**@ The Barrow Group MainStage**  
**New York, NY**

**Festival Headliner**

**Bestselling Show**

**2 shows**

November 9-10

**Women at Work Festival**  
**@ Stage Left Studios**  
**New York, NY**

**Sold out**

**2 shows**

September 29 & October 7

# Press List

(Reverse Chronological Order)

**REVIEW: “Raw, exposed, and vulnerable... An amazing performance!”**

**Laurie Marie, “Naked In Alaska” (November 13, 2017)**

<https://www.lauriemarie.com/blog/naked-in-alaska> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “An affecting and intensely personal memoir!”**

**Stage Raw, “RECOMMENDED: Naked In Alaska” (November 9, 2017)**

<http://stageraw.com/2017/11/09/naked-in-alaska/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “One of the most Highly Recommended shows to see this season!”**

**Gia on the Move, “Naked In Alaska’: Fitting In When You Don’t Belong” (November 3, 2017)**

<https://giaonthemove.com/2017/11/03/naked-in-alaska-fitting-in-when-you-dont-belong/>  
[also available in PDF]

**INTERVIEW:**

**FanBase Press, “Valerie Hager on ‘Naked In Alaska’” (November 3, 2017)**

<http://fanbasepress.com/index.php/press/interviews/theatre/item/8326-fanbase-press-interviews-valerie-hager-on-naked-in-alaska> [also available in PDF]

**INTERVIEW:**

**The FPI Files, “Solo Queens Fest @ Bootleg” (October 25, 2017)**

<http://lafpi.com/2017/10/solo-queens-fest/> [also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**Anchorage Press, “Naked In Alaska: Hager’s One-Woman Act Making Its Way Around the Country” (October 10, 2017)**

[http://www.anchoragepress.com/news/naked-in-alaska/article\\_21648718-aa06-11e7-bdca-4313411fc1ea.html](http://www.anchoragepress.com/news/naked-in-alaska/article_21648718-aa06-11e7-bdca-4313411fc1ea.html) [also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**Cosmopolitan, “I Was a Stripper in America’s Most Male-Dominated State” (April 18, 2017)**

<http://www.cosmopolitan.com/sex-love/a9520384/i-was-a-stripper-in-americas-most-male-dominated-state/> [syndicated from Marie Claire; also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**Marie Claire, “I Was a Stripper in America’s Most Male-Dominated State” (April 13, 2017)**

<http://www.marieclaire.com/culture/features/a25553/stripping-in-alaska/>  
[also available in PDF]

**REVIEW:**

**Alaska Dispatch News, “Last Frontier Theatre Conference was a blast” (June 26, 2016)**

<https://www.adn.com/arts/2016/06/23/last-frontier-theatre-conference-was-a-blast-but-will-it-be-the-last/> [also available in PDF]

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Warwick Online, “CCRI to host ‘Naked In Alaska’ performance” (September 15, 2015)**

<http://warwickonline.com/stories/ccri-to-host-naked-in-alaska-performance-workshop.105794> [also available in PDF]

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**CCRI, “Hager to perform one-woman show, ‘Naked In Alaska’” (September 10, 2015)**

[https://ccri.edu/marketing/news\\_events/2015/september/hager.html](https://ccri.edu/marketing/news_events/2015/september/hager.html)

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**RADIO INTERVIEW:**

**City World Radio, “Valerie Hager’s ‘Naked In Alaska’” (August 6, 2015)**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Dagospia (in Italian), “God Save the Queer!” (May 26, 2015)**

[http://www.dagospia.com/rubrica-2/media\\_e\\_tv/god-save-the-queer-arriva-roma-genderotica-ormone-lesbo-gay-si-101356.htm](http://www.dagospia.com/rubrica-2/media_e_tv/god-save-the-queer-arriva-roma-genderotica-ormone-lesbo-gay-si-101356.htm) [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “A beautiful night of sharing!”**

**Recensito (in Italian), “Valerie Hager for the first time in Italy with Naked in Alaska” (May 23, 2015)** [content since removed; available in PDF in English translation]

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**TeatriOnline (in Italian), “Contamination of Queer Art” (May 21, 2015)**

<https://www.teatronline.com/2015/05/festival-genderotica-contaminazioni-di-arte-queer-4-edizione/> [also available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

**In Rome Now, “The Best in Rome: Opera, Theater, Dance” (May 21, 2013)**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Repubblica (in Italian), “The GendErotica Festival Returns” (May 15, 2015)**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Huffington Post Italy (In Italian), “GendErotica 2015” (May 14, 2015)**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.it/2015/05/12/genderotica-2015-roma-festival-queer\\_n\\_7266772.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.it/2015/05/12/genderotica-2015-roma-festival-queer_n_7266772.html) [also available in PDF]

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Broadway World, “Valerie Hager’s ‘Naked in Alaska’ Heads to Rome” (May 11, 2015)**

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/italy/article/Valerie-Hagers-NAKED-IN-ALASKA-Heads-to-Rome-This-Month-20150511> [also available in PDF]

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**Noidonne (in Italian), “GendErotica 2015 Arrives” (April 8, 2015)**

<http://www.noidonne.org/blog.php?ID=06299> [also available in PDF]

**RADIO INTERVIEW:**

**Are You Famous Yet?, “Going Balls to the Wall with Valerie Hager” (December 8, 2014)**

<http://areyoufamousyet.libsyn.com/webpage/going-balls-to-the-wall-with-valerie-hager-episode-54> [available in MP3]

**REVIEW:**

**Zyrid Productions, “Naked In Alaska” (August 25, 2014)**

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**REVIEW: “Huge acting ability!”**

★★★★ Three Weeks, “Naked In Alaska” (August 22, 2014)

<http://www.threeweeks.co.uk/article/ed2014-theatre-review-naked-in-alaska-legendary-hearts/> [also available in PDF]

**RADIO INTERVIEW:**

Fresh Fringe Radio, “Valerie Hager’s Naked In Alaska” (August 21, 2014)

[available in MP3]

**REVIEW:**

★★★★★ Edinburgh Fringe Festival, “Naked In Alaska” (August 15, 2014)

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**REVIEW: “A high octane one woman show... a talented actress.”**

Edinburgh Guide, “Naked In Alaska” (August 13, 2014)

[available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “A fearless and honest solo show... the story is unflinching!”**

★★★ Edinburgh Spotlight, “Naked In Alaska” (August 12, 2014)

<http://www.edinburghspotlight.com/2014/08/review-naked-in-alaska/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “A visual masterpiece!”**

★★★★ A Younger Theatre, “Edinburgh Review: Naked in Alaska” (August 11, 2014)

<https://www.ayoungertheatre.com/edinburgh-review-naked-in-alaska-assembly-roxy/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “I hope this piece will have a long life!”**

Chris Grady Theatre Organization, “Naked In Alaska” (August 11, 2014)

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**REVIEW: “An intelligent and energetic walk on the wild side!”**

The Stage, “Naked In Alaska” (August 11, 2014)

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**REVIEW: “Her presence is magnetic. A standout actor!”**

★★★★★ Darrow UK, “Naked In Alaska” (August 10, 2014)

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**REVIEW: “Sheer joie de vivre!”**

★★★★★ Broadway Baby, “Naked In Alaska” (August 10, 2014)

<http://broadwaybaby.com/shows/naked-in-alaska/699695> [also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

Edinburgh Fringe Review, “Naked In Alaska” (August 8, 2014)

<http://www.edinburghfringereview.co.uk/edinburgh-fringe-2014/edinburgh-fringe-naked-in-alaska> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “You leave feeling someone has just shared a part of her soul with you.”**

★★★★ Zurika Fringe Reviews, “Naked In Alaska” (August 8, 2014)

<http://www.zurika.com/edinburgh-fringe-2014/theater-reviews#NakedinAlaska> [also available in PDF]



**REVIEW: “Fine acting skills... and the gymnastic skill to suspend herself on a pole!”**

**★★★★★ Fringe Fan, “2014 Edinburgh Fringe Reviews” (August 8, 2014)**

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**REVIEW: “Breathtaking and sensual!”**

**The Scotsman, “Naked In Alaska” (August 6, 2014)**

<http://www.wow247.co.uk/2014/08/06/naked-in-alaska/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “Hager’s performance is astonishing!”**

**★★★ The List, “Redemption, Addiction, and Pole Dancing” (August 3, 2014)**

<https://edinburghfestival.list.co.uk/article/63208-naked-in-alaska/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “Heartbreaking and wonderful!”**

**★★★★ LoveFringe, “Naked In Alaska” (August 3, 2014)**

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**BEST OF LIST:**

**The List, “5 Sex-Themed Theatre Shows” (July 29, 2014)**

<https://edinburghfestival.list.co.uk/article/62898-edinburgh-festival-fringe-2014-5-sex-themed-theatre-shows/> [also available in PDF]

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**FringeReview, “Assembly Roxy Top 10 Shows” (July 26, 2014)**

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**PROFILE:**

**The New Current, “Pick of the Edinburgh Fringe: Naked In Alaska” (July 26, 2014)**

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**PROFILE:**

**DirectorSpeak, “Festival Directors – Edinburgh Fringe 2014” (July 18, 2014)**

<https://catlander.wordpress.com/2014/07/11/festival-directors-edinburgh-fringe-2014-2/>  
[also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**59E59, “WHO: Valerie Hager, ‘Naked in Alaska’” (July 16, 2014)**

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**PROFILE:**

**Visible Soul, “People You Should Know... Valerie Hager” (July 9, 2014)**

<http://zackcalhoon.blogspot.com/2014/07/people-you-should-know-valerie-hager.html>  
[also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**Broadway Baby, “The Valerie Hager Three Minute Interview” (May 30, 2014)**

<http://broadwaybaby.com/news/the-valerie-hager-three-minute-interview/87>  
[also available in PDF]

**TELEVISION INTERVIEW:**

**QPTV, “Talking About: Naked In Alaska” (2014)**

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**REVIEW: “Hager has the range and versatility of a Lily Tomlin or Whoopi Goldberg!”**

**★★★★ Performing Arts Insider, “Naked In Alaska” (February 26, 2013)**

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**REVIEW: “A powerful, entrancing performance!”**

★★★★ Lively Arts, “Naked In Alaska” (February 26, 2013)

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**REVIEW: “Ms. Hager gives us the greatest gift of all—hope!”**

New York Theatre Review, “Gina Femia on Naked In Alaska” (February 20, 2014)

<http://newyorktheatrereview.blogspot.com/2014/02/gina-femia-on-naked-in-alaska-as.html>

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**REVIEW: “A wonderful show!”**

Washington Square News, “Hager reveals all in one-woman show ‘Alaska’” (February 13, 2014)

<https://www.nyunews.com/2014/02/13/alaska/> [also available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

Stage Buddy, “New York in 60 Seconds: Top Picks: Naked In Alaska” (February 13, 2014)

<https://vimeo.com/178497540>

**BEST OF LIST:**

Time Out New York, “The Off-Off List: Recommended Show” (February 6-12, 2014 issue)

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**BEST OF LIST:**

Show Business Weekly, “A Stripper’s Story: Bare All Solo Show Returns to Off Broadway” (January 26, 2014)

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**PROFILE:**

Santa Fe Reporter, “Performance artist bares all in her pursuit of a story” (December 4, 2013) [content since removed; available in PDF]

**REVIEW:**

The Arts Entrepreneur, “Stripping Down to the Bare... Truth” (September 2, 2013)

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**REVIEW: “60 minutes of magic!”**

Around the Town Chicago, “‘Naked In Alaska’ Chicago’s Fringe Festival Highlight” (August 31, 2013)

<http://www.aroundthetownchicago.com/theatre-reviews/naked-in-alaska-chicagos-fringe-festival-highlight/> [also available in PDF]

**RADIO INTERVIEW:**

WGN Radio: The Voice of Chicago, “The Nick Digilio Show” (August 29, 2013)

<http://wgnradio.com/2013/08/29/naked-in-alaska/> [available in AIFF]

**PROFILE:**

Chicago Sun-Times, “Stripper’s hardknock life unfolds in ‘Naked in Alaska’” (August 28, 2013) [content since removed; available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

Time Out Chicago, “Chicago Fringe Festival 2013: Best Bets” (August 28, 2013)

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**AWARD COVERAGE:**

**New York Theater, "New York Fringe Festival Overall Excellence Award Winners 2013" (August 26, 2013)**

<https://newyorktheater.me/2013/08/26/new-york-fringe-festival-overall-excellence-award-winners-2013/> [also available in PDF]

**AWARD COVERAGE:**

**TheaterMania, "FringeNYC Announces Overall Excellence Award Winners" (August 26, 2013)**

<http://www.theatermania.com/new-york-city-theater/news/08-2013/fringenyc-announces-overall-excellence-award-winners-65871.html> [also available in PDF]

**AWARD COVERAGE:**

**Broadway World, "Peninsula, Waiting for Godot & More Win 2013 FringeNYC Overall Excellence Awards" (August 26, 2013)**

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/PENINSULA-WAITING-FOR-WAITING-FOR-GODOT-More-Win-2013-FringeNYC-Overall-Excellence-Awards-20130826>

[also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "Valerie Hager dazzles!"**

**Hi! Drama, "Mark Savitt Reviews Naked In Alaska" (August 25, 2013)**

<https://www.facebook.com/hidramas/> [content on Hi! Drama Facebook; available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

**Best of New York Comedy, "NYC Top Comedy Choices for Saturday 8/24/13" (August 24, 2013)** [content since removed; available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "Raw and entertaining... We're with her all the way!"**

**Woman Around Town, "Naked In Alaska - Raw and Entertaining" (August 23, 2013)**

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**REVIEW: "One of the greatest pleasures of FringeNYC!"**

**★★★★ Hy on the Fringe, "Naked In Alaska" (August 23, 2012)**

<http://hyreviews.com/fringenyc2013.htm#Val> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "I am so glad I came, so glad!"**

**OffOffOnline, "Sliding Down the Pole" (August 20, 2013)**

<https://www.offoffonline.com/offoffonline/10043?rq=naked%20in%20alaska>

[also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "A talented and engaging solo performance!"**

**Theatre Is Easy, "Naked In Alaska" (August 20, 2013)**

<http://www.theeasy.com/Reviews/FringeFestival/2013/nakedinalaska.php>

[also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "So fearless, candid, and personal that it is impossible not to be moved!"**

**Maxamoo, "FringeNYC: Naked In Alaska" (August 18, 2013)**

<http://www.maxamoo.com/fringenyc-naked-in-alaska-2/> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: "A fearless performance!"**

**★★★★ Critic's Pick Time Out New York, "Naked In Alaska" (August 16, 2013)**

<https://www.timeout.com/newyork/theater/naked-in-alaska> [also available in PDF]



**REVIEW: “Her name is Valerie Hager—she is on fire!”**

**Usher Nonsense, “Naked In Alaska” (August 16, 2013)**

[http://www.ushernonsense.com/Usher\\_Nonsense/Reviews/Entries/2013/8/16\\_Naked\\_In\\_Alaska.html](http://www.ushernonsense.com/Usher_Nonsense/Reviews/Entries/2013/8/16_Naked_In_Alaska.html) [also available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

**Time Out New York, “NSFW: The Five Sexiest Events of the Week” (August 15, 2013)**

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**REVIEW: “Valerie Hager is a guiding light!”**

**NYTheatre.com, “FringeNYC 2013: Naked In Alaska” (August 15, 2013)**

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**The New Yorker, “The Theatre: Openings & Previews” (August 12 & 19, 2013 issue)**

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**New York Post, “Untangling the Fringe” (August 10, 2013)**

<http://nypost.com/2013/08/10/untangling-the-fringe/> [also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**Theater in the Now, “Spotlight On... Valerie Hager” (August 10, 2013)**

<http://www.theaterinthenow.com/2013/08/spotlight-onvalerie-hager.html>  
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**BEST OF LIST:**

**WNYC, “Strip Club in Tijuana Meets Rap Opera at the Fringe Festival” (August 10, 2013)**

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**BEST OF LIST:**

**Ken Davenport’s The Producer’s Perspective, “10 Shows that Stand Out at the Fringe – 2013” (August 7, 2013)**

[http://www.theproducerperspective.com/my\\_weblog/2013/08/10-shows-that-stand-out-at-the-fringe-2013.html](http://www.theproducerperspective.com/my_weblog/2013/08/10-shows-that-stand-out-at-the-fringe-2013.html) [also available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

**TheaterMania, “Cowboys, Strippers, and Tom Cruise Take the Stage at FringeNYC” (August 6, 2013)**

[http://www.theatermania.com/new-york-city-theater/news/08-2013/cowboys-strippers-and-tom-cruise-take-the-stage-at\\_65714.html](http://www.theatermania.com/new-york-city-theater/news/08-2013/cowboys-strippers-and-tom-cruise-take-the-stage-at_65714.html) [also available in PDF]

**PROFILE:**

**New York Daily News, “Former stripper bares it all in ‘Naked In Alaska,’ a show revealing her experiences as an exotic dancer” (August 4, 2013)**

<http://www.nydailynews.com/entertainment/music-arts/stripper-bares-onstage-memoir-article-1.1416928?> [also available in PDF]

**REVIEW: “A gifted storyteller... with such a visceral glow!”**

**Malinism, “Cas Marino Absorbs Naked In Alaska” (August 1, 2013)**

<https://malinism.com/2013/08/01/guest-blogger-cas-marino-absorbs-naked-in-alaska/>  
[also available in PDF]

**BEST OF LIST:**

**Backstage, “10 Shows to See at the NY Fringe Festival” (July 31, 2013)**

<https://www.backstage.com/galleries/10-shows-see-ny-fringe-festival/5>

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**RADIO INTERVIEW:**

**International Women’s Artist Salon, “Valerie Hager’s ‘Naked In Alaska’” (April 22, 2013)**

<http://womenartsalon.blogspot.com/2013/04/salon-radio-april-22nd-valerie-hagers.html>

[available in AIFF]

**REVIEW: “You will root her her indomitable spirit!”**

**Off-Broadway, “Naked In Alaska” (October 9, 2012)**

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**PROFILE:**

**NYTheatre.com, “Valerie Hager: Naked In Alaska” (October 2, 2012)**

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## Selected Audience Reviews

"Last night, Valerie Hager performed **the truest and rawest piece of theatre I have ever seen**. Thank you so much for sharing your story. You rock!"

- Katie Westgate

"Got to see Valerie Hager do her thing yesterday. Amazing! **I may be a changed person. I am so inspired to start writing again.**"

- Jeana Ariel Garcia

"*Naked in Alaska*, see it. It is, **without a doubt, one of the best pieces of theater I have seen.**"

- Ryan Harris

"Valerie Hager is **beyond amazing and I'm so glad I went** to her show! So grateful to have met this beautiful soul and to experience such a gorgeous piece of theatre. Thank you for your art and for sharing your story!"

- Victoria Jessop

"I saw a play last night called *Naked in Alaska* performed beautifully by Valerie Hager. It was **by far in my opinion the best theatrical experience I've had so far**. To those I've worked with in theater who know that I always search for truth on stage, that show was the definition of that."

- David Bradley

"You are made of love! **I bet you never knew that your show could bring a daughter and her father back together.**"

- Raymond S. Legare

"**A tour de force.**"

- Michael Goldberg

"I went from being an audience member sitting in the first row to being right there with you on your journey. Tonight you answered that question. **As long as there's truth to a story, no matter the content, it can be used. It can show others who might have had similar experiences that it's ok... that they are not alone. Thank you for that.** Watching your show tonight gave me the "ok" that I'm on the right track. Theater doesn't always have to be happy and musical. It can be about real life. **Your show has been the best theatrical experience I've had so far.**"

- David V.

"I'd say anyone who saw the show became a **huge fan!**"

- Paula Goldberg

"You have such talent, strength and courage Valerie Hager. **It was an honor to be in your audience!**"

- Linda M. Sutherland  
Faculty, Boston University

"It was absolutely and completely amazing and I'm sooooo glad I went."

- Kitty Kins

"**Incredible show!**"

- Leslie A. Ford  
Faculty, CCRI

"It's so crazy how much darkness you endured but after all that you came back to the light for good. **I'm wonderstruck!**"

- Cannon Bliss

"*This is the second time I have seen this performance and **Valerie's courage and***



# Tweets from Audiences

**@NakedInAlaska1 was phenomenal!**

@KirstenMcPake

**@NakedInAlaska1 P.S. Valerie Hager = my new idol xx**

@Amanda\_\_Wright

**@NakedInAlaska1 My Mother Phoned Me In Tears After Your Show Last Night She Was So Moved: Best Show She Has Seen At The Fringe - Ever!! xxx**  
Nicoletta A-W

**@NakedInAlaska1 #Inspiring  
#Raw #Emotional  
#TerriblyMoving  
#AJourneyofhope**  
@nestivalflats

**@NakedInAlaska1 thank you for baring yourself -- you struck such a chord #beautiful  
#sojoyful**  
@rsmoushall

**Blown away by  
@NakedInAlaska1 tonight!  
Beautiful portrayal of such a heart-wrenching story! What a great way to end my @edfest!**  
@AmandaWright

**@NakedInAlaska1 you were unbelievably good. Three of us still talking about it!**  
@vicstewart

**@NakedInAlaska1 all I thought of while watching was wanting to hug u then when I did I didn't want to let go. I walked home crying. Incredible**  
@GoodfellowKate

**@NakedInAlaska1 I loved the show! Thank you so much for making me laugh and cry. Such a heart wrenching and funny performance!**  
@lena\_v\_s

**Loved @NakedInAlaska1 tonight. Beautiful, funny, raw, honest, heartbreaking & inspiring. Left in tears. Thank you for sharing your story xxx**  
@BridgettCains

**Saw @NakedInAlaska1 last night! It was fierce!**

@david\_harrell

**@NakedInAlaska1 a phenomenal story led by an incredible actress who literally put her heart and soul into it.**  
@Dan\_Lea1

**I loved @NakedInAlaska1 . Please can Valerie Hager become my new best friend. Please.**  
@StephenIDavies

**@NakedInAlaska1 saw your preview show and I got one of the best hugs ever.#recommndation \*\*\*\***  
@RicBuscarini

**@NakedInAlaska1 soul, energy &physical fearlessness. She is FIERCE♥ #edfringe**  
@hollybodimeade

**@NakedInAlaska1 BOOM-POW tales from the pole, done w eye-popping physicality & heartfelt personal truth.**  
@camerynmoore

**@NakedInAlaska1 Fuck yeah!**  
@barrychurchwood

**@NakedInAlaska1, performing at this year's @edfringe.  
@DarrowUK gives it \*\*\*\*\*, fantastic stuff.**  
@DarrowUK

**Wow, just saw magnificent, moving show @NakedInAlaska1 - she's honest & extraordinary. If you're at #EdFringe GO SEE.**  
@Aaron Jacob Jones

**@NakedInAlaska1 was beyond STUNNING. That performance was incredible, I felt like I was in her soul. Every minute was beautiful.**  
@Dan\_Lea1

**GUYS SEE @NakedInAlaska1 NOWWW. My fave thing I've seen so far!!**  
@JessicaBonnie

**Heart warming story had audience hooked for hour. Great performance with SO much energy.**

@harrydotcom

**Great show@NakedInAlaska1!!! Wow! Bold, brave, and incredibly moving. A stunning performance!**  
@Charlotteinc

**@NakedInAlaska1 the show was great and hope Valerie Hager gets the recognition she deserves at the fringe, well done!**  
@ashleyjadesmith

**@NakedInAlaska1 Gutachingly brave & beautifully honest.**  
@TastyMonster

**You have to see @NakedInAlaska1 you will love it. She's an amazing performer. And legging it up that pole and acting! x**  
@PhilipMeeks

**@NakedInAlaska1 "Heartbreaking &wonderful."**  
@lovethefringe

**@NakedInAlaska1 Brilliant show. Incredibly moving and genuine! BRAVO!**  
@TannerEfinger

**Just saw a show that I can't talk about without crying. Not happened for a while!**  
@NakedInAlaska1  
@boaden

**@NakedInAlaska1 is flipping brilliant. Will be back.**  
@Chris\_BullsRL

**God bless the guy that gave us his spare tickets for Naked In Alaska! That was beautiful!!**  
@HVsorselman

# Bios

## **Valerie Hager (Writer, Performer)**

Valerie Hager is a former exotic dancer, “not to be missed” (*NoHo LA*) actor, award-winning solo show writer-performer, teacher, and movement artist.

She has performed on stages throughout NYC, including Off Broadway at 59E59 Theaters and The Barrow Group MainStage. She has written six solo shows that she has performed throughout the US, UK, and Europe.

Her full-length solo show *Naked In Alaska* has been produced in New York City, Chicago, Providence, Santa Fe, Edinburgh, Rome, and Alaska itself—at the prestigious Last Frontier Theatre Conference founded by Edward Albee.

Valerie appeared in Warner Brothers' *The Invention of Lying*, Comedy Central's *Mind of Mencia*, Discovery Channel's *Guilty or Innocent*, and the award-winning short film *The Harshes Place*. She is currently in training at The Actor's Gang and developing *Naked In Alaska* into a series.

Her writing and movement workshop SOLOfire has been featured at The Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival and awarded multiple grants to be taught throughout New York City, Santa Fe, Providence, and Alaska.

Her earliest training came from her father, mime artist and acting professor Jerry Hager. She has continued her training in mime and movement at The School for Mime at Kenyon College and with Lorin Salm at LA's Mime Theatre Studio.

## **Scott Wesley Slavin (Director, Dramaturg)**

Scott Wesley Slavin is a director and dramaturg. He is also Valerie's husband and has directed and helped develop all of her solo shows.

In 2016, he also helped develop and directed former Interpol bassist and principal songwriter Carlos Dengler's solo show *Homo Sapiens Interruptus*, which debuted in FringeNYC and received four stars from *The New York Times*, a “Recommended” designation from *TONY*, and an Off-Broadway extension.

He was previously the executive director of All For One Theater in New York City, an Off-Broadway solo theater education and production company.

He holds a BA in English literature and Studio Arts from Harvard University and a MA in Spiritual Psychology from the University of Santa Monica. He owes much of what he knows about directing to The Barrow Group's founder Seth Barrish.

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