

Alex Pages IS Elvis



Oh, well, uh, bless my soul
What's awrong with me?
I'm itching like a man on a fuzzy tree
My friends say I'm acting' queer as a
bug
I'm in love
I'm all shook up.
-- Elvis Presley

^ move your mouse over image to see the King.

Central City Division's Alex Pages Keeps 'The King's' Spirit Alive

By JENNIFER YEH

(October 18, 2002) Alex Pages is "all shook up" when it comes to his love for entertaining.

Operating buses 40 hours a week has not stopped the Central City Division 1 bus operator from doing what he likes to do best – acting and performing stand-up comedy.

"I try to do shows when I can," says Pages, who performs occasionally at comedy clubs such as the Comedy Store on Sunset Boulevard, as well as other local clubs.

Due to his close resemblance to the King of Rock and Roll and the great impersonation Pages does of him, his colleagues gave him the nickname "Elvis".

During one of his recent comedy acts he got to perform in front of country 'n western singer Reba McEntire.

Reba in the shadows

"I was doing this Elvis bit at the end of my show and I told everybody to sing their favorite Elvis song. Then, all of a sudden, Reba starts to sing 'Heartbreak Hotel' from the shadows," says Pages. "That was a cool moment that kept me going."

He's also known for his impersonations of actors Marlon Brando, Sylvester Stallone and Captain Kirk from Star Trek.

Pages also has participated in a comedy skit on MTV's "Road Rules" and was cast

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Drawings by Alex Pages



as an extra in the movie "Lion Heart" with Jean Claude Van Damme. "I got to play a homeless guy drinking coffee. We had to do take after take, it was so funny."



Other than performing, Pages has a deep passion and a great talent for art. "I just had a spare hour so I had to just draw something," he says of his most recent sketch that currently stands in Division 1. "I like to create stories with my drawing."

Several years ago, Pages drew cartoons for "Headway", SCRTD's monthly employee magazine. His passion for drawing and performance helped him obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Illustration from California State University, Fullerton.



"I want to get into teaching art, in fact I plan to do so the second I get around to it," he says.

A life was threatened

Aside from his great sense of humor, Pages also has a serious side. Last spring, he assisted an elderly woman whose life was being threatened.

While he was making stops on his usual route at Soto and 8th Street in East Los Angeles with a bus full of passengers, Pages saw a man apparently on drugs dragging an elderly woman into traffic.

"He had his arm around her neck like a hostage, and nobody was doing anything," he says.

Despite the oncoming traffic, Pages locked up his bus and intervened by grabbing and restraining the man until the elderly woman was able to get away.

"When the police showed up, it turned out that the guy had a broken bottle to her neck," he says.

Whether performing in real life or on stage, Pages definitely knows how to stir an audience. "My real passion is to be the person behind the camera," says Pages.

Perhaps in the near future his name will appear on blockbuster movie credits.

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