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The Four Bitchin' Babes Diva Nation

After 17 years as a traveling pajama party, seven recordings, and one full length concert DVD, this Fabulous Female Folkestra of indestructible Divas are hotter than ever. Literally! Always evolving witty and charming, the Babes welcome in a new era with a new cast and a new musical revue that is one part comedy road show, one part celebration of hearth and home.

With sorority sister chemistry, they perform original songs and stories offering both poignant views and unbridled comedic commentary on the joys and dilemmas of everyday life. With heavenly harmony, they share struggles to balance careers and family, chocolate obsessions with low carb inner peace, CNN and TV Land. From promising to never pay retail and finding a man who cooks, to dealing with inadequate pay and inadequately cut swim wear, they comment on living victoriously after the Romantic Bubble Bursts.

Female Comedians: Mae West

"Is that a pistol in your pocket or are you just glad to see me?"

You've probably heard that line, or a variation of that line, a million times, but you may not have known where it came from. Mae West made this remark in 1936 upon her return to Los Angeles from Chicago when a police officer was assigned to escort her home. The line was first delivered on screen in the film *She Done Him Wrong* and again in her last film, *Sextette*.

Mae West was arguably to be one of the most historically-famous female comedians. Born August 17th, 1893, she was known for being an actress, comedian, playwright, screenwriter, and sex symbol. She was mostly known for her bawdy double entendres, but she also made a name for herself in Vaudeville and on stage in New York. She later moved to Hollywood to work in the motion picture industry. West can also be considered one of the most controversial stars of her day. Sadly, on November 22, 1980, Mae West died in her hospital bed at the age of 87. She was honored with a star at 1560 Vine Street in Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

In daily life, Mae West's name lives on. During World War II, Allied soldiers called their vest-like life preserver jackets "Mae Wests" because of the resemblance to her curvaceous torso. She has been the subject of songs, such as the title song of Cole Porter's Broadway musical *Anything Goes* and "You're the Top," from the same show. And even one of the most popular objects of the surrealist movement was the Mae West Lips Sofa completed by Salvador Dali.

With an endless list of films, plays, television show appearances, pictures and websites, Mae West is definitely an icon in American pop culture. She made a dent in comedy and helped pave the way for female comedians everywhere.

If you want to "come up and see her sometime," check out these websites:

<http://www.mae-west.org/old/>

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mae_west.html

