



THE COMEDY CHATEAU

Hollywood's Talent Pipeline • 1985

OVERVIEW

In 1985, comedy clubs like The Comedy Store, The Improv, and The Laugh Factory were more than entertainment venues—they were unofficial casting offices, networking hubs, and launchpads for future stars.

Every night, aspiring performers shared the same room with studio executives, talent scouts, television producers, and established comedians.

Everyone was looking for something:

- A record deal
- A sitcom
- A manager
- A Tonight Show appearance
- A breakthrough moment

THE ATMOSPHERE

Buzzing
Competitive
Funny
Hopeful
Electric

“ EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM THINKS THEY’RE ONE OPPORTUNITY AWAY FROM CHANGING THEIR LIFE. ”



INDUSTRY INSIDERS



ASPIRING ACTORS



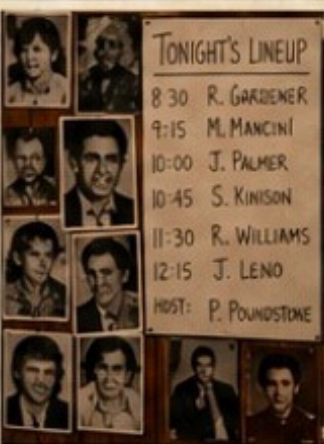
WORKING COMEDIANS



PRODUCERS / AGENTS



TOURISTS & LOCALS



THE WALL OF DREAMS



THE HEART OF THE CLUB

HOLLYWOOD. 1985.
THIS ISN'T JUST A COMEDY CLUB.
THIS IS WHERE CAREERS ARE MADE.

HOLLYWOOD INSIDERS • DREAMERS • COMICS • EXECUTIVES • TOURISTS
ONE ROOM. ONE MIC. ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

COLOR PALETTE



TONIGHT'S LINEUP

THE COMICS OF HOLLYWOOD • 1985

Creative Produced by Kara Saun



ROBIN WILLIAMS



THE IMPROVISER

Quick mind.
Fearless.
Lives in the moment.
Chaos is his playground.

RICHARD PRYOR



THE STORYTELLER

Smooth.
Real.
Every story hits home.
Commanding the room.

JERRY SEINFELD



THE OBSERVATIONAL COMIC

Smart.
Relatable.
Point of view
everybody gets.

JAY LENO



THE CLUB VETERAN

Sharp.
Seasoned.
Knows the room.
Knows the game.

SAM KINISON



THE ROCK STAR COMIC

Loud.
Honest.
Dangerous.
Comedy with attitude.

PEE-WEE HERMAN



THE CHARACTER COMIC

Unpredictable.
Original.
Lives in a different
world. And we love it.

WHOOPI GOLDBERG



THE ONE-WOMAN POWERHOUSE

Brilliant.
Fearless.
Changes the room
when she walks in.

★★★ ONE STAGE. SEVEN VOICES. MILLIONS OF POSSIBILITIES. ★★★



★ COMEDY CHATEAU ★
★ Hair Department Reference Guide ★

THE COMICS OF HOLLYWOOD
1985
Creative Producer / Costume Designer
KARA SAUN

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- HAIR OVERVIEW
- ★ Natural textures
 - ★ 1985 silhouettes
 - ★ Character-driven
 - ★ Real-world authenticity
 - ★ Movement & personality
 - ★ Must read on stage

THE IMPROVISER (Curly Everyman)	THE STORYTELLER (Smooth & Classic)	THE OBSERVATIONAL (Wavy & Intellectual)	THE CLUB VETERAN (Thick & Seasoned)	THE ROCK STAR (Long & Untamed)	THE CHARACTER (Sharp & Quirky)	THE ONE-WOMAN (Dreads & Natural)
HAIR DNA ★ Wild curls ★ Natural volume ★ Rides high on top ★ Loose at sides	HAIR DNA ★ Short afro ★ Rounded shape ★ Neat edges ★ Soft natural texture	HAIR DNA ★ Medium wavy ★ Side part ★ Natural wave ★ Feathered around ears	HAIR DNA ★ Thick & full ★ Layered back ★ Lift at the front ★ Tapered sides	HAIR DNA ★ Long & voluminous ★ Textured & teased ★ Fringe & layers ★ Messy rock energy	HAIR DNA ★ Short & slick ★ Side part ★ Tidy & precise ★ Classic Pee-wee shape	HAIR DNA ★ Natural locs ★ Medium length ★ Loose & free ★ Movement & attitude



1985 HAIR & TEXTURE KEY

Curly Brown Medium Volume	Natural Black Afro Texture	Wavy Brown Layered Movement	Thick Dark Brown Full Lift	Dirty Blonde Textured Teased	Dark Brown Slick Tidy	Dark Brown/Black Locs Natural

35% ASPIRING ACTRESSES

Young. Ambitious. Chasing auditions, callbacks, and a break.

Wardrobe:

- Guess jeans
- Silk blouses
- Oversized blazers
- Simple dresses
- Ankle boots / pumps
- Delicate gold jewelry

Colors:

Cream, Dusty Rose, Soft Blue, Taupe, Burgundy



15% COMEDY REGULARS

They know the comics. They know the club. They live here.

Wardrobe:

- Vintage denim
- Leather jackets
- Boots
- Oversized sweaters
- Comfortable & cool

Colors:

Denim, Black, Cream, Olive



10% HOLLYWOOD SOCIALITES

Always on the guest list. Know everyone. Beautiful. Confident.

Wardrobe:

- Leather skirts
- Silk tops
- Designer belts
- Gold jewelry
- Fashion-forward denim
- Elegant heels

Colors:

Black, Gold, Ivory, Burgundy



HAIR: AUTHENTIC 1985

- Big blowouts
- Feathered layers
- Side-swept bangs
- Volume
- Soft curls
- Perms

Beautiful. Authentic. No modern styles.



MAKEUP: 1985 GLAMOUR

- Warm blush
- Defined eyes
- Lipstick
- Soft contouring
- Natural but polished
- No modern glam.



20% INDUSTRY WOMEN

Studio assistants. Junior executives. Agents. Managers. Building careers in Hollywood.

Wardrobe:

- Power suits
- Shoulder pads
- Silk blouses
- Pencil skirts
- Designer belts
- Gold watches
- Structured handbags

Colors:

Navy, Camel, Ivory, Burgundy



10% CREATIVES

Writers. Photographers. Costume designers. Artists. Musicians.

Wardrobe:

- Black jeans
- Vintage scarves
- Oversized men's jackets
- Layered textures
- Boots
- Creative, understated

Colors:

Black, Charcoal, Olive, Cream



10% TOURISTS

Visiting Los Angeles. Dressed up for a special evening.

Wardrobe:

- Colorful blouses
- Slacks
- Casual dresses
- Pumps
- 1985 vacation fashion

Colors:

Teal, Coral, Lavender, Royal Blue



THE FEELING OF THE ROOM

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TOURIST LOOKS: COLORFUL & CASUAL



OVERALL PALETTE

PRIMARY	
Cream	
Camel	
Ivory	
Denim Blue	
Burgundy	
Navy	
ACCENT	
Dusty Rose	
Soft Teal	
Lavender	
Coral	

THE WOMEN OF COMEDY CHATEAU

Hollywood Opportunity • 1985

35% ASPIRING ACTRESSES

Young. Ambitious. Chasing auditions, callbacks, and a break.

Wardrobe:

- Guess jeans
- Slouchy sweaters
- Oversized blazers
- T-shirts
- Floral dresses
- Ankle boots / pumps
- Delicate gold jewelry

Colors:

Cream, Dusty Rose, Soft Blue, Taupe, Burgundy, Denim



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Studio assistants. Junior executives. Agents. Managers. Building careers in Hollywood.

Wardrobe:

- Power suits
- Shoulder pads
- Silk blouses
- Pencil skirts
- Designer belts
- Gold jewelry
- Structured handbags

Colors:

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15% COMEDY REGULARS

They know the comics. They know the club. They live here.

Wardrobe:

- Vintage denim
- Band tees
- Leather jackets
- Oversized sweaters
- Boots
- Comfortable & cool

Colors:

Denim, Black, Cream, Olive, Burgundy



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- Vintage band tees
- Oversized men's shirts
- Scarves
- Layered textures
- Boots

Colors:

Black, Charcoal, Olive, Cream, Vintage Wash



10% HOLLYWOOD SOCIALITES

Always on the guest list. Know everyone. Beautiful. Confident.

Wardrobe:

- Leather skirts
- Silk tops
- Designer belts
- Gold jewelry
- Statement accessories
- Glamorous denim

Colors:

Black, Gold, Ivory, Burgundy, Animal Prints



10% TOURISTS

Visiting Los Angeles. Dressed up for a special evening.

Wardrobe:

- Colorful blouses
- Printed dresses
- Slacks
- Pumps / sandals
- Big hair, big fun

Colors:

Teal, Coral, Lavender, Royal Blue, Yellow, White



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25% THE HOLLYWOOD INSIDER

Agents. Managers.
Studio Executives.
Development Executives.
The guys who
can change careers.

WARDROBE

- Armani-inspired sport coats
- Double-breasted blazers
- Pleated trousers
- Loafers
- Rolex watches
- Silk ties

COLORS

- Navy
- Camel
- Charcoal
- Burgundy

20% THE ASPIRING ACTOR

Future movie stars.
Commercial actors.
Auditioning all day.
At the club networking
at night.

WARDROBE

- Guess jeans
- White t-shirts
- Denim jackets
- Bomber jackets
- Boots
- Casual blazers

REFERENCES

Tom Cruise
Rob Lowe
Andrew McCarthy
Matt Dillon

COLORS

- Denim
- Cream
- Navy
- Burgundy

15% THE COMEDIAN

Not famous yet.
Watching.
Learning.
Competing.

WARDROBE

- Sport coats
- Denim shirts
- Suspenders
- Western shirts
- Loafers

REFERENCES

Jay Leno
Jerry Seinfeld
Early stand-up
comedians

COLORS

- Brown
- Burgundy
- Navy
- Tobacco

15% THE CREATIVE

Writers.
Photographers.
Record producers.
Costume designers.
Artists.

WARDROBE

- Black jeans
- Black turtlenecks
- Vintage jackets
- Boots
- Scarves

COLORS

- Black
- Charcoal
- Olive
- Cream

15% THE LOCAL REGULAR

Hairdressers.
Bartenders.
Salesmen.
Teachers.
The guys who
come every week.

WARDROBE

- Polo shirts
- Members Only jackets
- Sweaters tied around shoulders
- Levi's
- Loafers

COLORS

- Teal
- Mustard
- Royal Blue
- Camel

10% THE TOURIST

Visiting Hollywood.
Trying to see
celebrities.
Experiencing
Sunset Strip
nightlife.

WARDROBE

- Colorful polos
- Printed shirts
- Windbreakers
- Khakis
- Loafers

COLORS

- Coral
- Teal
- Lavender
- Blue
- Yellow

HAIR: AUTHENTIC 1985

POPULAR STYLES

- Feathered hair
- Side parts
- Mustaches
- Mullet
- Curly perms
- Longer collars



NO FADES. NO MODERN CUTS. NO MODERN BEARDS.

THE BIG VISUAL NOTE

Unlike the women, the men in the Comedy Chateau are more colorful than people expect. Los Angeles in 1985 was vibrant. This is Hollywood opportunity culture.

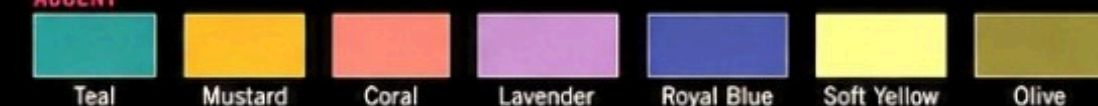
40% CAREER 30% AMBITION
20% PERSONALITY 10% COMEDY

THE 1985 COLOR PALETTE

PRIMARY



ACCENT



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- Sport coats
- Denim shirts
- Suspenders
- Western shirts
- Novelty ties
- Loafers

REFERENCES

- Jay Leno
- Jerry Seinfeld
- Early stand-up comics

COLORS

- Brown
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- Navy
- Tobacco



15%
THE CREATIVE
 Writers. Photographers. Record producers. Costume designers. Artists.
WARDROBE

- Black jeans
- Rock t-shirts
- Vintage jackets
- Military jackets
- Boots
- Scarves

COLORS

- Black
- Charcoal
- Olive
- Cream



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THE LOCAL REGULAR
 Hairdressers. Bartenders. Salesmen. Teachers. The guys who come every week.
WARDROBE

- OP & surf tees
- Members Only jackets
- Colorful sweaters
- Jeans
- Loafers
- Sweaters tied around shoulders

COLORS

- Teal
- Mustard
- Royal Blue
- Camel



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 Visiting Hollywood. Trying to see celebrities. Experiencing Sunset Strip nightlife.
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- Colorful polos
- Printed shirts
- Windbreakers
- Khakis / shorts
- Loafers / boat shoes
- Sunglasses at night

COLORS

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- Teal
- Lavender
- Blue
- Yellow



HAIR: AUTHENTIC 1985








FEATHERED
SIDE PARTS
MUSTACHES
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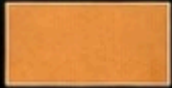
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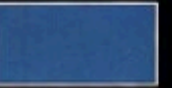
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10% COMEDY

THE 1985 COLOR PALETTE

PRIMARY

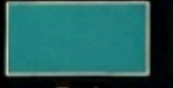
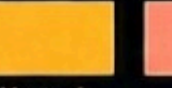



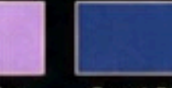
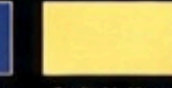
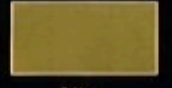




Navy
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 Charcoal
 Burgundy
 Cream
 Denim Blue

ACCENT

Teal
 Mustard
 Coral
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 Royal Blue
 Soft Yellow
 Olive

FREAKY
DEAKY
1985

COMEDY CHATEAU WOMEN

THE ACTRESSES. THE WAITRESSES. THE DREAMERS.
THE GIRLS WHO CAME TO HOLLYWOOD TO BE SOMEBODY.

THE
COMEDY
STORE

EVERY CHARACTER
HAS A STORY.
EVERY PIECE OF
CLOTHING HAS
A REASON.

1. ASPIRING
ACTRESS



2. COMEDIAN'S
GIRLFRIEND



3. WAITRESS



4. INDUSTRY
ASSISTANT



5. IMPROV
ACTRESS



6. VALLEY
GIRL



7. MTV
DREAM GIRL



8. ACTING
STUDENT



9. COMEDY CLUB
REGULAR



10. ASPIRING
HOSTESS



11. HOLLYWOOD
TRANSPLANT



12. WRITER



13. FRIEND
OF THE BAND



14. HOLLYWOOD
DREAMER



DO'S

- ✓ ORIGINAL VINTAGE PREFERRED
- ✓ AUTHENTIC 1985 SILHOUETTES
- ✓ LEVI'S
- ✓ WRANGLER
- ✓ LEE
- ✓ VINTAGE DRESSES
- ✓ PRAIRIE SKIRTS
- ✓ OVERSIZED SWEATERS
- ✓ DENIM JACKETS
- ✓ SOFT LAYERING
- ✓ CHARACTER-DRIVEN STYLING
- ✓ BRING 3-5 OPTIONS
- ✓ DRESS FOR YOUR ASSIGNED SCENE
- ✓ REFERENCE APPROVED LOOKBOOKS

DON'TS

- ✗ NO MODERN BRANDS
- ✗ NO VISIBLE LOGOS
- ✗ NO LULULEMON
- ✗ NO FASHION NOVA
- ✗ NO SHEIN
- ✗ NO INFLUENCER FASHION
- ✗ NO MODERN ATHLEISURE
- ✗ NO BODYCON CLUB DRESSES
- ✗ NO MODERN LUXURY BAGS
- ✗ NO MODERN HEELS
- ✗ NO TINY STROBING PATTERNS
- ✗ NO MODERN HAIRSTYLES
- ✗ NO TIKTOK FASHION

BRING
3-5
OPTIONS

1985 FOOTWEAR



NO MODERN SHOES

ACCESSORIES & DETAILS



HAIR REFERENCES 1985



REMEMBER:

YOU ARE NOT DRESSING AS AN EXTRA.
YOU ARE DRESSING AS A REAL WOMAN LIVING
IN LOS ANGELES IN 1985.
YOU HAVE A JOB. YOU HAVE A DREAM. YOU HAVE A STORY.
FREAKY DEAKY COSTUME DEPARTMENT

HAIR SHOULD LOOK SOFT, TOUCHABLE,
LIVED-IN, AND CALIFORNIA.
NOT OVERSTYLED.

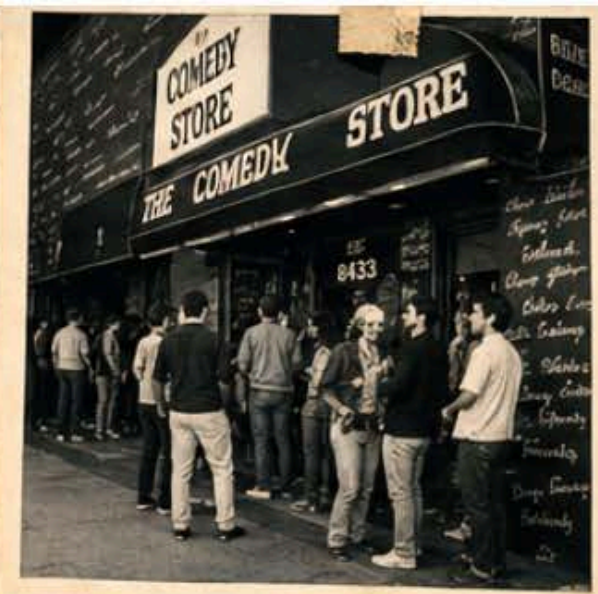
HAVE FUN.
BE REAL.
BE 1985.



FREAKY
DEAKY
1985

COMEDY CHATEAU MEN

THE DREAMERS. THE COMICS. THE GUYS WHO HAVEN'T MADE IT YET.



1. ASPIRING
STAND-UP COMIC



2. COMEDY CLUB
REGULAR



3. OUT-OF-WORK
ACTOR



4. SUNSET STRIP
MUSICIAN



5. VALLEY GUY



6. SCREENWRITER



7. COMEDY STORE
EMPLOYEE



8. ROCKER
TRYING COMEDY



9. ASPIRING
MTV HOST



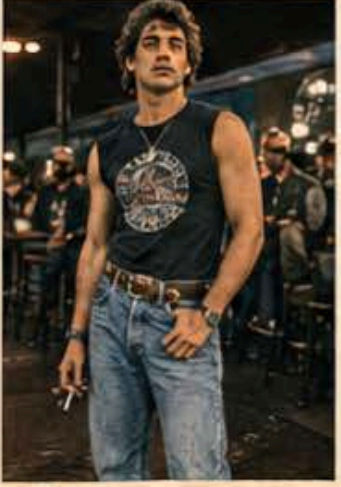
10. INDUSTRY
ASSISTANT



11. IMPROV
ACTOR



12. PARKING LOT
HUSTLER



13. COMIC'S
ROOMMATE



14. HOLLYWOOD
DREAMER



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- ✓ WRANGLER
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- ✓ VINTAGE SPORT COATS
- ✓ DENIM JACKETS
- ✓ WORK BOOTS
- ✓ LOAFERS
- ✓ LAYERING
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- ✗ NO TINY STROBING PATTERNS
- ✗ NO MODERN HAIRCUTS
- ✗ NO TIKTOK FASHION

APPROVED FOOTWEAR



FRYE BOOTS

ENGINEER BOOTS

WESTERN BOOTS

LOAFERS

VINTAGE CONVERSE

RETRO DRESS SHOES

NO
MODERN
SHOES

ACCESSORIES & DETAILS



BELTS

WATCHES

SUNGLASSES

WALLETS

KEYCHAINS

CONCERT BUTTONS

BRING
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OPTIONS



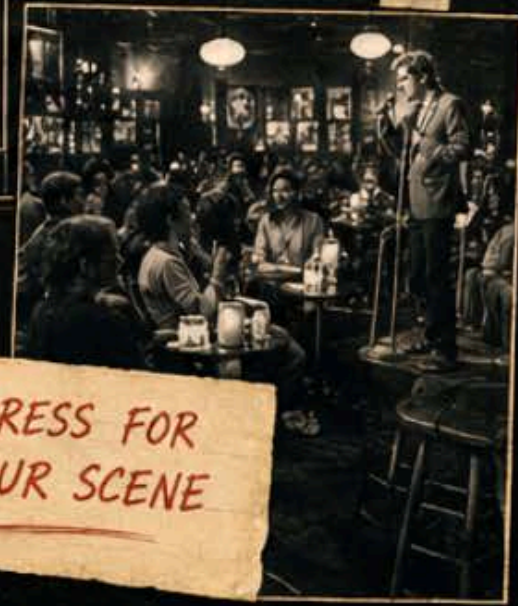
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COSTUME DEPARTMENT



DRESS FOR
YOUR SCENE





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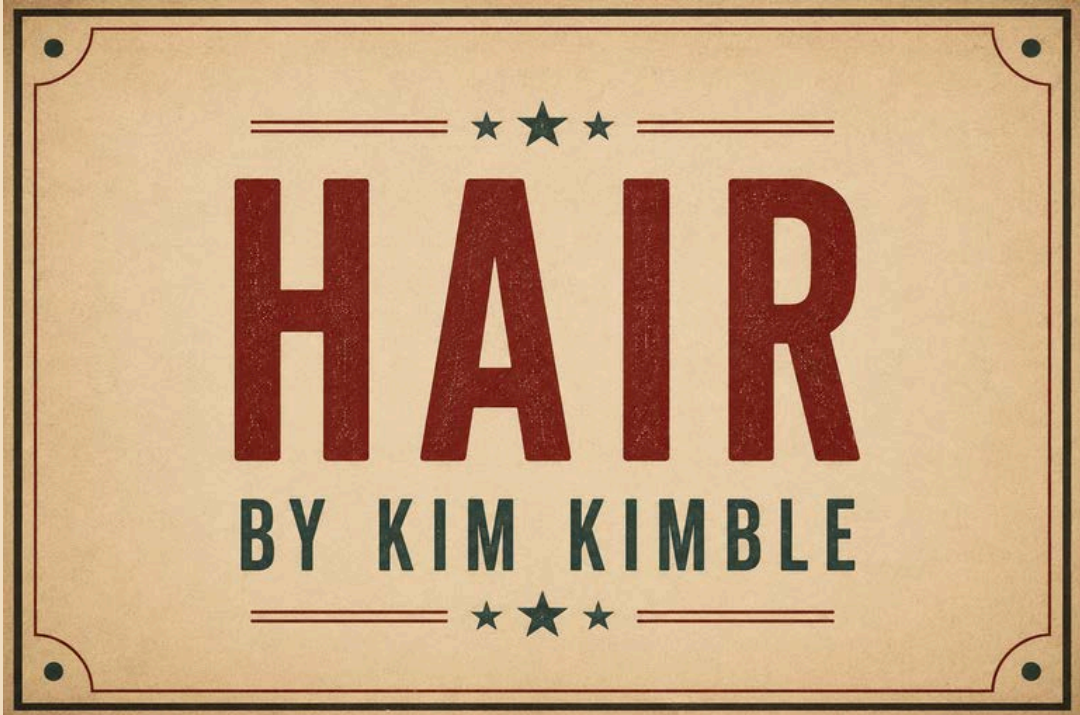
1980s Woman



★★★
HAIR
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Women of Color 1980





Men of Color 1980



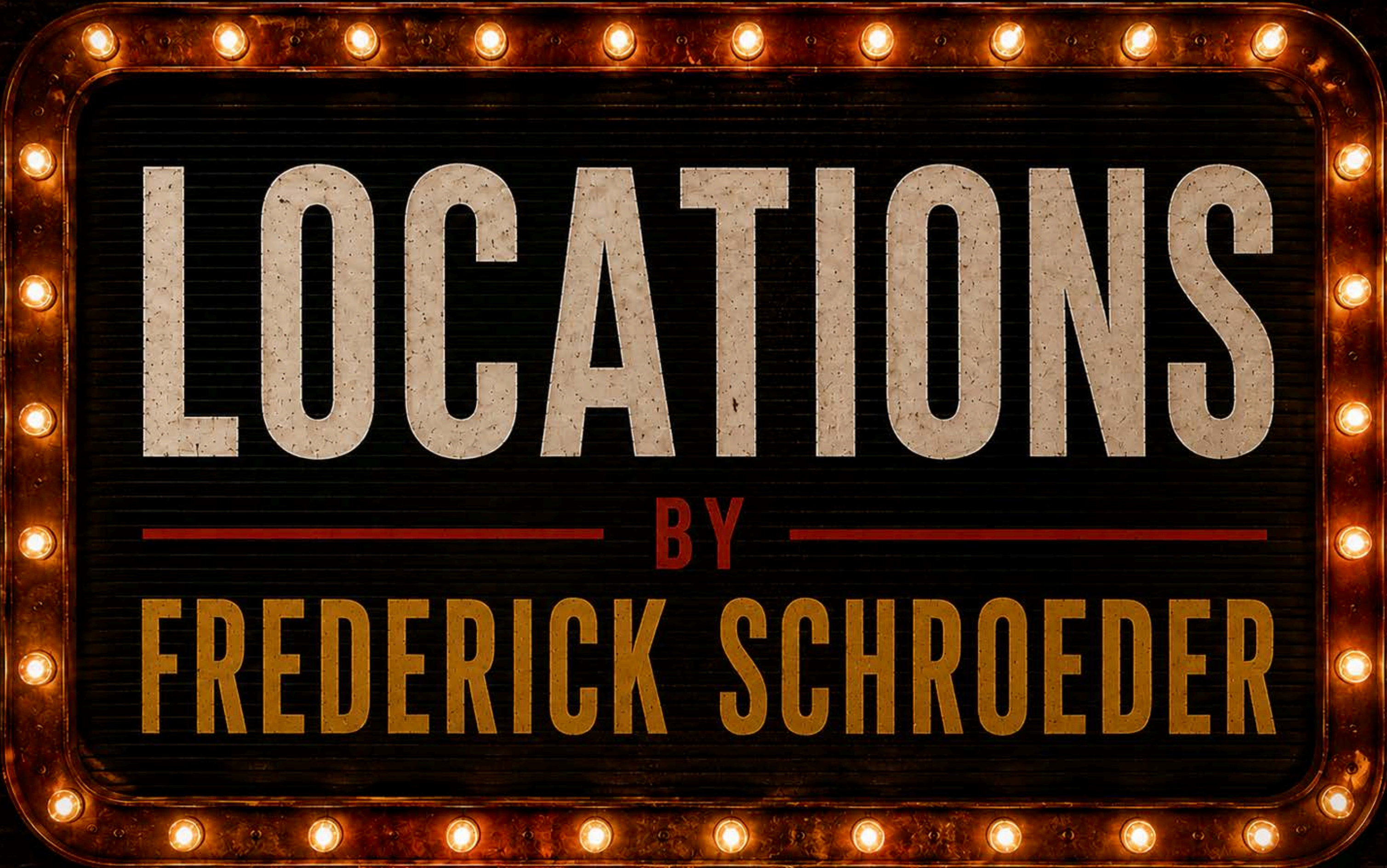
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1980s Men





LOCATIONS

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FREDERICK SCHROEDER

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