

Last Night

Last Night: Jason Segel, Fred Willard, Rachel Dratch, More at Sketchfest

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Jason Segel: They loved you, man

Celebrity Autobiography w/ Rachel Dratch, Laura Kightlinger, Laraine Newman, Steve Schirripa, Jason Segel, Fred Willard, Dayle Reyfel and Eugene Pack

SF Sketchfest

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Cobb's Comedy Club

Better than: Reading Suzanne Somers' poetry alone.

One of the great things about San Francisco's giant comedy bender **Sketchfest** is all the different ways funny entertainers will make you laugh. The festival includes stand up, improv, iron comics, and, last night, comic actors reading the absurd autobiographies of celebrities who never should be allowed to speak about themselves in public, let alone publish a tome where they offer such valuable insight as "I really wanted to fuck that ass."

But thanks to **Celebrity Autobiography** creator Eugene Pack, no narcissistic admission is too small to take the piss out of. Pack collects together funny people to read passages from selected autobiographies, but the show gets further creative from there. In the second half of the act, a specific celeb situation is split into different parts, read by a group of actors from different celeb books (for example, the first affair between Burt Reynolds and Loni Anderson, orchestrated by Reynold's personal assist, Elaine Blake Hall, who also wrote a book. The Loni and Burt fling, from its New Year's Eve sexathon spark to its name-calling aftermath, was told through selected passages from all three books, the juxtaposition of perspective getting funnier and more absurd as the telling went along.)

The actors chosen for last night's **Celebrity Autobiography** were top shelf comedians: Pack; Fred Willard (who's often the best part of Christopher Guest's mockumentaries); *Saturday Night Live*'s Rachel Dratch, Laura Kightlinger, and Laraine Newman; Steve Schirripa from *The Sopranos*; and, most beloved by all the screaming ladies at Cobb's, *I Love You, Man*'s Jason Segel, a goofball who hammed it up the most for his applause.