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# Celebrate and share some laughs with Broadminded

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Stacy Babl (from left), Melissa Kingston, Megan McGee and Anne Graff LaDisa are Broadminded.

**Broadminded**, a Milwaukee female sketch-comedy group, will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a show at the Alchemist Theatre this weekend and the remaining weekends in February.

The "best of" sketch show will consist of several fan favorites, including "Famous Nannies," "Our Founding Fathers" and "The Ousted Planet Pluto." Shows are suitable for people 14 and older.

The four members of Broadminded all hold day jobs while exercising their comedy chops at night. Stacy Babl is a hotel human resources specialist; Anne Graff LaDisa is a pharmacist (and, no, she adds in her bio, she can't get you any Vicodin); Melissa Kingston teaches kindergarten, an ideal training ground, she says, for developing comedic genius; and Megan McGee, a graduate of Second City Conservatory, works at Direct Supply, where, her bio says, "she does her part to make senior living facilities less institutional and more like college dorms, except with way better food."

Their sketch comedy is drawn from their life experiences and is aimed at a general audience. To mangle that fabulous Gilda Radner/"SNL" commercial: You don't have to be a broad to enjoy Broadminded - but it wouldn't hurt.

Shows are at **8 p.m. Friday and Saturday** this week and Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26. There also is a 4 p.m. show Feb. 20. All are at the Alchemist Theatre, 2569 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Tickets are \$10 at [www.alchemisttheatre.com](http://www.alchemisttheatre.com). For more information, call (414) 426-4169 or see [www.broadmindedcomedy.com](http://www.broadmindedcomedy.com). That site also has video clips of the broads in comedy action.

- Mary-Liz Shaw

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