

= Three Sisters Tavern =

Three Sisters Tavern , sometimes abridged as Three Sisters and nicknamed " Six Tits " , was a gay bar and strip club in Portland , Oregon , United States . The bar was founded in 1964 and began catering to Portland 's gay community in 1997 following the deaths of the original owners . The business evolved into a strip club featuring an all @-@ male revue . Also frequented by women , sometimes for bachelorette parties , Three Sisters was considered a hub of Portland 's nightlife before closing in 2004 .

= = Description and history = =

Three Sisters Tavern opened in 1964 as a family business . John P. Katchis and his wife Georgia owned and operated the business until his death four months later (1964) and her death in 1997 . The couple were survived by their three daughters , one of whom , Sotiria " Sandra " Katsavopoulos , along with her husband Athanasios " Saki " Katsavopoulos , acquired ownership and began catering to Portland 's gay community , eventually turning Three Sisters into a gay bar and strip club .

The bar was located at 1125 Southwest Stark Street and featured an all @-@ male nude revue , a dance floor , and shows . The Portland Mercury described it as an " institution of stiff drinks and stiffer male dancers " , where " hot men perform theatrical and acrobatic stripteases on stage , then get naked and wag their penises in your face " . Dancers often were costumed as angels , businessmen , construction workers , cowboys , police officers , or United Parcel Service (UPS) delivery men . After Three Sisters closed in 2004 , some of the featured dancers began performing at other Portland venues , including Jefferson Theatre .

Three Sisters catered both to gay men and to women , who sometimes attended as part of bachelorette parties . The Oregonian described the " bachelorette bunnies " who used to frequent this bar as well as two others : Silverado and the Viewpoint . The paper 's Lee Williams wrote :

Hippoty @-@ hoppity they go ? these fuzzy , suburban @-@ soft little critters jump all over Stark Street and the Viewpoint running wild to celebrate one last night of ' Sex in the City ' singledom . They crowd downtown 's male strip @-@ club stages holding dollar bills up to get a glimpse of a few last carrots before hopping down that wedding @-@ trail home . They are particularly agile small mammals , able to hold a drink and a friend 's hair while she 's throwing up .

Rufus Wainwright recalled accompanying Thomas Lauderdale , the musician known for his work with the Portland @-@ based band Pink Martini , to the club .

= = Reception = =

In their book Secret Portland , Oregon : The Unique Guidebook to Portland 's Hidden Sites , Sounds and Tastes (2003) , Ann Carroll Burgess and Linda Rutenberg called Three Sisters " the hub of Portland 's gay bar nightlife " , offering a " great " dance floor and " impressive " entertainment . The Portland Mercury 's Katie Shimer called the bar " one million percent fun " and said , " Whatever your fetish , the strippers deliver ... Make sure you stuff your pockets with singles , ' cause you 'll be spending at least a good hour at the rack . " Similarly , the Seattle alternative weekly The Stranger said the venue was " perhaps the funnest place in all the world ... especially when the fellers trot on stage in a vast array of hilarious costumes " . The paper 's Wm . Steven Humphrey wrote , " These nudie cuties were born to entertain , and prove it by leaping from stage to tabletop , hanging naked upside down (by the tops of their FEET ! !) , and if you 're extremely lucky , gingerly lifting a dollar bill off your forehead with their ass cheeks . Now that 's talent ! " Byron Beck of Willamette Week said the dancers at Three Sisters " [turned] a quaint queer tavern into the most mouthwatering of watering holes in P @-@ town " . The paper also called the club " the best place to view wiener @-@ wiggling " .