

# Sips & Stage Reviews: A Chat with Kiki & Lucy

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If you think theatre reviews are best served with a side of sass and a generous pour of Chardonnay, then you need to meet Kiki & Lucy—Boca’s most fabulous, wine-loving theatre connoisseurs. With impeccable taste (in both performances and pinot), these two have made a name for themselves by reviewing shows and specialty drinks while sipping their way through the experience. We sat down with the dynamic duo for a no-holds-barred Q&A, covering everything from Broadway dream roles to proper theatre etiquette.

Spoiler alert: They have opinions. Grab a glass and enjoy the conversation!

## 1. Ladies, let’s start with the essentials—what’s the secret to a proper theatre and specialty cocktail review?

**Kiki:** Well, first, I have to say ya gotta know your cocktails. <sup>P</sup><sub>SEP</sub>Ya gotta know what you like and what ya don't like. For instance, Lucy does not like anything that's too... what, Lucy?

**Lucy:** Bitter. Is what I would say...but what I do love is to start out with a nice chardonnay...a chardonnay to cleanse the palette and loosen the lips.

**Kiki:** If our lips are loose, we will talk and talk.

## 2. And how many glasses of Chardonnay does it take before a review gets really honest?

**Kiki:** Ha ha ha! I'm so glad you asked that. That's hilarious. We try to keep it down to five glasses. Ha ha!

**Lucy:** Oh! I was gonna say three...

**Kiki:** Well, it's true, at three we do get honest, that's for sure.

**Lucy:** We get down and dirty, the white wine really helps us dissect the drink, the show, our favorite actors...

**Kiki:** talking about all those washboard abs...

**Lucy:** ...about the music, talking about the director, the costumes, the scenery, the props...we love it all!

**Kiki:** How many glasses have you had already today?

**Lucy:** Oh...a lady never reveals that!

**Kiki:** Uh huh. So, how many glasses have you had?

**3. Theatre etiquette is important. What are Kiki & Lucy's official dos and don'ts for attending a show?**

**Lucy:** Don't bring your phone!

**Kiki:** ...don't open your candies...

**Lucy:** ...but do bring a drink from the Art Bar!

**Kiki:** ...goes without saying.

**4. If Broadway called and wanted you both to star in a show together, what would it be?**

**Kiki:** Oh, I love that question!!

**Lucy:** Me, too!

**Kiki:** I think our best show together would be...

**Lucy:** ...yes!

**Both:** Mame!!!

**Lucy (singing):** *"you coax the blues right out of the horn"*

**Both (singing):** *"Mame!"*

**Kiki:** Oh my gosh, can you imagine? Kiki and Lucy on Broadway!

**Lucy:** Yes, and we could share the roles of Mame and Vera.

**Kiki:** <sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>We would be davoon!

- 5. If you were cast in a musical about your own lives, what would it be called, and what would the opening number sound like?**

**Kiki:** It would be called The Kiki and Lucy Show, of course!

**Both:** (singing their theme song) *"It's the Kiki and Lucy Shooooow!"*

**Lucy:** Oh my gosh, yes! It would take place on the beach in Boca.

**Kiki:** Absolutely! And we would have all these drinks brought to us by beautiful cabana boys!

**Lucy:** Oh, and we would do numbers on the beach like... um...like Gidget or a Frankie and Annette movie.

**Kiki:** Yes. So the songs would be like...

**\*They both start humming different tunes from a variety of musical styles. (indecipherable)**

**Kiki:** Well, we don't know what it would sound like...

**Lucy:** ...but it would be fun.

- 6. You've sipped, swirled, and reviewed many specialty cocktails at the theatre. What's the best and worst drink you've ever had here?**

**Kiki:** You expect us to remember the names of all those drinks?

**Lucy:** We've had so many... that one from Churchill was so good! Smokey.

**Kiki:** Like a cigar flavored bourbon... oh, and I remember there was one that tasted like a garden in my mouth! Do you remember that, Lucy?

**Lucy:** How could I forget? I was in the splash zone! By the end of the show, I was wearing your drink!

- 7. What's one show at the Phoenix Theatre Company you saw that left you absolutely speechless (or, heaven forbid, sober)?**

**Kiki:** Oh, I can tell you I was absolutely speechless at the end of Jenna's big number in Waitress. What was that number called? <sup>[P]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

**Lucy:** “She Used to be Mine.”

**Kiki:** Yes! Cassie Chilton was beyond davoorn!

**Lucy:** My favorite was that Mamas and the Papas musical.

**Kiki:** Oh, that was many, many years ago.

**Lucy:** Oh my gosh, I was just a young lady of the American Theatre...

**Kiki:** Mmmhmmm. \*sips chardonnay

**8. Who is the best leading lady of all time, and which leading man would you like to share a scene with?**

**Kiki:** Best leading lady of all time? Miss Patti Lupone!

**Lucy:** Oh, you're right Kiki, I saw her in Gypsy and she was unreal. But, a close second to me is Phoenix's own... Alyssa Chiarello!

**Kiki:** Davoon! She is Phoenix's Patti Lupone!

**Lucy:** Now who do you want to share a scene with, Kiki?

**Kiki:** Oh, well if it were local, I would have to say one Caleb Reese!

**Lucy:** You took mine!

**Kiki:** Oh! He's got that long hair. He's got that rocker sensibility about him...

**Lucy:** ...and I want to share...

**Kiki:** ...his bed?!

**Lucy:** No! Kiki! The stage!

**Kiki:** Oh. Ha ha! Ok, next question.

**Lucy:** There's another one?

**9. If you could invite three Broadway legends (alive or in spirit) to a girls' night out, who would they be, and what's the first round of drinks?**

**Kiki:** Well, for me they're all dead...

**Lucy:** Come on, are you kidding me? What about Liza Minelli?

**Kiki:** She's not dead? Ha! I kid! I kid! I know she's not dead. No, for me, Chita Rivera has to be there. Angela Lansbury...

**Lucy:** ...and Carol Channing.

**Kiki:** Oh! Carol Channing!! I'm kicking Angela Lansbury off of the table because I also must have Elaine Stritch!

**Lucy:** Oh, Elaine Stritch. Talk about fun!

**Both: (breaking into song)** *Here's to the laaaadies who lunch. Everybody rise! Rise!*

**Kiki:** And what would we drink?

**Lucy:** A martini, of course!

**10. Lastly, please tell us a fun fact about yourself.**

**Kiki:** Can we tell it about the other person? Lucy has the hairiest legs I've ever seen! Ha ha! She shaves but sometimes...

**Lucy:** ...sometimes it gets cold outside. But let me tell you about Kiki. She's got the biggest mouth this side of the Mississippi!

**Kiki:** I don't think that's a secret. Ha! Alright, that's enough about us.

**Lucy:** Thanks for the interview! Bye!!!

Whether they're sipping Chardonnay, breaking into song, or delivering their unfiltered takes on theatre and specialty cocktails, one thing is certain—Kiki & Lucy know how to make a night at the theatre extra entertaining. Follow their hijinks on The Phoenix Theatre Company's social channels.