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Bay Area actor, playwright and comedian Alicia Dattner performs her new solo show, "Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?" at The Marsh Berkeley.

Have you heard? The end is near

There is no shortage of scary topics these days for comedians who excel at coaxing nervous laughter from their audiences — ecological collapse, war and violence, social media addiction, the price of movie tickets.

Fortunately, we have in our midst just the comedian to capitalize on these dark times — which most decidedly deserve to be laughed at. The comedian is Alicia Dattner, whose new show, "Are You Dressed for the Apocalypse?" is playing at The Marsh Berkeley.

We don't want to give anything away (except that the world, technically, hasn't ended yet) so we'll just refer to what the organizers tell us: The show addresses "climate change, Instagram, and Flamin' Hot Cheetos" and is "raw, uncensored, apocalyptic, non-dual, post post-feminist ukulele comedy at its finest."

The Bay Area actor, playwright and comedian has performed at comedy clubs across the country and her solo shows — including "The Oy of Sex" and "The Punchline" — have been hits in the Bay Area, New York and elsewhere. She's also the author of a mock self-help book, "Getting (Expletive) Done."

Details: 7 p.m. Saturdays and 5 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 23; 2120 Allston Way, Berkeley; \$20-\$100; www.themarsh.org.

— Randy McMullen, Staff