



As an entertainment reporter for the *Thursday Revue*, I have grown accustomed to the diversity of the performing arts in Eugene. I have attended many good and traditional productions, and occasionally have been assigned the type of performance I prefer: the bizarre and unusual. When the woman from *Live Matinee* opened the door Saturday morning for our interview wearing electric green knickers and day-glo-looking lipstick, I knew it was going to be one of the great ones.

"Vicky Va Va Voom," (the owner of the knickers) led me to the stage of Cinema 7 to meet some of her friends. Although it was a little difficult to keep up with her as she clicked along in her yellow, red, and green plastic shoes, I

followed, intrigued by the strange sounds I heard issuing forth from the stage door.

In a heavy Italian accent, Vicky Va Va Voom introduced me to her friends, fellow cast members of *Live Matinee*.

"Grandma," wearing a frayed yellow bathrobe and a pink lampshade, urged me to call her Inez.

"Fluffy," the groupie, confided to me that she had had affairs with all the men in the company and had married many of them.

"She's a gopher, she goes for us," shouted a cast member from some corner.

"A concerned citizen" looked out at me through the goggles attached to his aviator hat and offered me some

popcorn.

"Excuse that line," he said. "We're usually funnier after many cups of coffee and many cigarettes."

"Bob Cornstead," a farmer from Iowa, began dancing around the stage, doing strange things with a pitchfork. I'll leave it to your imagination.

"Coach Conchitta," of the world famous women's basketball team, began blowing a whistle, which set off a "dog" wearing a Hagen-Daas T-shirt, clip-on fur ears, and a spiked collar.

When the dog began attacking Grandma, I sank into a chair readying my Saturday morning brain for a strange conversation.

A "ward of the courts" entered the group and slunk into a seat unobtrusively. The amazing band of people circled around, anxious to spread the word of their cosmic "coming together."

"We all were scraping minds everywhere for the greatest cosmic jokes," Vicky Va Va Voom confided to me, twirling her over-sized strand of pearls with her fingers.

"Like a giant griddle scraper," Coach Conchitta rejoined, peering out from beneath her baseball hat.

The dog with the clip-on ears continued to pounce on Grandma with loud barks, and Bob Cornstead said: "Don't mind him, Vicky fed him Cream of Wheat this morning and he has heartburn."

"He also plays the saxophone," Vicky Va Va Voom quipped. "But anyway, I was working in my Italian disco clothes boutique, which is big and famous, in Italy, and I jetted to Greece, because I am a big international star after what Mark Eden did for me, and I can do things like that. I met all these people at a kiosk in the airport."

Fluffy the Groupie looked up from practicing ape faces with Grandma Inez who by this time had beaten off the dog.

"It was a cosmic occurrence," She added.

"Yes, we were all there, because

cosmically we have known each other since birth, and it was destined that we would all meet trying to buy the same porno magazine in a kiosk in Greece. You see we all possess the same birthmark on our upper left arm." Vicky Va Va Voom said, and grinned. Last year they each had a birthmark on their pinky finger.

"I was in Mechanicsville, Iowa just in the middle of digging up refrigerators, sinks and spring-mattresses, when I was transported to a kiosk in Greece," Cornstead told me. "It was wild."

The members of *Live Matinee* made the trip from Greece to Eugene because the cosmic properties in the air are better ingested from the moisture. They have banded together for three seasons as *Live Matinee*, a company dedicated to embarrassing themselves, and making the world laugh. The members express a need to satirize Eugene, politics, religion, sex, animals, music, sports, and basically anything else they can think of. They also produce "cosmic" homemade films which they show during the performance.

The show, which they describe as a "Superhuman comedy of vision and depth," will run this Friday at 8 and 10 p.m. (\$3.50) and Saturday at 2 p.m. (\$2.50) at Cinema 7 in the Atrium. The final shows of the season will run at the same times the following weekend: May 15, and 16. Tickets are available at the door. Children under 12 will be turned away.

"We always sell out," Vicky Va Va Voom told me, adjusting whatever material she and Mark Eden had placed in her expansive mammary glands.

"This is a partying show. Everyone gets involved in the cosmic experience. We expect the people who come and see us to also do a little partying before the show. I advise you to purchase tickets early."

After the May 16 performance, the company will disband for the summer and return to Cinema 7 next fall. As one member so succinctly put it, "We'd

rather sun than pun."

Fluffy the Groupie told me she'd either like to clean gums this summer or float around on a houseboat.

Vicky Va Va Voom added that she would be a trans-Atlantic traveler commuting to the United States from Montebello, Italy.

"I want to put more time into my very successful chain of Italian-American miniature golf courses and practice putting," she said with a knowing look at the other cast members. She also hopes to open a winery in California (Vicky's Vines), where, as she says,

"The grapes are big and full."

Grandma can't remember what she is going to do, but wants to take a cure in a rest home. Bob Cornstead suggested either Pleasant Valley, Happy Valley, or Warm Valley.

Coach Conchitta is returning to the team. And the dog will run free, because dogs run free.

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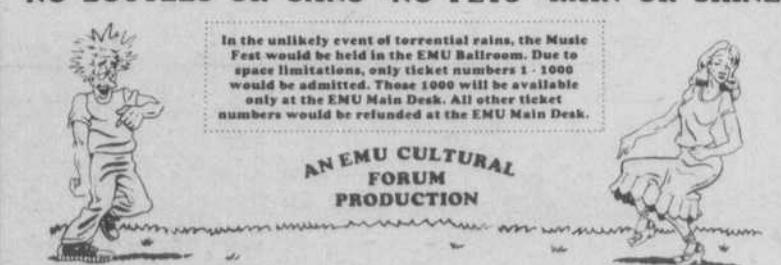
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