

# CINEMA



Felicia/Adam (Guy Pearce) and Mitzli/Tick, played by Hugo Weaving, play two drag queens in Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

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## Queens steal show in 'Priscilla'

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For the Oregon Daily Emerald

*Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* is an extraordinary, far-fetched flick, that takes its viewers into a world many have not experienced or imagined.

This mind-opening comedy, featuring music from Abba, the Village People and Aretha Franklin, is a movie all should see.

Set in the present day and age, a popular Sydney hotel lounge is where the fiasco begins. Triggered by the death of a close friend, this tale of three Australian drag queens is very entertaining and contains an array of unexpected costumes and performances.

Following an inspiring farewell, the three hop in their newly bought, hiply-decorated, traveling caravan of laughs, which they christen "Priscilla, queen of the desert." This \$10,000, metallic school bus, with zebra curtains and endless jewels, sets the mood for their ever-so-funky trip.

Adventures take the three across the Australian desert with many fun-filled performances along the way. After Priscilla's breakdown, a local Aborigine befriends them and takes them to help.

This brings on the introduction of a needed mechanic and faithful friend. Travels finally bring them to a final destination at a happening hotel. Waiting for them are a few of unexpected surprises and a long-awaited joyous show.

Shocking, abrupt words fly throughout the movie, with quick-

### Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert

Terrence Stamp, Hugo Weaving  
Playing at: The Bijou

★★★★

witted, hilarious comments like, "A cock, in a frock, on a rock!" Smart retorts and heavy drinking help out in sticky situations along the way.

In spite of the movie's comedy, *Priscilla* takes a look at the issues facing our society. It takes a truthful, light approach to common problems transvestite dressers can face in towns blind to this type of lifestyle. After spending a party-filled, drunken night in a small town's bar, the three are disturbed and distressed the following morning.

"Aids fuckers go home" has been spray painted across the side of Priscilla in large, bold, red letters. This act of destruction brings on the change from the bus' smooth silver to "lavender."

Other prejudiced and hateful, yet believable, scenes appear in the movie; however, they are short and not mentioned in great detail. Once a prejudice of this magnitude is represented in a truthful manner, it is discussed one time only and then dismissed.

In regards to how three drag queens would respond to these acts:

"A gentleman is hard to find nowadays, whereas drag queens are multiplying like rabbits," says Bernadette (Terrence Stamp).



## Auditions blow actors' egos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks, Kevin Costner, Sharon Stone and virtually every star in movies have faced the same dreaded, heart-wrenching, ego-smashing ordeal: The Audition.

It can be a ticket to stardom, but more often the audition provides just another blow to an actor's self-esteem.

"The rejection is tough to take, but you learn to live with it," Tom Hanks once remarked. "It's tough for anyone to be denied a job, but especially so for an actor. He's turned down because he's too tall or too short, too handsome or too ugly, too fat or too skinny. It's his own self that gets rejected."

All actors can tell you horror stories of cruelty in auditions during their early years: casting agents reading the trade papers while actors pour out their emotions, hopefuls being dismissed with advice to seek another line of work.

How does a budding actor land an audition? It's virtually impossible without an agent. (An old Catch 22 of sorts: You can't get a job without an agent; you can't get an agent without a job.)

However, outsiders sometimes can get in.

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