



COURTESY PHOTO
Disk jockey Howard Stern stars in and narrates his biographical film *Private Parts*.

'Private Parts' mates romance with comedy

By Dennis Bolt
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"How about that ... Howard Stern." That sums up Howard Stern's debut film, *Private Parts*, a story that explores the life of this geeky guy, his loving wife and America's fascination with anything he says or does.

However much you may dislike Stern's reputation, after seeing this movie, you will have to admit he really has done a lot since his beginning as an under-appreciated "ugly kid" from Roosevelt, New York.

Narrated by and starring Stern, *Private Parts* outlines the pitiful yet endearing rise of a disc jockey in a society that is unready for him. This movie is neither as rambling

as Stern's autobiography nor as graphic as most people would think.

Private Parts has the realism of a true story, but director Betty Thomas gives it a polish that is usually only found in romantic comedies. In that way, Stern's relationship with his wife Allison, patiently played by Mary McCormack, is the heart of this tale.

What makes it so much better than an ordinary comedy is

the injection of both humor and drama in the form of Stern's conflict with several radio station managers. The story and the laughs climax when Stern is finally recognized by WNBC in New York and becomes the number one disc jockey in that market.

While on his way to media infamy, Stern bounces through several stations with Robin Quivers as his co-host as well as a cast of comic regulars.

Beside the commendable acting job of Stern himself, Paul Giamatti steals the show as the hard-nosed WNBC program director Kenny. Given the job of "taming" Stern, Kenny becomes the butt of many on-air jokes, and he comes to think of Stern as the "motherfucking antichrist."

Giamatti is great because his outrage is as extreme as Stern's misbehavior. I would not be surprised if he were nominated for a "Best Supporting Actor" Oscar next year.

If nothing else, this is a feel-good movie that left me with a smile. As Stern proves, it does not take rocket science to make a good movie — it just takes comedy, some good acting, straightforward directing and a story that isn't boring. Stern, no matter how small his *Private Parts*, is never boring.

REVIEW **Private Parts**

★★★★
(humorous biography)

■ **WHERE:**
Movieland, Movies 12

■ **STARRING:**
Howard Stern, Mary McCormack, Robin Quivers

■ **DIRECTOR:** Betty Thomas

■ **RATED:** R

Clearly Strange

By Jesse Stephenson
Entertainment Reporter

Think beverages for a second. What do you see? A tall glass with nothing but liquid and perhaps some ice cubes? Nothing floating inside, except for maybe some carbonation bubbles?

Clearly Canadian Beverage Corporation is trying to change such perceptions with its drink, Orbitz.

Orbitz is a unique drink that consists of clear liquid with suspended colored spheres that don't sink to the bottom. It is available in four flavors. The color of the orbs matches the flavor of the drink, with orange orbs in the Orange & Vanilla flavor, red orbs in the Blueberry Melon Strawberry flavor, white in the Pineapple Banana Cherry Coconut flavor and yellow in the Raspberry Citrus flavor.

The spheres that are placed in the bottle are made of carbohydrate-based gel, and they are intended to add to the flavor of Orbitz. Combined with the clear glass bottle the drink is packaged in, they give the product a look similar to a lava lamp.

"This is an exciting new product that not only has a wonderful, light refreshing taste but is visually appealing and lots of fun," said Douglas Mason, president and CEO of Clearly Canadian. "When people first see Orbitz, they immediately start playing with the bottle; shaking it, flipping it and they can't help but to try it."

The consensus around town is that trying Orbitz once is all it takes.

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Students share their reactions to Clearly Canadian's newest beverage, which recently hit Oregon shelves



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THE GREAT ORBITZ TASTE TEST

Curious about Clearly Canadian's new beverage? We've tried each of the four flavors:

Pineapple Banana Cherry Coconut
 Sniffing the top of the bottle proves there is coconut in it. The coconut and the banana dominate the taste. Overall, the taste is weak and is not very good. ★

Raspberry Citrus
 Without those silly balls floating around in your mouth, this drink would be pretty good. Unfortunately, the balls are distracting, as they are with every flavor. However, this one's worth a try. ★★

Orange Vanilla
 Tastes like the orange cremecicles children like to eat. The taste is a little weak, but there is some potential for this one. ★

Blueberry Melon Strawberry
 Anyone for pure fruit salad? That's what we get with this blend. It's a really bad fruit salad at that. Don't let the good aroma fool you. ★

OVERALL
 This is an interesting idea, but not a good one. Buy a bottle if you must, but you might get more enjoyment out of it if you leave the cap on and just play with the bottle. ★

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THERE....



American Girls

Local band The American Girls will celebrate the release of their latest CD Tonight at WOW Hall. Local band The Betmars will also perform, and Melmac will open the show.

The show will begin at 9:30. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Hummingfish

Portland band Hummingfish will headline a 21-and-over benefit concert tonight in Agate Hall. The show is part of the 15th Annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference.

The show will begin at 9. Tickets are on a sliding scale and are available at the door.



Blue Highway

Bluegrass band Blue Highway will play March 27 at the Wild Duck at 9:30 p.m.

Members of Blue Highway have won three Grammy Awards for work on recent projects. Their debut album has been number one on national bluegrass charts.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.