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## Best butch and fabulous femme named

A panel of judges, including *Just Out's* Inga Sorensen, chose Moira Bowman, 29, as best femme, and her real-life partner, Jaé Larsen, 31, as best butch during the first Evening of Divine Decadence: The Naming of Portland's Best Butch and Fabulous Femme! contest, held Oct. 26 at Darcelle XV in Old Town.

The packed event, which featured 13 contes-

## Entertainment

tants, was sponsored by Yes Madam Productions.

According to organizer Pauline Miriam, the contest was based on attitude rather than beauty, and participants competed in casual wear, formal wear and performance categories.

Bowman is a self-defense instructor, a political activist and a "dabbling actor and playwright." Larsen is the owner of Mad Dog Construction, a blues drummer, softball coach and the "best dog mom there ever was."

## Books, books and more than just books

You've still got a couple of days to experience the wonder and joy of the Mittleman Jewish Community Center's Jewish Book Festival, featuring the world premiere of Desiree Stone's play *A Christmas Menorah*, author talks, storytelling and a book sale.

Gabrielle Glaser will give a free talk on interfaith marriage at 8 pm Friday, Nov. 21. *A Christmas Menorah* shows at 8 pm Saturday, Nov. 22 (admission is \$10-\$12). On Sunday, Nov. 23, at 11 am Tamar Frankiel discusses feminine power in Jewish tradition (admission \$5); at 1 pm renowned local author Eric Kimmel gives a free special reading for children. Prints by Diana Breyer combining Jewish and Southwestern images are on display at the MJCC Gallery until the end of the month.

All events except Kimmel's reading take place at MJCC, 6651 SW Capitol Highway; the reading is at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane. For more information call 244-0111.

## The Angels fly again

In December 1996 the infamous Fallen Angel Choir retired, after 21 years of performing.

If you were despairing at the prospect of Angel-less holidays, despair no more. Comedic crooner and 11-year Fallen Angel veteran Melinda E. Pittman has assembled a new group, aptly named Angels the Next Generation (or ATNG), to liven up this hectic season with silly carols and comedy.

Joining Pittman in reviving the Angels' untraditional tradition of political satire and topical tomfoolery are Lisa Lewis, Elizabeth Lower and Jenny Levison, with Jennifer Gosar on keyboards.

ATNG presents a preview show at the Scottish Rite Center, 709 SW 15th Ave., on Friday, Nov. 28, and performs on a varied schedule Thursdays through Saturdays through December. There is one Sunday matinée, on Dec. 14. ATNG also appears at the Majestic Theatre in Corvallis on Saturday, Dec. 6, and at the Performing Arts Center in Newport on Sunday, Dec. 7.

All seats are reserved. Tickets range from \$8

(advance sale discount for the preview) to \$17 and may be purchased through the Angels box office, at 295-1142, or Fred Meyer Fastix outlets (charge by phone at 224-8499 or 1-800-992-8499).

## The many friends of Our House

More than 60 local artists have donated paintings, sculptures and other works of art for the second World AIDS Day Art and Antique Auction to benefit Our House of Portland, a hospice for men and women with AIDS.

Some of the region's best-known artists have donated their work to the event, including Rick Bartow, Sandy Roumagoux, Stephen Hayes and Laura Ross Paul. Local furniture dealers and design businesses have also made generous contributions to the list of items available through silent and live auctions.

Since its founding in 1987, Our House has cared for more than 400 people. Many of those who spent their final days at the facility worked in the visual and performing arts.

The auction takes place Monday, Dec. 1, from 5:45 to 9 pm at Theater! Theatre!, 3430 SE Belmont St. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge. Light hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Call 234-0175 for more information.

## Satire, anyone?

On Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Clinton Street Theatre, the Eggplant Faerie Players will present their newest original play, *Next Year in Sodom*, a circus-paced comedy filled with songs, drama, outrageous costumes and wild props. Don't miss your chance to see this touring group of performers and political satirists now based in rural middle



PHOTO BY MARTIN O'CONNOR

*The Eggplant Faerie Players*

Tennessee, "the fastest growing gay neighborhood in the world."

The play, in which a gay couple is visited by the prophet Elijah as they prepare for the Passover Seder, was specifically written for a radical faerie pilgrimage to Israel last summer. Created by queers living in the buckle of the Bible belt and performed in a land drenched in conflict, *Next Year in Sodom* celebrates freedom amid repression and explores issues of personal, political, sexual and spiritual liberation.

Advance tickets are \$8 and go on sale Dec. 1 at Laughing Horse Books, 3652 SE Division St. Admission is \$10 at the door; the show begins at 8 pm. The Clinton Street Theatre is located at 2522 SE Clinton Street.

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