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## NORTHWEST newsbriefs

### RADICAL CATHOLICS CONDEMN *JESUS* TO HELL

The Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center held a holiday benefit screening of the irreverent musical *Jesus Has Two Mommies* Dec. 1 at Hollywood Theatre. The nonprofit organization did it last year and had a great time.

Late last month, theater manager Richard Beer began to get so many e-mails of protest that it jammed their system. "There were over 1,500 e-mails calling for a boycott of the film and telling us 'filthy Jews' that we would be damned to hell," he told *Just Out*.

In his holiday-themed farce, writer/director/performer Faith Soloway turns her satirical lens inward, only to reveal a nerdy Jewish lesbian on the edge of a total nervous breakdown. This feature-length "schlock opera" was filmed during a live performance at Boston's Somerville Theatre.

*Jesus Has Two Mommies* features Boston's finest folk singers, including Catie Curtis as Josephine, Jennifer Kimball (from *The Story*) as Mary, Sean Staples as Jesus and Merle Perkins as God, The Chocolate Foxy Mama. This tongue-in-cheek, rock 'n' roll, gender-bending musical fantasy begins with Mary and Josephine, who are matched up by God in a Nazareth gay bar called The Burnin' Bush.

It turns out that the source of the pestering e-mails was the somewhat obscure Catholic group the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property. The TFP was "formed to resist, in the realm of ideas, the liberal, socialist and communist trends of the times and proudly affirm the positive values of tradition, family and property," according to its Web site.

Founded by zealot Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira 44 years ago in Brazil, this radical Catholic organization now has locals worldwide, with the U.S. branch established in 1973.

Its literature suggests a movement interested in targeting social and cultural themes: "The TFP was born from the idea of a counter revolution, a movement that would embrace every field of action, especially in art, ideas and culture. TFP books, publications and newspaper advertisements help bring these views to the public. Moreover, the TFP is not afraid to take them to the streets with colorful sidewalk campaigns in major cities," according to the ultra-conservatives' Web site.

And protest they did. About 15 people, some of whom came from as far away as Pennsylvania, gathered peacefully across from the

theater on Northeast Sandy Boulevard. They were rather outnumbered by the cheerful crowd going in to see the film. The protesters also seemed curiously anachronistic, holding signs proclaiming their faith in the Blessed Virgin and Fatima. One protester claimed he would rather "drink poison" than actually view the film for himself.

To view a trailer and hear sound clips of *Jesus Has Two Mommies*, go to [www.btifilms.com/jh2m](http://www.btifilms.com/jh2m).

### QUEERS EMBODY "SPIRIT OF PORTLAND"

Portland is a city that takes pride in its volunteerism, and to show it, the City Council



Members of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property protest Dec. 1 outside Hollywood Theatre

annually honors outstanding community members—individuals and organizations.

This year's "Spirit of Portland" recipients include Fanno Creek Clinic, which was selected as Small Business of the Year. Fanno Creek is home to gay doctor Mark Valerio, who was profiled in the Nov. 19 issue of *Just Out*. He has headed the clinic's specialization in treating STDs in order to respond to increased rates of syphilis in HIV-positive Portland men.

Portland Lesbian Choir member and long-time resident Sparky Lindsay also received an award. She serves as chairwoman of the Buckman Neighborhood Association.

Lindsay has been instrumental in working toward securing the now-defunct Washington High School for a community center. The property had been earmarked for sale by the school district, and she helped arrange a deal with the city to purchase a portion of it.

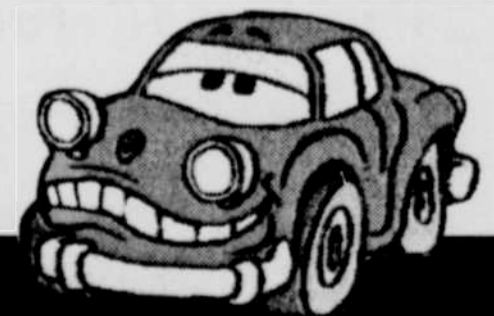
"In my life, I wanted to do one really good thing for the community," she says.

The award ceremony will be held 2 p.m. Dec. 16 in the City Council Chamber, 1221 S.W. Fourth Ave.

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