

Show 'Nuff

Peep Show Celebrates One Year BY DANIEL BORGEN

Peep Show burst onto the scene quite spectacularly last year, surprising everyone with big stars, daring performances and its larger-than-life hostess, Artemis Chase. A drag veteran on both coasts, Chase built the "queer cabaret variety show" from scratch. Among Peep Show's first guests were the inimitable Sherry Vine and Joey Arias, New York City natives who've become two of the country's most popular personalities. Using the vast network Chase established during her involvement with *RuPaul's Drag Race* (she was on the hit series' last two casting specials), she later landed Pandora Boxx.

But Peep Show isn't just about out-of-town-ers. Chase pursues local talent, bringing audi-

ences the likes of Fannie Mae Darling—and she introduced Portland to ChiChi and Chonga.

The rise to the top of the variety show heap hasn't come without some struggle, as part of the traditional drag community questioned Peep Show's concept. Critics loathed the "edgier" performance bits (there's been stage blood). "Whenever you start something that breaks out of the norm, you are going to get some sort of backlash," Chase concedes. "The reality is we bring together a lot of different people. ...

Anyone who has performed a few times will tell you we're quite the quirky little family."

And Peep Show has thrived despite its mid-week slot, with the Tuesday-night lineup

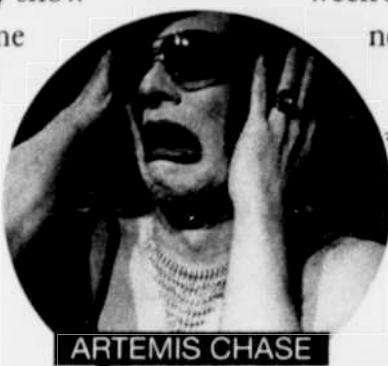
never failing to attract an enthusiastic audience. Part of the show's intrigue, Chase says, is her mission: "To create a space that any talented performer can be a part of." And if Peep Show's been anything, it's been diverse.

"I don't care if you're an alternative genderfuck performer, a glamour queer, a burlesque dancer, anything," Chase explains. "Just be entertaining and some-

thing people want to see again."

To commemorate the show's one-year run, Chase welcomes some of Peep Show's staple talent. On the docket so far are Fannie Mae Darling, ChiChi and Chonga, Little Tommy Bang Bang and Ecstasy Inferno. Chase also plans to bring in some super-secret special guests, but she won't divulge the details just yet. Sounds like we're in for yet another wild, bewitching Tuesday night. **JO**

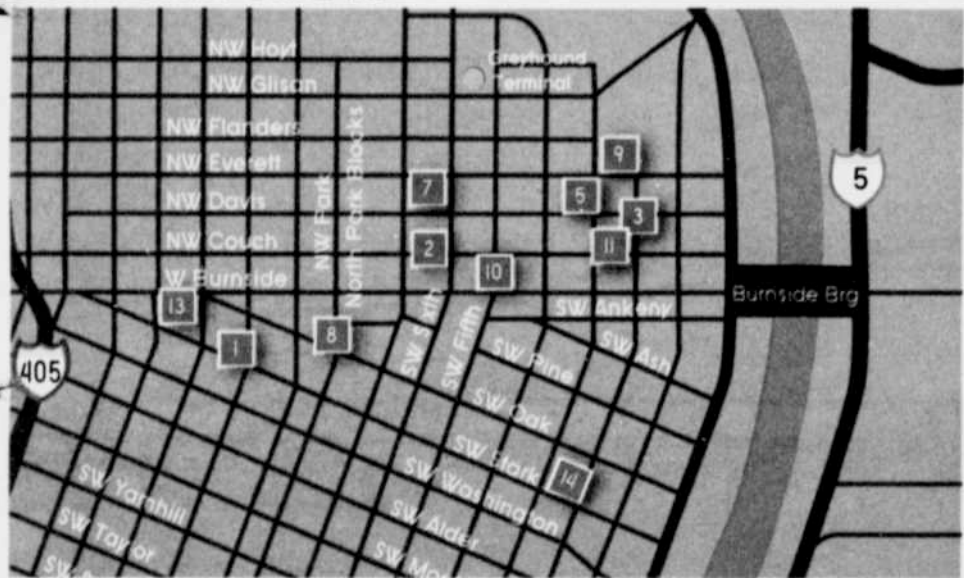
Peep Show's anniversary event is Tues., May 3, at 9 p.m. sharp—and, monthly, every first Tuesday at Red Cap Garage, 1025 SW Stark St.; no cover; 21+; redcapgarage.com.



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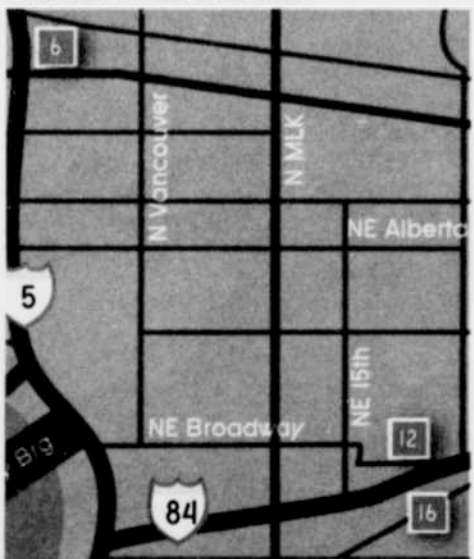
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