

# Ho-Ho-Homomentum!

Queer cabaret spectacle returns after the holiday season BY RYAN J. PRADO

Been feeling less than whole lately? Like since April there's been something missing? Something important? It could just be coincidence, we suppose, that April just so happened to mark the final installment of the 2010 **Homomentum** season. Sure, *just keep telling yourself it's allllll a coincidence*. In any event, that void you've been experiencing is about to be vanquished with glitter glitz, and lots of gay—all hail the return of Homomentum! Commence collective sigh of relief!

Helmed by Max Voltage, care of her Pants-Off Productions, Homomentum will launch its third season with a bang Friday, January 6, 2012 at the Fez Ballroom. The queer cabaret

series is slated to build upon its indefinable performance past with dance, burlesque, drag, horseback riding, competitive quilting, puppet go-go dancers and... whoa, wait. A few of those aren't necessarily on the list of attractions. The point is that each and every Homomentum brings out the crafty in all its performers, and you never know what you're gonna get.

The third season kicks off under the theme "Myths & Legends," where our per-

sonal fantasy insists that someone facilitate a burlesque piece utilizing Sasquatch and/or the Loch Ness Monster and/or Chupacabra. We won't even take credit for it... This "queer-fabulous journey of epic tales reimagined through drag, dance, burlesque, performance art and camp" will also feature audience participation, MC Max Voltage, prizes and more.

Homomentum continues every first Friday through May, with each month providing a new theme for performers

to prepare for. Voltage is packing more acts into a shorter run this time around, something she says will only add to the "gaymazingness" of the show.

"No doubt our third season will prove to be as sexy, silly, campy and magical as ever," says Voltage. "Expect to see crowd favorites as well as lots of new faces on the Homomentum stage. We're always on the lookout for new talent!"

Remember, a little Homomentum goes a long way. ☪

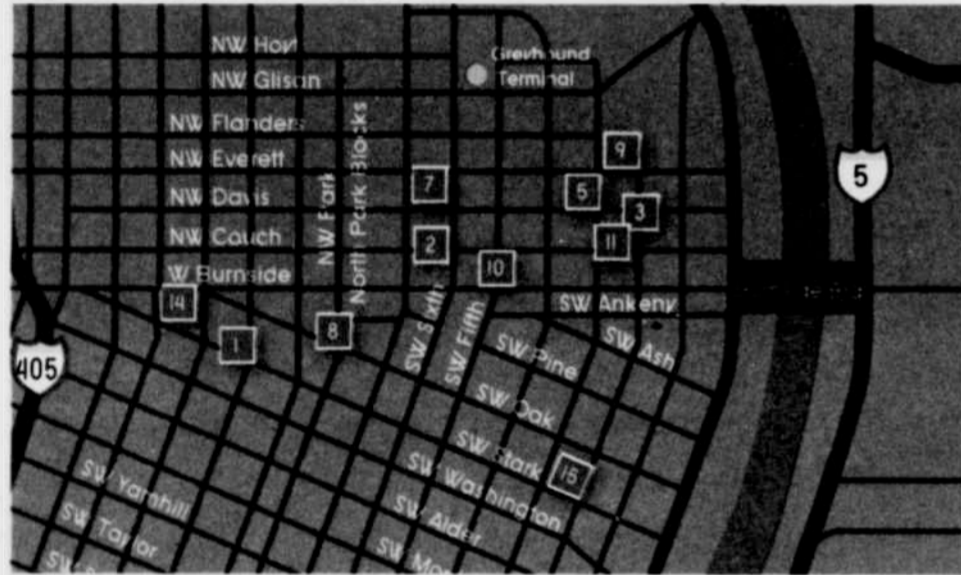
Fri., Jan. 6, doors at 7 p.m., show at 8; The Fez Ballroom, 316 SW 11th Ave.; \$5-\$10 sliding scale; 21+; pantsoffpdx.com.



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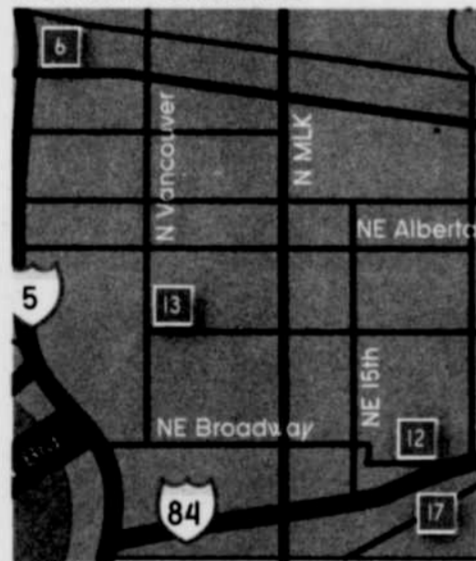
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