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Tina Ward, right, stands with her oldest daughter, Sydney, at the Sportsmen's Cannery, dockside at the Port of Ilwaco, Washington.

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Vote for your favorite Miss Virginia or Miss Vivian in 'Shanghaied in Astoria' contest

ASTORIA —This is the 12th year the Astor Street Opry Company will be holding its Miss Virginia and Miss Vivian contest, a fun and a little-bit-wicked friendly competition between local taverns and coffee houses.

And this is how it works: Each establishment chooses an in-house staff member to represent one of the two of characters from ASOC's original musical melodrama "Shanghaied In Astoria," running at the ASOC Playhouse now to Sept. 12.

Bars, brew pubs and taverns have the tough saloon-owning, co-shanghaiing conspirator Miss Vivian, while coffee houses have Miss Virginia Sweet, the heroine of "Shanghaied in Astoria," who's looking for a hero to marry and live happily ever after.

The basic goal is simple. Candidates receive custom-made buttons with their personal photo and sell them — for as much as they can get; minimum suggestion is \$2 — as a fundraiser for the ASOC Capital Campaign to install indoor plumbing in the theater.

The competitors for the title of Miss Vivian 2015 are: Chase Chapman of Baked Alaska; Sara Kate of Buoy Beer Co.; Kourtney Davis of

'Topsy-Turvy Shanghaied in Astoria'

7 p.m. Sept. 18 and 19
ASOC Playhouse
129 W. Bond St., Astoria
\$15 or \$20

Fort George Brewery; Leslie Hardy of Port of Call Bar & Bistro; Janessa Wright of Rogue Ales; Rich Ewing of Inferno Lounge; Merry Time Mermaid of Merry Time Bar and Grill; Josh Hemeon of the Rio Cafe; Rebecca Kraft and

April Thorgramson of Wine Kraft; and Janine Pickering of Tiki Bar.

The competitors for the title of Miss Virginia 2015 are: Leah Cristaldi of 3 Cups Coffee House; Alec Chapa of Coffee Girl; Bri Sears and Elizabeth Grimm of Downtown Coffee House; April Williams of Kick Ass Koffee; and Kristy Cross of The Rusty Cup.

This is an election that can be bought — and the fun part is, whoever raises the most cash for ASOC will be awarded the title of Miss Vivian or Virginia 2015, complete with fabulous prizes, trophies and bragging rights.

As in previous years, the winners will be announced at the intermissions during the two-nights-only showing of "Topsy-Turvy Shanghaied In Astoria," where the boys play the girl parts and the girls play the boy parts, on Sept. 18 and 19. ASOC chosen judges will crown the first, second and third place winners for Miss Vivian 2015 on Sept. 18 and crown Miss Virginia 2015 on Sept. 19. Winners will take home trophies by the Trophy Case of Gearhart.

The shows start at 7 p.m., with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Entrance at the door to this exciting fundraising event is \$20 for front row and \$15 for all other seats. The ASOC Playhouse is located at 129 W. Bond St. For more information, contact coordinator Mary by calling 503-791-7127.

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