

Arts ENTERTAINMENT

Juliana Hatfield "Bed"

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Juliana Hatfield has always plowed her own path through musical trends, through the folly of fashion and around the cult of personality which surrounds so many other seminal songwriters of her generation. Her work on her newest release is no exception.

The 10 songs that comprise *Bed* (Zoe 1001), Juliana's Zoe/rounder debut, were recorded after only a week of rehearsals. "Not having the option to second guess everything gave the recordings a special energy. There's a freedom in a lack of choices which forced me to get to the essence of the songs more easily," says Juliana.

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Amateur Poetry Contest

The Poetry Guild has announced that over \$20,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in their 1998 International Poetry Contest. Through this prestigious competition, poets from the Portland area, particularly beginners, are invited to submit original poetry for consideration by our distinguished panel of literary judges. The deadline for the contest is October 15, 1998. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Through our contests, we strive to encourage and promote poets by offering awards and publication," says Cecil Harding, Managing Editor. "This year's poetry contests promise to be as exciting as ever!"

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to: The Poetry Guild, Contest UPA-593, 2840 Broadway, #135, New York, NY 10025 or go to www.poetryguild.com. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name, address and phone number should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by October 15, 1998. A new contest opens October 16, 1998.

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Unique Talent Show To Feature Outrageous Human Tricks

■ BJ's "Top This" to be held in honor of restaurants' 20th Anniversary

The stage is set for the wild and unusual semi-finals talent contest, "Top This" where Oregonians will show off their outrageous talents such as tap dancing while juggling chainsaws, reproducing the sounds of a bagpipe, and resembling a human pretzel, in honor of BJ's Pizza, Grill & Brewery's 20th anniversary. The public is invited to witness the spectacle at a free event to be held on Saturday, September 26 at 11 am at BJ's in Jantzen Beach (12105 North Center). Those who possess unique talents will compete for the grand prize trip to BJ's Pizza, Grill, & Brewery in Lahaina, Maui to stay at the luxurious Kaanapali Beach Hotel

during the island's annual ultimate Halloween bash.

Among those vying for "top" honors:

*Birdwoman-Gresham resident's forte for unusual bird calls caught the attention of every cat in town

*Dog's best friend-Portland resident growls and barks like a large canine chasing a small, "ankle biter" dog

*Double do-bop-Portland area identical twins mirror each other while performing original tap dances

*Eye contortionist-Portland resident is all seeing-as she can move her eyes separately in different directions

*Gargle-gargle-Portland resident gargles while singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

*Human pretzel-Portland resident

contorts her arms to fold them into outrageous positions

*Nasal flosser-Eugene resident pulls spaghetti from her mouth through her nose

*The human bagpipe-Cottage Grove resident uses her voice and breath to create classic tunes like those played on bagpipes

*The levitator-Junction City resident levitate rings while making money float in mid-air

Lakewood Theatre Company Auditions

■ Audition roles being held for the musical *Brigadoon*, October 3 & 4, 1998

Lakewood Theatre Company will be having open call auditions for the musical comedy, *Brigadoon*, directed by Ron Daum, on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4, by appointment. Actors will receive remuneration. Each actor should prepare a classic Broadway song for their audition. Lakewood Theatre Company supports and encourages multi-ethnic diversity in its casting. Call the theatre at 503-635-3901 between 9-5 weekdays to schedule an appointment.

Parts Available: The director is seeking 11 men (ages 20-60) and 9 women (late teens -40's). Two male

characters do not sing or dance. All physical types are welcome.

Audition Location: Lakewood Theatre Company at Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State Street in Lake Oswego

Material Needed: Actors are requested to prepare a musical selection in the correct key for their voice. The director requests a classic Broadway song.

Please, no pop, rock and roll or Sondheim or Andrew Lloyd Webber. An accompanist will be provided. Actors are also requested to bring a head shot and resume.

Performance Schedule: January 22-February 28, 1998, Thursday through Saturdays at 8 pm and Sundays at 7 pm. there will one Sunday matinee.

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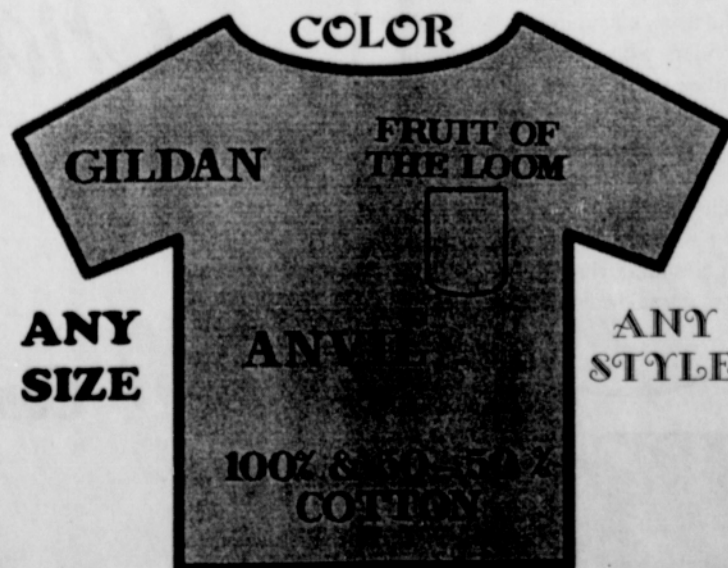
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