



**Screaming Weenie Productions & Chrysalis
Theatre presents**

“Lounge”

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July 25 – August 12, 2006

Mynt Restaurant & Lounge, 555 Davie Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C. June 17, 2006 / megamouthmedia - Part lounge act, part David Lynch film - *Lounge* follows a lonely lesbian lounge singer's search for home and true love on her last Canadian tour. Interweaving story and song, she takes her audience from a childhood in small town Canada to singing in the showrooms of Las Vegas and her love affair with a showgirl. Both humorous and poignant *Lounge* features the lounge re-makings of songs from Queen, Johnny Cash, Leonard Cohen, Billy Holiday and PJ Harvey.

Lounge is a celebration of the lounge genre – a nod to the past and a toast to battles both won and lost. Featuring some of Vancouver's hottest young artists, including Tanya Marquardt (Chrysalis Theatre) Joel DeStefano (Nocturne) Kris Nelson (Rumble – Artist in residence) and direction by Weenie's own Ilena Lee Cramer, Lounge premieres in association with **Vancouver's Pride Week**, so come and share a drink with us!

“Marquardt is a brave writer and performer...the playwright speaks of the masks we wear and how they obstruct our desire for authenticity...fearless.” – Jo Ledingham, The Vancouver Courier

<p>Written & Performed by: Tanya Marquardt ~ Directed by: Ilena Cramer ~ Music and arrangement by: Joel DeStefano ~ Stage Production: Jason Leane</p>

Show details: July 25 – August 12, 2006

1/2 price preview July 25, Opens July 26th 8pm Tuesday – Saturday, house opens at 7pm.

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Tickets \$10 Advance, \$12 at the Door, Half price Tuesdays \$6

Tickets on sale July 1st at Little Sisters Bookstore & at www.screamingweenie.com

More info at www.chrysalistheatre.blogspot.com or 604-251-1047

About the Weenie: Long established for their varied and often topical productions, *Lounge* is their eighth locally staged show to date. Screaming Weenie Productions have been producing shows internationally since forming in Alaska in 1996. Their unique take on standard theatre has garnered press attention from the Vancouver Sun and Georgia Straight to The Westender and Xtra!West. *“Their wordplay is dazzling”*, reports Alan Hindle of Terminal City newspaper.

For artist info and further information visit www.screamingweenie.com

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