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Queering the Slayer: A Parody of Buffy, The Vampire Slayer

BOSTON, MA: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer's High School Reunion," a queer parody of the hit TV series will be performed at Theater 1 from December 6th through the 21st. Theater 1 is located at 731 Harrison Avenue in the South End. The production serves as the Boston Premiere for the newly formed Queer Soup Production Company with a script written by the show's producers. Tickets are \$20/\$15 (students and seniors) and can be purchased at the door or by placing a reservation. Showtime is 8 PM Fridays-Sundays. For reservations and information, **please call 617-290-6809**, or visit <http://www.brianandmal.com/>. **PRESS NIGHT** is Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th at 8pm.

The cult hit "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" serves up seven seasons worth of rich source material for the writers of this parody. The TV series has followed the slaying career of Buffy since her days at high school. The show has become a fan favorite because of its sharply-written, provocative story-telling and an ensemble cast who manage to bridge the genres of comedy, drama and horror into one well-spent hour of entertainment.

While the High School Reunion is often the setting for anxiety in the more mundane parts of small town America, in the Hellmouth-laden world of Sunnydale, audiences can expect more than one twist in this clever parody of the hit TV series. As intimated by the show's title, Buffy and friends reunite in Sunnydale where there is evil brewing. Will the evil spike the punch? Post senior pictures for public display? Or worse, insist that we all keep in touch? Buffy and friends will have to confront this and much more when they go back to Sunnydale High.

This production has a draw for fans and non-fans of the series alike. Selecting to parody a series that confronts the end of the world on a monthly basis raises some interesting questions about our attempts to maintain normalcy. This parody pokes fun at attempts to return to normal with the return to high school. Furthermore, this camp-filled, irreverent parody of the popular TV series plays up the theme of being the outsider, a theme that resonates with the characters from the show who often found themselves outcast from the social circles of high school.

Taking this concept of the outsider further in a more liberal direction, the show has been cast gender blind to explore the queer appeal of the series. Casting across gender lines adds another level to the comic effect of the parody as it also balks the mainstream conception of normalcy.

When asked, why Buffy, director Renee C. Farster says, "The play was born out of a mutual admiration for the sardonic dialogue and campy fight scenes of Buffy. The play pokes fun at the absurd nature of the show, while maintaining the show's tradition of examining everyday evils masked as scary demons. And it's a blast! Fight scenes, dance sequences and even a Vampire Boy Band. And, frankly, we wanted an excuse to justify the two hours a day spent watching the series."

Queer Soup is the result of a production collaboration between the Brian + Mal Show and J. Rene Productions. In the summer of 2002, these two companies joined theatrical forces to present a sold-out performance of Instant Queer Soup at the Boston Center for the Arts. With a successful collaboration in the making, the companies merged to form Queer Soup in response to audiences' demand for local queer comedy on the Boston stage.

At a Glance

Buffy the Vampire Slayer's Ten Year High School Reunion

Produced by Queer Soup

Written by Renee C. Farster, Kim Hoff, Brian Jewell, Karen "Mal" Malme, Jess Martin

Directed by Renee C. Farster

December 6-21

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 8pm

Theatre 1 (formerly the Dollhouse Theater)

731 Harrison Avenue in Boston's South End

617-859-7480

Tix: \$20, \$15 Students and Seniors

To purchase tickets, please call 617-290-6809

For reservations and more information, please visit <http://www.brianandmal.com>

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JPEGS/Photos are available upon request
