



Tradewinds

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Monthly Newsletter

ANOTHER BIG A/PGF HALLOWEEN PARTY SUCCESS

A/PGF's annual Halloween party, held on Saturday, October 25th was AMAZING!!! Most of our guests were in awesome costumes that ranged from cute to gruesome and flirtatious to scandalous! Fun and naughtiness were plentiful throughout the evening.

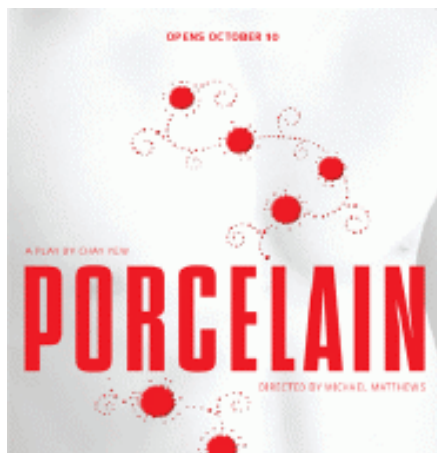


The A/PGF Divas

The A/PGF Divas each performed two solo numbers to an enchanted crowd. The show ended with a smokin' finale (literally, thanks to a fog machine...) with Jamie singing Shirley Bassey's version of Pink's "Get This Party Started," as the Diva Dancers, Ariel, Nick, Vince and Jonathan swiveled and slithered around her. The talent, production, sound and lights were all OUTSTANDING!!! Special thanks to the Divas themselves, Ariel for his choreography, Joe for his follow spot and videotaping prowess and Tony for his makeup expertise. They put together a truly amazing audio/visual experience. Also thanks to Jack and David for hosting the event again this year, and to the many others who helped behind the scenes before, during and after the party. Also a big thanks to An and Fred, who checked everyone in at the door!

[2 Pages of photos](#) are now posted on our website, complete with [videos](#) of the Divas performing!!! This was truly an event that will be talked about for years to come!!!

PORCELAIN: A REVIEW *Conducted by Roy Liebman, Publications Chair*



As the audience files into the Celebration Theater where the new production of Porcelain is playing, the lead actor West Liang is seen sitting quietly amongst the blood-red origami cranes he has fashioned. And "blood" is the operative word, for the paper cranes make it seem that there are spatters of blood all over the stage. This is the symbolic introduction to the story which unfolds, and it is a highly dramatic one. The gay protagonist, whom we see sitting so calmly, has murdered his anglo boyfriend in, of all places, a London public toilet (or loo). This is one reference to the title of the play.

Porcelain, which found great success when it first opened many years ago, is not a mystery insofar as who did the murder. It is the "why"--- the motive---that slowly unfolds to the audience. Playwright Chay Yew treats his murderer with sympathy but there is plenty of



moral ambiguity to go around. There are four other actors who play various roles in the play and function as a kind of Greek chorus, usually an accusatory one. All are excellent as is West Liang, who renders a brave performance.

The main idea of the play, that gay Asian men had a hard time being accepted by other gays, will probably resonate with some of our older members. It is hopefully more of a description of what happened in the past rather than the present. The scene in which the Asian man sits alone in a London gay bar without so much as a glance in his direction is poignant. He would have been less lonely if he had stayed home, which he wishes he had. No wonder that he falls for the first man who shows interest in him as a person, rather than just a sexual object.

Why then does he brutally murder the man with whom he has fallen in love? And why did it happen in a public toilet? For the answer to that you'll need to see Porcelain. The lengthy scene that is played totally in the dark will provide a major clue. Considering it's a scene that the audience can't see it is probably the most dramatic in the entire play. Porcelain provides a look into one gay man's psyche---and it is a powerful one. Kudos to the talented cast!

Nominations Needed for the 2009 Board of Directors

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

A/PGF is currently soliciting for volunteers to help our lead our organization in 2009. We are seeking nominations for President, Vice President and Delegate At Large. Do you have what it takes? Being a Board member does not take a lot of time - just a few hours each month. If you are interested or would like nominate someone for these positions, please contact our President and Nominations Chair, Jack at jack@apgf.org

All current members should have received an request for nominations form, via email. If you did not, please contact Bob, our webmaster at webmaster@apgf.org, who will send you the link to submit your nominations. **ALL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.**

Remember, without volunteers, A/PGF will not exist!!!



A/PGF Theatre Night

Friday, November 7th at 8 PM

East West Players

THE JOY LUCK CLUB

featuring

Edward Gunawan

Join us for dinner prior to the show! [RSVP here](#)
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