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My, How Skillfully You Handle your Instrument!

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Let's make beautiful music together.

Here Come the Valkyries

or, Armageddon outta here

An Exclusive Neptune's Page Interview with those three most immortal ladies.

NP: So, how did you three come up with this Valkyrie idea?

Vals: Well, Donna was a solo Valkyrie last year, and wanted to expand into a group, since in Nordic mythology there were actually several Valkyries, and frequently you can do more entertaining things with a group than you can alone...

NP: (ahem)

Vals: So anyway, Amy wrote our material, Donna contributed the mythological knowledge, and Corey arranged the spear work and the dance.

Amy: She Corey-ographed.

Vals: Now we all really work together, rehearsing new material and fixing up any rough spots in the act.

NP: Could you give a really brief summary of the Valkyrie myth, so our readers can better understand your purpose out at Festival?

Vals: Sure. In Norwegian mythology, the highest god is Odin — he's huge, and he has one eye. He lives and rules in a palace in the sky, called Valhalla. His handmaidens are the Valkyries, who, like Odin, are immortal. They serve him his wine (he drinks a lot), clean the palace, et cetera. Their most important purpose, however, is to fly down to the battlefields of Norway, where war is always raging (because Norway's a small and desirable country, you know), and find the bravest soldiers who have died in combat. They take these soldiers back up to Odin, and he immortalizes the soldiers, who then fight in his personal army in the sky.

NP: (Sniff)...That was beautiful.

Vals: So, our act is based on real mythology, but there are elements that we had to creatively invent, just because we didn't know what the facts were. For instance, we have something called "the Kiss of the Valkyrie." We don't know if the Valkyries really kissed the brave dead soldiers to help them fly up to Odin, but it seemed reasonable...

Amy: And the patron playing our brave dead soldier enjoys it.

NP: What's the most interesting experience you've had so far performing your show?

Amy: Well, last weekend - on Saturday - we were hawking for our show on the Bakery stage. As we looked out at the audience from the stage, we noticed that everyone was crowded onto the benches on the left hand side of the stage, all packed together because it was a shady area, while all the benches out in the bright sun on stage right were totally empty. I called to the audience, "Well, look at all of you! There you are all squeezed on benches together over there, while all of these benches in the bright sun are empty. We've got Sunny... and Share!"

Corey: Don't print that. It'll ruin our reputation.

Donna: I think it was ruined a long time ago.

Amy: Then there was this other time...

NP: Oops! Almost out of room. Sorry. In parting, is there anything important you'd like our readers to know?

Vals: Yes. The next person who sees one of us and comments, "Oh look—Madonna!" will be shot.

NP: Tanks, vimmin.

Rules for Surviving Festival

or

Yep, its that stuff again.

This weekend we bring you a special presentation of this column. Since we have an interview with the Valkyries on the front page and since it is Lust in the Dust weekend we have a lot of appropriate phrases and we're going to share them with you. All of them.

- 1) Old Immortals never die. They just ... don't.
- 2) If it gets messy eat it over the sink.
- 3) We're the immortals. Join us or die.
- 4) Remember ladies, if a man gives you flowers, he wants to plant your garden.
- 5) Immortals do it longer.
- 6) When a man offers you fruit, make sure it's the grapes in his pouch and not the banana in his pants.
- 7) Immortality means never having to worry about your copiers.
- 8) Never tell your lover, "Start without me."
- 9) Immortality, a way of life.
- 10) Love is like the delicate rose...first it tempts with the bud full of promise and delight...then it blooms in an ecstasy of scent and beauty. Three days later its dead.
- 11) Death, just say No.
- 12) Anything can be turned into sexual innuendo by the addition of the phrase "As it were."

For example...

"Let's have lunch ... as it were."

"My, that's a large squid ... as it were."

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