

"Full frontal lunacy."
-Variety Magazine

"Hefty laughter."
-New York Times



Recommended for mature audiences.

WONDER OF THE WORLD

by David Lindsay-Abaire
Directed by Chip Decker
Starring Cat Zegert, Michael Nester,
Sheila Snow Proctor, Tanya McClellan,
Jorja Ursin, Tom Scott and Lee Thomas

Life changes in one minute for Cass when she discovers something shocking in her husband's sweater drawer. In a flash, she realizes her husband isn't the man she thought she married and so begins her hilarious, non-stop adventure on the road of self-discovery and a new life. She packs her bags and hops a bus to Niagara Falls where she encounters a hilarious cast of eccentric characters that propel her perilously closer to the water's edge. This wild ride helps us remember - it's never too late to escape.

April 28-May 23
Actor's Theatre of Charlotte
650 E. Stonewall Street

Showtimes are Wed/Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri/Sat at 8:00 pm, and Sun, May 23 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$17-22. Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 is "Pay What You Can Night." Opening night performance on Wed. April 28 followed by a free wine and cheese reception. For more information, please call 704.342.2251, or visit our website at www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org.

THE
ACTOR'S
THEATRE
CHARLOTTE

She's back. **Hedwig** This summer.
AND THE ANGRY INCH

Charlotte Pride hosts Sister Funk and Weigle

from page 29.

render it soulless. My intent is to handle it with realness and style."

Because of the album's themes and Weigle's honesty as a songwriter, "SoulSex" might stall his steady move into the mainstream — but he doesn't care.

"My music will stay the same whatever degree of success I may reach," he explained. "To me, I'm successful as long as I keep getting emails from people telling me that my songs mean a lot to them. I won't water down my music."

Funky divas

With plenty of groove, a pinch of fate and an assist from a N.Y. producer, five

female musicians — Troy (keyboards), Tina (sax), Vange (guitar), Wendy (bass) and Blaze (drums and percussion) — united in 2000 to create a rollicking sound that defied the conventions of "womyn's music."

A year after their founding, Sister Funk released their self-produced, independent album "Pursuit of the Groove." The set was well received (Chris Allen of IMRU Radio in Los Angeles called it "an incredible CD" and the track "Truth Will Set You Free" was named Best Original Song by the Stonewall Society) but it was the supporting live performances that best displayed the band's strengths.

"These girls know how to put on a show, you wouldn't believe their energy," wrote Mike Begun in a review for New England's *Metroliner* magazine.

Out comedian Suzanne Westenhoeffer offered a similar assessment: "Hot gals playing music that's impossible to stay in your seat for."

Anybody who's seen one of the band's previous performances in Charlotte knows that the local LGBT community has similarly fallen for Sister Funk. And the feeling is mutual according to keyboardist Troy.

"Sister Funk has performed at Charlotte

Pride twice and 2004 will make our third appearance," she told *Q-Notes*. "We have been called Charlotte Pride's official party band. We love the rambunctious crowd."

Festival-goers can look forward to hearing songs from the band's second album, "Girl" (2003), whose 10 cuts cut across funk, pop and reggae with equal abandon.

Troy explained that Sister Funk enjoys performing at events like Charlotte Pride because "we are able to share our creative gift of music and love for our community without having to censor ourselves or be judged. We can feel proud for who we are and what we stand for."



Sister Funk will get the party started at Charlotte Pride.

Throughout the spring and summer Sister Funk has a full schedule of Pride shows and club bookings. When asked about the band's goals beyond these performances, Troy reeled off a short list — she'd obviously thought about this before.

"We want to continue to write music that is uplifting and makes others feel. We would like to become financially self-sufficient through our music and quit the nine-to-five jobs, be featured on Ellen DeGeneres' show and win Outvoice's Outsong of the Year. Oh, and getting any of our songs on the Billboard Top 40."

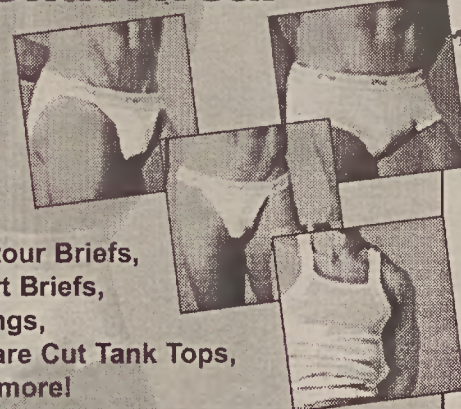
info:

www.markweigle.com
www.sisterfunk.com
www.charlottepride.com

New Shipment of 2(x)ist Underwear

2(x)ist

Contour Briefs,
Sport Briefs,
Thongs,
Square Cut Tank Tops,
and more!



white



rabbit

Charlotte:
1401 Central Ave. 28205
(704) 377-4067

Raleigh:
309 W. Martin St. 27601
(919) 856-1429

www.WhiteRabbitBooks.com