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**Theatre Rhinoceros
Presents Marga Gomez's New Year's Eve Spectacular
With Special Guest Nick Leonard
Stand-Up Comedy at its GAYEST!**

What: Before she opens Off-Broadway in 2006, Marga Gomez will raise a glass and cash for Theater Rhinoceros in "Marga Gomez's New Years Eve Spectacular." Marga will exhaust all remaining civil liberties as she dissects George Bush's Brain, Karl Rove's Penis, and propositions Pat Robertson in a salacious, audacious, and brazen display of stand-up comedy. 2005 brought many CIA operatives into Marga's boudoir and she will be prepared to leak this information to the audience. Both shows will include a fake midnight countdown and a balloon drop with a real balloon! One of the worst years ever will end up bubbly and gay thanks to the queer comedy stylings of Marga Gomez and her special guest, the dry and loveable Nick Leonard. "Marga Gomez's New Years Eve Spectacular" is presented twice on Saturday, Dec. 31st at 7 pm and 9 pm at the Victoria Theater, at 16th and Mission. Tickets available by calling 415-861-5079 or logging onto www.therhino.org.

Marga Gomez, hailed by the San Francisco Chronicle as 'deviously provocative,' is one of the first openly gay comedians in the nation as well as the author/performer of seven solo plays. Marga's latest play *Los Big Names* premiered in 2005 at the Magic Theater and received the SF Chronicle's highest rating. In April of 2006, *Los Big Names* will open Off- Broadway at the 47th Street Theater, produced by Jonathan Reinis and under the direction of David Schweizer. Marga is the recipient of the 2004 GLAAD award for theater.

Marga's stand-up comedy career is profiled in the documentary *Laughing Matters* (aired on HERE, and now on DVD) Marga's comedy act has been featured on Comedy Central, Showtime, PBS' "In The Life" and HBO's *Comic Relief*. Marga has had three solo plays produced by Theater Rhinoceros since 2000, and this is Marga's third New Year's comedy benefit for them. Her website www.margagomez.com is available for viewing 24 hours a day.

Opening for Marga will be the out and proud San Francisco comedian, Nick Leonard. Nick performs regularly as a comic and host around the Bay Area and Los Angeles, and has credits ranging from Scotland to New York City and points in between. He produces the only regularly scheduled gay comedy showcase in San Francisco, currently at the LGBT Community Center, and is a member of the sketch troupe Macaroni Art Theatre. Too much information on Nick can be found at www.nickleonard.net.

When: Saturday, December 31

Showtimes: Two Shows! 7pm and 9pm

Where: The Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th Street (across from the 16th & Mission BART), between Mission and Van Ness Sts., San Francisco, CA, 94103

Tickets: \$25. Tickets: 415-861-5079 or www.TheRhino.org

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