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## ***MARGA GOMEZ'S NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECTACULAR 2008***

**Theatre – Stand-Up Comedy**

**Production Company:** Theatre Rhinoceros

**Title:** *Marga Gomez's New Year's Eve Spectacular*

Starring Marga Gomez

Featuring Ali Mafi

**Venue:**

Victoria Theatre

2961 16<sup>th</sup> Street (at BART)

San Francisco, CA 94103

**Performances:**

December 31st, 2008

700 PM & 900 PM - TWO SHOWS ONLY

**Box Office:**

(415) 861-5079

**TIX:**

\$25: 700 PM

\$30: 900 PM

**Press:**

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Publicity pictures will soon be available for download on our website — [www.TheRhino.org](http://www.TheRhino.org)

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In *Marga Gomez's New Year's Eve Spectacular 2008*, Theatre Rhinoceros reunites last year's crowd pleasing gay comedy hot-shots Marga Gomez (America's Most Wanted Latina Lesbian) and Ali Mafi (World's Greatest Gay Muslim Comic) in an all new show that's bolder, funnier and fruitier than ever. After a year of Proposition 8, the McPalin campaign, bailouts for billionaires and more stupid celebrities than we can google, Marga and Ali can't wait to roast the old, ring in the new and reveal their inappropriate resolutions for 2009 in the highest voltage, most diverse, and queerest comedy event in town.

The 7 PM and 9 PM stand-up spectacles will close with a festive countdown (because it's always New Year's Eve somewhere), sloppy kissing by audience members, a "Big Balloon Drop" (just one very large balloon) and free tap water (bring your own cup.) If your Christmas was too white or you are still in need of a couple of Hos, catch Marga Gomez and Ali Mafi at the fabulous Rhino show at the Victoria Theater before homeland security does. These shows will sell out so reserve your tickets today!

**Marga Gomez** moved back to San Francisco two years ago and quickly made a splash nabbing the title "2008 Best Comedian" from the readers of The San Francisco Bay Guardian and launching a popular gay comedy series "Harvey's Funny Tuesdays" in the Castro district. Gomez has had a busy year playing to full houses at New York's Joe's Pub, touring Canada, and performing at national Pride festivals and prestigious universities (Yale and Princeton.) Not bad for a woman who has been described as a cross between Frida Kahlo and Larry The Cable Guy. Gomez has

appeared on LOGO, Comedy Central and PBS and is one of the first openly lesbian comedians in the nation. For more about Marga visit [www.myspace.com/margagomezcomedy](http://www.myspace.com/margagomezcomedy)

Marga Gomez is also the writer and performer of eight solo plays. Her newest solo comedy *Long Island Iced Latina* will preview in San Francisco at The Marsh on January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 before it premieres in Miami at the South Beach Comedy Festival on January 21. Her other plays: *Los Big Names*, *A Line Around The Block*, *Memory Tricks*, *Marga Gomez is Pretty, Witty & Gay*, *Jaywalker*, *The Twelve Days of Cochina* and *Marga Gomez's Intimate Details* have been produced nationally, internationally and Off Broadway in New York at The Public Theater, The 47<sup>th</sup> Street Theater, Performance Space 122, Dixon Place and La Mama Cabaret.

Marga is also the recipient of a 2006 Drama Desk nomination, a 2004 GLAAD Award for Off-Off Broadway Theater, and the 1994 Theatre LA's Ovation Award for her performance with Culture Clash at the Mark Taper Forum.

Marga has presented three solo plays at Theater Rhinoceros and headlined five of their New Year's Eve Spectaculars.

Comedian **Ali Mafi** will be opening both shows. He is back in San Francisco after a four-week national tour opening for Aisha Tyler. At twenty-three he is quickly moving up the Bay Area comedy ladder winning fans and getting featured at many comedy clubs including the Punchline and Cobb's. Ali remains positive in these troubled times: "I'm gay, fat and Muslim. I'm one minority trait away from getting a handicapped sticker!" For more about Ali visit [myspace.com/alimafi](http://myspace.com/alimafi)

**Theatre Rhinoceros** (John Fisher, Artistic Director), America's longest running professional queer theatre, develops and produces works of theatre that enlighten, enrich, and explore both the ordinary and extraordinary aspects of our queer community. Theatre Rhino is the proud recipient of the 2008 GLAAD Media Award for Theatre.