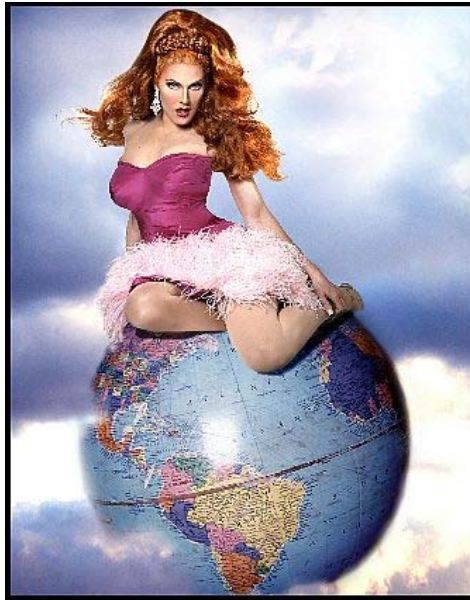


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VARLA JEAN MERMAN

In *Varla Jean Merman Loves A Foreign Tongue*

Live in Hartford – One Night Only!

Friday, February 15, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

at Cinestudio at Trinity College
300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$40 includes VIP Reception

Out Film CT is pleased to announce **Varla Jean Merman**'s triumphant return to Hartford in an all-new travel-themed spectacular for a one-night-only performance, February 15th at Cinestudio at Trinity College. **Varla Jean Merman (a.k.a. Jeffery Roberson)**, in a bid for total dominance of the world stage, has straddled the globe this year researching her latest show *Varla Jean Merman Loves a Foreign Tongue*. After standing room only engagements in such exotic locales as Australia (at the world-famous Sydney Opera House), Mexico, Hawaii, New Orleans and Baltimore, everyone's favorite copper-topped live-wire returns to super-charge Hartford with an electrifying travel-themed extravaganza! "Big hair. Big screen. Big costumes. And then there is Varla herself, who's, well, big."

- *Provincetown Banner*

Hartford was previously introduced to Varla Jean Merman's one-of-a-kind, saucy blend of entertainment with her shows *Anatomically Incorrect*, *I'm Not Paying for This!* and *Girl With a Pearl Necklace*. Hartford and New Haven audiences will also remember Jeffery Roberson's considerable acting talents showcased in the Hartford Stage and Long Wharf engagements of *The Mystery of Irma Vep*. *The New York Times* has called Merman "hysterically funny." She has appeared in the film *Girls Will Be Girls* and at clubs and theaters around the globe.

Varla Jean Merman Loves a Foreign Tongue is written by Jeffery Roberson and Hartford's own **Jacques Lamarre** and is directed by **Michael Schiralli**. Roberson will be joined by special guest **Mark Cortale**. Special props for the performance are created by Hartford Stage's **Allen Cutler**.

Tickets for this one-night-only special event are \$25 with special VIP reception tickets priced at \$40. For more information and to place ticket orders, visit www.OutFilmCT.org. Any remaining tickets not sold online will be available at the theater the night of the show. Proceeds from this event benefit Out Film CT and Cinestudio.

Out Film CT is a nonprofit cultural organization dedicated to presenting outstanding LGBT cinema and other theatrical events throughout the year, culminating in the 10-day Connecticut Gay & Lesbian Film Festival held each June in Hartford. As Connecticut's longest-running film festival, it has become a distinctive fixture in our state's cultural landscape, bringing the community together to introduce, celebrate and rediscover the ideas and values that make the LGBT community unique.

Founded by students in 1970, **Cinestudio** is a single-screen repertory cinema that presents cinema as it should be -- in a classic theater with state of the art technology. Offering both first-run and classic films, as well as foreign films and festivals, non-profit Cinestudio is a Hartford cultural gem.

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The 21st Connecticut Gay & Lesbian Film Festival will be held May 30 – June 7, 2008.

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