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CALLING ALL HAMS!
**REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS TO *THE G.O.N.G. SHOW* SEGMENT OF
UPCOMING *THE VARIETY SHOW***

SEATTLE - You think you are fierce? Do you sing in the shower? Do you have something to say/mime/dance/puppeteer? Here's your chance to submit what you got and be a part of *The Variety's Show's* G.O.N.G. Show segment.

At some point during the **10PM** Friday and Saturday night performances of the upcoming collaboration from Spectrum Dance Theater, Seattle Dance Project and ACT Theatre's Central Heating Lab, *The Variety Show*, the planned and rehearsed shenanigans will give way to a completely unrehearsed and unscripted talent show segment fashioned after the popular, wacky, bygone game show, *The Gong Show*. Performers of all stripes are encouraged to submit audition videos to the producers. The lucky winners will compete in groups of three in front of a merciless panel of celebrity judges who will *gong* them off the stage if their talents are found unworthy. Contestants are asked to submit 2-minute samples of work from the ridiculous to the sublime. Electronic links to video samples may be submitted to artistic@spectrumdance.org (please no files – just links) or hand delivered or mailed to Spectrum Dance Theater - 800 Lake Washington Boulevard - Seattle, WA 98122. **Deadline for submissions is Monday, April 11.**

The Variety Show is a dizzy mash up of original, short, unusual new pieces featuring some of Seattle's finest dancers, choreographers and variety artists. The evening's emcees are the irrepressible **Cherdonna and Lou**. Each show is slightly different than the last, with surprises, games and contests, and – special to the 10:00 shows – **The G.O.N.G. Show**; a talent contest which will yield to the winner 10,000...um...10,000...um...some things!

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Spectrum Dance Theater’s Studio in Madrona and ACT’s Bullitt Cabaret from April 21 through May 7. Performance times are at 7:30 PM, with Friday and Saturday late shows at 10 PM. For tickets and information about the shows at Spectrum’s Studio - April 21, 21 & 23 and May 6 & 7 - call 206.325.4161 or visit www.spectrumdance.org . For the shows at ACT – April 28, 29 & 30 - call 206.292.7676 or visit www.acttheatre.org/TheVarietyShow.

THE COLLABORATORS:

The three-way collaboration that is *The Variety Show* is a convergence of art, entertainment and innovation from two dance companies ready to shine in a completely different light, and one of Seattle’s most adventuresome presenters:

ACT Theatre’s innovative **Central Heating Lab** initiative is devoted to nurturing and supporting new works, new talent, and local artists spanning not only theatre, but also cabaret, music, dance, spoken word, film, and performance and visual art. www.acttheatre.org

Founded in 2007 by Artistic Directors Julie Tobiason and Timothy Lynch, the **Seattle Dance Project** is a new modern dance company that seeks to use the technical prowess and professional maturity of its dancers to continually push the limits of contemporary dance. www.seattledanceproject.org

Established in 1982, **Spectrum Dance Theater** is the largest contemporary dance company in Washington State. It presents work by Artistic Director Donald Byrd and guest artists, with a focus on Northwest choreographers. www.spectrumdance.org

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