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Blinking Benefit Bash Raises Big Buckets O' Money: Beth Harrington and the Holy Terrors Go Into Pre-Production for the Act II Shoot

Writer/Director Beth Harrington and the production crew of the *Blinking Madonna Film Project* hosted a benefit party on May 16th at Roberta's Showbiz Cafe in Boston's colorful and eclectic theater row district. Besides offering guests and potential philanthropic supporters delectable edibles (courtesy of Todd English, head chef and co-owner of Olive's in Charlestown), old fashioned spirits and a foot stompin' performance by The Band That Time Forgot, the crowd was treated to a sneak preview of Act I, which was filmed last spring at locations in East Boston.

Supporting cast members Michael (no relation) Harrington, as Father M, and Trisha Zembruski, who, as Sister K, was decked out in full habit, assumed their roles on stage and re-enacted a bit of the dueling dialogue between their characters from Act I.

"Can we make this quick?" Father M quipped, checking his watch and donning a golf cap, "I've got to make the eleven o'clock confessional, clean the rectory bathrooms and say ten Hail Mary's before I can meet the brothers at three for a little putt-putt."

"You," boomed the Sister, "should be a little more concerned with this roomful of Catholics gone astray than you should your par on the seventh hole!" Sister K then turned her brand of enthusiastic, spastic cajoling on to audience members and demanded to know who it was that threw a spitball at her when she was adjusting her habit. One audience member stated: "I've been transported back in time to Catholic school!"

All proceeds from the party will be utilized for the four day shoot, which will start on June 22 in the heart of Boston's (and Beth Harrington's) North End. Harrington and the Holy Terrors hope to complete *The Blinking Madonna and Other Miracles* by the end of 1995.

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