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The Women's Shakespeare Company to Present

'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE

By John Ford

An All-Female Production, Staged in a Nightclub With an Onstage Band

Directed and Adapted By R.J. Tolan

Original Songs by P.J. Cacioppo

Performances Begin March 15th

Opening Night Set For March 18th

At Speed, 20 West 39th Street, between 5th and 6th

The Women's Shakespeare Company will present a new adaptation of John Ford's *'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE*, directed and adapted by R.J. Tolan, at Speed, 20 West 39th Street, between 5th and 6th. Performances will begin on March 15th, with the opening set for March 18th.

'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE tells a story that is as shocking now as it was in the 1630's - that of a brother and sister who conceive a child. In this new adaptation, director R.J. Tolan stages the show in a nightclub (Speed), with a full rock score performed by an onstage band. Giovanni, the brother who falls in lust with his sister, is the lead singer of a rock group, and he will perform many of the songs with the band as part of the show. This new *'TIS PITY* is more than a rock musical, it is a punk rock show combined with a classic play. The costumes, designed by club/fetishwear clothier Garo Sparo and San Francisco Shakespeare Festival veteran Becky Hubert, will reflect the sensuality of the play. Like all Women's Shakespeare Company productions, this one features an all-female cast.

The Women's Shakespeare Company was founded by Artistic Director Kelly Ann Sharman to give women the opportunity to play roles they are not usually able to play by producing classic works with all-female casts. In other words, the women will play male roles as men, just as men played women's roles in Elizabethan times. Previous productions include *Measure For Measure* at Altered Stages and *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* at The Abingdon Theatre.

'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE will begin performances on March 15th, for a March 18th opening, and will play through April 20th. Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm; there will also be performances Monday March 18th and Monday March 25th at 8:00pm. Tickets will be \$15.00 and may be purchased by calling (212)501-1986 or order online at www.womensshakespeareco.org. Doors will open at 7:30pm, and drinks will be available for purchase for those 21 and over (ID required). Photos are available for download at www.brettsinger.com/pics/tispity.html.

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TICKETS: All Seats \$15.00, call (212)501-1986

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