

The show must go on – and the clothes must come off

The naked truth

It was a miserable night for going out to the theatre, not to mention getting up on stage and stripping naked.

However, the show must go on and the clothes

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must come off, as happened at the controversial American revue, *Bitch! Dyke! Faghag! Whore!*, at the Everyman Palace on MacCurtain Street, Cork, last night.

And it will be happening there each night until Saturday.

Barry O'Reilly, acting manager at the Everyman Palace, said that the public response to the show had been very strong, with about 400 people braving wind and rain to show up for last night's

opening.

"It will not sell out but it is booking well," Mr. O'Reilly said.

Far from just attracting an audience of student types for this satire on sexual politics and censorship, grandmothers have been booking their seats for the controversial show as well.

The provocative title of the show is one of the things which is bringing people to the box office.

However, it is a double-edged sword

and many of the people who are booking it are very reluctant to say the name of the show.

"There is no doubt that it is a tremendously come-on title," he said.

"A lot of people will not mention the name. They will find some way of getting around it. They will ask for tickets for *that* show or for The Penny Arcade Show," he added.

As regards the possibility of a dirty old man brigade turning up, Mr. O'Reilly said: "I would not think so. There will be some of that element, but a broad cross section of people are coming to it."

The show features actress/comedienne, Penny Arcade, with six erotic dancers.

Penny Arcade strips naked for the last fifteen minutes of the show but she claims to "de-sensationalise" nudity by talking all the time.

They say seeing is believing.

Grandmothers, too, have been booking their seats



■ **THE LINE UP:** Some of the erotic dancers who form part of the show at the Everyman Palace, Cork.



■ **HEAVEN'S ABOVE:** Penny Arcade in a scene from *'Bitch! Dyke! Faghag! Whore!'* at the Everyman Palace Theatre.