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## The Boobs of Khan Boldly Goes Where Few Girls Have Gone Before

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Bella Canto as Kirk, Stella Cheeks as the Borg, and Zabrina Zorelle as Spock

Last Friday, Gorilla Tango Theater in Chicago opened the latest of the Geek Girl Burlesque parodies, **The Boobs of Khan**.

Yes, that's right, Star Trek burlesque.

Geek Girl Burlesque was created by husband and wife team, Dan Abbate and Kelly Williams in the fall of 2010. This latest geeky inspired burlesque parody was directed by LAMDA graduate, Caitlin Costello and choreographed by Honey Halfpint of the Chicago Starlets.

In the last year, the Gorilla Tango late night house-hotties of Geek Girl Burlesque have become locally famous for performing geeky burlesque infused shows such as Fellowship of the Boobs (LoTR/WoW/D&D/RPG inspired), Boobs & Goombas (Super Mario Bros inspired), Gleeks & Freaks (Glee inspired) and the show running consecutively next to Boobs of Khan, A Nude Hope (do you need to ask?)

The thing I love the most about burlesque is that it portrays women being unapologetically sexy, funny and confident. Gone are the body image issues, welcome the booby shaking and joke making. As a woman, I find it particularly empowering to watch burlesque, as – occasionally – I am just as rife with the insecurities which society imposes upon all women as anyone else I know. So I was totally amped up to go see me some Star Trek burlesque. (more...)