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'Ginger Bred' cookin' on stage

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"The Legend of Ginger Bred; A Story of Sex, Salvation and Baked Goods" hits the 1919 N. Milwaukee Ave. stage of the Gorilla Tango Theatre this week for a quick six-show run. The play is the inaugural production of the **Cock & Bull Theatre**. It opens March 11.

As you can see from the show's promotional poster, right, featuring actress Maggie Graham as Ginger Bred, this is one sassy piece of theater. What's it about? I'd tell you but the promo is priceless: "Food... Sex... Aliens. 'The Legend of Ginger Bred' is the story of Ginger Bred a rock n' roll ex-porn star junkie who resurrects her past on the night of a major electrical storm. Ginger and her band take you on a bizarre odyssey from East Texas to Hollywood in this off-beat camp musical roller-coaster ride."

"Ginger Bred" was written and directed by Chris Garcia Peak, Cock & Bull's artistic director. It's loosely based on the story of the gingerbread man and is one in a series of fairy tale adaptations he's been working on.

"In the play she (Ginger) becomes an immaculate confection, in this case by aliens, and is chased around by people," Peak explained. "Food is a part of it, mostly in the context of her being similar to gingerbread and she's involved in porn films."



Ginger, shown here eyeing the goods at Chicago's **Bleeding Heart Bakery**, is backed up by a live band, "The Sunday Brunch," and they perform songs written by Peak and Dennis Florine.

"There's a fun late-night feel, Gorilla Tango has a bar, and it's a great fun hour of madness," Peak said.

The show begins at 9:30 p.m. on March 11 and 18; 10 p.m. on March 12, 13, 19 and 20. Tickets are \$15. To purchase, call 773-598-4549 or visit gorillatango.com.

Over 18 only admitted.