



**THURSDAY 13**

For more than 25 years, Joey Arias has been a fixture in the New York club and theater scenes, headlining *Christmas with the Crawfords* at the Grove Street Theatre, channeling divas Billie Holiday and Bettie Page and creating an immensely popular cabaret act at Greenwich Village's Bar d'O. Now, as Zumanity's "Mistress of Seduction," Arias is in a role that hits close to home — himself.

The bawdy emcee for Cirque du Soleil's adult romp, Arias shows his softer side in his book *The Art of Conversation*, an extension of his "Chit Chat" columns written for *Paper* magazine.

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Among those Arias has chatted with throughout the years: Elvira, Donny Osmond, designer Thierry Mugler, Rosemary Clooney and Cyndi Lauper.

Arias shares tidbits about those celebs and more at his booksigning in the lobby of the Zumanity Theatre. The book's 188 pages feature quick tales, in what Arias calls the perfect "bathroom book."

So, what can you expect of Arias' vignettes? Perhaps something similar to this story about partying with Blondie's Deborah Harry:

"We were downstairs in this seedy club and being a bit naughty. All of a sudden she says: 'I gotta pee so bad,' lifts her skirt and starts pissing on that floor. I've never seen someone flood a floor with so much pee."  
*Jennifer Proster, proster@t-press.com*

**The Art of Conversation** booksigning  
**Zumanity Theatre**  
**In New York-New York**  
**702-740-6969**  
**May 13, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Free**

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