



Period of Confinement? For Pregnant Actresses, Life Is a Cabaret in *Hot Mamas*, April 3 & 5 in NYC

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Think of it as *Fertility, the Musical*, or *Oh, Hormones!*

Three pregnant New York actresses — Alison Cimmet, Jodi Darling and Carol Linnea Johnson — will risk premature labor to sing original songs in an April cabaret show, *Hot Mamas! The Mother of All Cabarets*, about their experiences “with child.”

“A lot of people are asking, ‘Are you really all pregnant?’ and the answer is yes!” actress Alison Cimmet told Playbill On-Line. “At the time of the cabaret, I’ll be almost eight months, Jodi will be 7-1/2 months and Carol will be over six months.”

Johnson has taken a pregnancy leave from Broadway’s *Mamma Mia!*, where she frequently went on as Donna. Cimmet’s credits include Off-Broadway’s *The Lady Next Door* (in Yiddish) and *Viola in Twelfth Night* at the Prince Music Theater in Philadelphia. Darling played Laurey in a recent *Oklahoma!* revival with Sandy Duncan as Aunt Eller at Cherry County Playhouse in Michigan, and appeared as *Magnolia* in NETworks’ tour of *Show Boat*.

Among the contributing songwriters are Bobby Lopez (*Avenue Q*) & Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Brian Cimmet & Amanda Yesnowitz, Georgia Stitt, Steve Marzullo & Ray Michaud, Andy Abrams & Bill Augustin, Brent Lord & Tammy Samuels, Mary-Mitchell Campbell & Leslie Becker, Sara Levine & James-Allen Ford, Gavin Creel (best known as an actor, once of

Thoroughly Modern Millie), Emily Joy Schiff Glenn, Todd Almond, Peter Mills, Steven Silverstein & Lorraine Kollar and Patrick Dwyer.

Tesha Buss directs and Mary-Mitchell Campbell is musical director.

Performances are 5 PM April 3 and 8 PM April 5 at Dillons Restaurant & Cabaret, 245 W. 54th Street. For reservations (highly recommended), email HotMamasCabaret@yahoo.com or call (917) 447-6644. There is a \$5 cover charge and a \$10 food/drink minimum.