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## Can A Lesbian Comedienne Play God On the Big Screen? "Yep!"

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Hands down, the hottest place to be on Thursday, September 23rd was in the West Village at **The Duplex**, where diva from down under **Karen Jacobsen** gave a special-- and sold-out-- pre-release concert for her long-awaited new CD "Here In My Heart". If you haven't yet heard-- or heard of-- Karen Jacobsen, you soon will! The striking, silky-voiced Australian singer/songwriter is fresh off the Cyndi Lauper Summer Tour with fellow artist Jennifer Marks. She's a huge supporter of gay rights, as evidenced by her many appearances at gay venues and GLBT pride festivals. Whether Karen is singing about the joys of life and love, or the more bitter-sweet aspects of romance ("Don't Miss You"), her delivery is always infused with sheer passion. Her voice is strong and compelling, and her lyrics are pure, honest, and accessible-- yet they evoke the entire spectrum of human emotions. In fact, for a lack of a less cliched adjective, I can no doubt say that Ms. Jacobsen is one of the most "natural" performers that New York City has seen and heard in a long time! Playing the piano and featuring a three-man band, Karen treated The Duplex to a night which included dynamic, radio-friendly pop tunes ("London Town", "You're OK"), to songs that showcased a more delicate side of her voice ("Being Brave"). Two tracks-- "Your Body Over Mine" and "Strong Woman"-- were big favorites of her fans, who purchased her new CD by the dozens in advance. That night, everyone in the audience was given gift bags, held together with a koala clip (!) and full of Australian-themed trinkets, as well as a gift card for the Broadway Spa. And what else was in this bag of goodies? A copy of "Ballads & Burlesque", the new CD from Rachael Sage. To state the obvious, the two self-styled sirens are friends. At one point in the night, Karen declared, "Thank you guys so much for coming out and sharing the night that has been a very long time coming. I've been making this record for about 300 years-- and it's finally here!" As anyone at the Duplex that night will agree, it was WELL worth the wait! Check out [www.KarenJacobsen.com](http://www.KarenJacobsen.com) for more about this future superstar.

