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Miss Coco Peru announces Conversations with Coco TV pilot campaign

Lily Tomlin scheduled as first guest for planned August 13 event

Drag icon Miss Coco Peru announced a <u>Kickstarter campaign</u> today to film a for-profit series pilot of *Conversations with Coco,* based on her live theatre fundraising events. Her scheduled guest for the planned August 13 pilot is Lily Tomlin.

Since 2005, Coco has held live fundraisers at the Los Angeles LGBT Center's Renberg Theatre, engaging in intimate conversations with Hollywood legends, including Liza Minelli, Jane Fonda, and the late Bea Arthur.

Coco Peru said, "I am absolutely thrilled that Lily Tomlin is scheduled as our guest for the pilot. If we reach our financing goal, we're filming it at the Renberg Theatre, which stages programs of the Lily Tomlin/Jane Wagner Cultural Arts Center, named in honor of Lily and her wife. I can't wait to talk with Lily about her amazing life and career, including recent projects like *Grandma* and *Grace and Frankie*. And if the show gets picked up, a portion of the proceeds still goes straight to The Center. Well, 'straight' may not be the right word, but you get my point."

Jon Imparato, The Center's Director of Cultural Arts, said, "We've felt *Conversations with Coco* would make a wonderful TV series since we debuted it on The Center's stages ten years ago."

The Center's Chief of Staff Darrel Cummings said, "This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a series developed on The Center's stages to the screen. We're excited about the chance to bring this show to a wider audience, and to test a new way to generate revenue for The Center's mission and programs."

Project executive producer Jamison Hebert said, "We've wanted to work with Coco again since she appeared in our family-friendly media project Family Restaurant. Our last Kickstarter project, Alec Mapa: Baby Daddy, is now airing on Showtime. We hope to do something similar for Conversations with Coco."

Coco mentioned the 2005 event with Bea Arthur as a big reason why bringing these live shows to a larger audience is so important: "People today still ask me, 'Is there any way I can see that wonderful night with the late, great Bea Arthur?' And the answer is 'No,' and that makes me sad."

Coco added, "I am pulling out all the stops and offering rewards to my fans I've never even offered before," including personalized memorabilia, lunch dates, and VIP tickets to the event.

Search "Coco Peru" on <u>kickstarter.com</u> to support filming a *Conversations with Coco* pilot. The short link is: http://kck.st/1Sv07AD

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About Coco Peru

Since the early 1990s, **Miss Coco Peru**, aka **Clinton Leupp**, has been wowing audiences worldwide with acclaimed live performances, film roles including *trick* and *Girls Will Be Girls*, reality show appearances, and comedy specials including *Wisecrack* and *Dragtastic*. Coco's TV appearances include: *How I Met Your Mother, Arrested Development, Twins, Will & Grace, New York Undercover, Detroit 1-8-7*, and an Orbitz commercial that earned a GLAAD Media Award nomination. Coco's award-winning live solo shows have been performed to sold out audiences in theatres, clubs, restaurants, ballrooms, yachts, living rooms, backyards, nudist camps and cabarets throughout the US and abroad. Millions of viewers have watched Coco's viral YouTube videos, and Coco has helped raise millions of dollars for charity by hosting and appearing at events worldwide. Her fundraising work with *Conversations with Coco* alone has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to support the Los Angeles LGBT Center's mission and programs. For more info about Coco, please visit: cocoperu.com