

LA WEEKLY

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PARTY SHOW Prostrate before the God of All Parties — also known as Sammy Hagar — the Burglars of Hamm face an ultimatum: Party or die. The sun-bleached Son of Dionysus (and much-reviled former lead singer of Van Halen) has been angered by a conversation concerning the virtues of Thera-Flu and warm blankets. Directed by Matt Almos and Albert Dayan, *Party Show*, written by the Burglars of Hamm and Dayan, spoofs party-hardy types and their lifestyle with amusing results. Of course the forced revelry falters immediately. Disappointed with the audience's participation level, performer Todd Merrill reminds the Burglars, "We're the coolest people we know — we don't need them to have a good time." The merrymaking skips gaily from beer to heroin. Waving a syringe, Selina Woolery Smith encourages the others to shoot up, which occasions one of Victor Ortado and Sean Isroelit's riotously funny video segments. The ensemble is hilarious, and Jon Beauregard's performance demonstrates superb comic timing. Runs as part of Burglar-Palooza, which also includes *Easy Targets* and *Resa Fantastiskt Mystisk*. Burglars of Hamm at the Actor's Lab Theater, 1514 N. Gardner St., Hlywd.; Fri.-Sat., 8 p.m.; thru May 10. (323) 769-6334. (Sandra Ross)