



# Mercy! It will open at last

THE "emissaries of the Lords of Cloudland" called on a veritable Who's Who (or Who's That, in some cases) of Brisbane movers and shakers yesterday to deliver invitations to a long-overdue opening soiree.

One of these, the very fetching burlesque entertainer **Mercy St Just**, dropped into Confidential's studio to give us a sneak peek at her opening night form.

Clad in Elizabethan garb was her companion **Paul Dumais**, who informed us there had been "certainly the popping of

champagne corks" already this week.

The Cloudland team, led by owner **Raphael Bickle** and designer **Nic Brunner**, heaved a sigh of relief as they realised the cavernous Valley nightspot really would open its doors after more than 18 months of delays.

So sought-after are these March 26 opening night berths that **Stephanie Rice's** management called to get the young glamazon on the list.

Maybe Steph has decided dodging that "party girl" tag isn't much fun after all.

