

"And **Irene Karas Loeper** has it all goin' on as Pina, Nino's hetero love interest. Pina enters the bar scenes like a pneumatically pumping disco queen, but **Karas Loeper** informs the character's size with matching depth: just wait till you see baffled, broken-hearted Pina stuffing down sweets at the end of Act 1."

- **Colin Thomas, The Georgia Straight**

"A nice girl Pina (**Irene Karas Loeper**) is not; she was known as Pina La Putana in high school. But she is Italian. **Karas Loeper** is absolutely all tits-and-ass hilarious in the part. Her entry into the bar where Nino is drowning his sorrows is ragingly funny; boobs pushed up and out, she literally vibrates with sexual energy."

- **Jo Ledingham, Vancouver Courier, On the Scene**

"Year in Review: Theatres big and small produced bounty of thrills. A few of my favourite things: "**Irene Karas Loeper** as tarty Pina La Putana in Mambo Italiano"

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