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Stand-up comedienne Judy Tenuta is the goddess of her own religion, Judyism, and she encourages the "pigs" in her audience to worship her. Her performances may include accordion music, sadomasochistic play with audience members, and stories of dating the Pope punctuated by her catch-phrase, "It could happen!" In 1997, she hosted an Internet talk show, *The Princess of Pop Culture.* Her comedy albums include *Buy This, Pigs!* (1987) and *In Goddess We Trust* (1995).

## Further Reading:

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