

RAVING RICHARD RADIO REVIEW, FOR LIVE BROADCAST ON 8/25/10

KKIM 1000 A.M., ALBUQUERQUE, AND 94.7 F.M., SANTA FE

AGAIN, GREETINGS FROM RAVING RICHARD, YOUR RADIO REVIEWER COVERING LIVE THEATRE, BOTH IN ALBUQUERQUE AND SANTA FE. THIS WEEK, I'M PREVIEWING THIS YEAR'S MELODRAMA AT THE SANTA FE PLAYHOUSE. IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO BOO, HISS, AND CHEER, NOW THAT THE ENGINE HOUSE THEATRE IN MADRID IS ONCE MORE JUST AN EMPTY RAILROAD BARN.

THIS 2010 FIESTA PRODUCTION PROMISES TO SURPASS THE REPUTATION OF ALL THOSE IN PAST YEARS PRESENTED AT THE SANTA FE PLAYHOUSE--WHICH IS WELL-KNOWN AS THE OLDEST VENUE TO CONTINUALLY HOST LIVE THEATRE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI! THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THEIR PLAYS AND MUSICALS ARE AMONG THE MOST ENTERTAINING THE AREA OFFERS, PLUS THE SANTA FE PLAYHOUSE IS IDEAL, WITH COMFORTABLE, TIERED, SEATING, AND A PROFESSIONAL STAGE.

IT'S LOCATED AT 142 EAST DE VARGAS--JUST A FEW BLOCKS SOUTH OF THE PLAZA--AND YOU CAN GET EASY DIRECTIONS WHEN YOU MAKE RESERVATIONS AT 505/988-4262. PERFORMANCE DATES ARE AT 8 FRI/SAT AND 2 O'CLOCK MATINEES THROUGH SEPT. 12; ALSO, THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8 ON AUGUST 26 AND SEPT. 2, PLUS SATURDAY MATINEES AT 2 ON AUGUST 28 AND SEPT. 4. SO, WHENEVER SUITES YOUR CONVENIENCE, THE CAST WILL BE PRIMED TO PRESENT A STELLAR PERFORMANCE. AGAIN, THE RESERVATION NUMBER IS 505/988-4262, FOR LOADS OF LAUGHS.

IF YOU'VE SEEN MELODRAMA BEFORE, YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT. THERE'S A VILLAIN, AND A HAPLESS HEROINE WHO BARELY SURVIVES UNTIL HER HERO APPEARS IN THE NICK OF TIME. YOU MIGHT SAY IT'S CORNY, BUT THAT'S WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE--WITH EXAGGERATED LINES AND GESTURES, PLUS COLORFUL COSTUMES, AND A SET THAT'S A WORK OF ART AND PROVIDES IDEAL STAGING FOR ALL THE NONSENSE THAT TAKES PLACE. CO-DIRECTORS ARE MATT SANFORD AND ELIOT FISHER--THE AUTHORS ARE GHOST WRITERS WHO GO BY MESSERS ANON AND YMOUS!

YOU SANTA FEANS WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS DELIGHTFUL SHOW--AND THE S. F. PLAYHOUSE IS WELL WORTH THE COMMUTE FROM ALBUQUERQUE TO SATISFY YOUR CRAVING FOR MELODRAMA. THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MY COMMENTARIES, HEARD ON KKIM, CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR NEW MEXICO, AND SIMULCAST ON 94.7 F.M., SANTA FE--ALSO SEEN ON THE INTERNET AT MYKKIM.COM.