

RAVING RICHARD RADIO REVIEW, FOR LIVE BROADCAST ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

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

AGAIN, GREETINGS FROM RAVING RICHARD, YOUR RADIO REVIEWER COVERING LIVE THEATRE IN ALBUQUERQUE AND SANTA FE. THIS WEEK, THE PLAY I'M REVIEWING IS MOST UNUSUAL, IN THAT THOSE ATTENDING HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE BACK STAGE BEHIND THE CURTAIN, FOR THAT'S WHERE THE PLAY TAKES PLACE. THIS IS ALL THE CREATION OF PLAYWRIGHT DAVID MAMET, WHICH IN HIS REVIEW THIS WEEK, BARRY GAINES REFERS TO AS A POWER POINT PRESENTATION BETWEEN AN OLDER ACTOR AND HIS PROTEGÉ--BOTH MAGNIFICENTLY PORTRAYED BY PETER SHEA KIERST AND PAUL HUNTON.

THIS PLAY, WEEKENDS AT THE ADOBE THEATRE AND CONCLUDING THIS WEEKEND, IS WORTHY OF BARRY'S HIGHEST ACCOLADE SUMMED UP BY URGING YOU TO "SEE THIS PLAY," QUOTE, UNQUOTE. THE STORY TAKES YOU THROUGH MANY VIGNETTES AS THE VETERAN ACTOR SCHOOLS THE NEO-PHYTE IS HIS "LIFE IN THE THEATRE," THE TITLE OF THE PLAY. YOU REALLY SHOULD READ BARRY'S REVIEW TO GET THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE INTERRELATIONSHIP AS IT DEVELOPS BETWEEN THESE CHARACTERS--JUST THESE TWO SHARE THE STAGE, OTHER THAN THOSE WITH CAMEO ROLES.

NOT ONLY IS THE ACTING SUPERB, BUT THE STAGING COMPARES TO MASTERPIECE SHOWS ON NETWORK TELEVISION--WHICH IS WHERE THIS PRODUCTION DESERVES, MUCH TO THE CREDIT OF DIRECTOR JIM CADY. HOW FORTUNATE OUR CITY IS TO HAVE SUCH A FINE ACTOR AS PETER KIERST FOR SUCH DEMANDING ROLES AS THIS, AS WELL AS PAUL HUNTON TO PERFORM SO REALISTICALLY AS A COUNTERPUNCHER, AS THE PLAY UNFOLDS TOWARD THE END.

FOR YOU WHO APPRECIATE PROFESSIONAL ACTING AT ITS FINEST, CALL THE ADOBE AT 898-9222 WHILE RESERVATIONS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS FINAL WEEKEND OF PERFORMANCES, EITHER FRIDAY OR SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 8, OR SUNDAY MATINEE AT 2. THANKS FOR LISTENING TO THESE COMMENTARIES ON KKIM, 1000 A.M., CHRISTIAN RADIO FOR NEW MEXICO, OR HEARD IN SANTA FE ON 94.7 F.M.--ALSO CARRIED ON THE INTERNET AT MYKIMM.COM. GOD BLESS!