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Laughter on the 23rd Floor, Davis Musical Theatre Company

Review: OMG!!! I laughed so hard I almost peed - several times. I'm no Neil Simon devotee, so when I say this is his best I really mean it. The man is SPOT ON FUNNY! And the cast is certainly up for the challenge. I saw it opening night and, while there were 2-3 flubs, they were totally forgivable (and forgettable once the next joke is knocked out of the park.) DMTC shouldn't only advertise that their "talented DMTC veterans" are in it - those guys are good, but they don't get the big laughs. They mostly say things that lead the other guys to say funny things. Like when Lauren Miller says something serious and then the guy playing Milt (great costumes - lol) gets to say something funny. That man has energy! Like Kevin Carvallo (hello, the LEAD? Hasn't he done anything at DMTC?) He's BRIL!!! Sometimes this guy is a little too much for me but he is perfect in this part. Why not tell people he's in it? Like the secretary who comes out in the 2nd act and is HOT!!! Where is she on the publicity? I'm a political sorta guy, so the fact the play uses a historical context (the joseph mccarthy witch-hunts) is great. AND they make it funny. Not funny that it happened, just sort of a this-is-so-effing-WRONG-and-we-have-to-laugh-so-we-dont-cry sorta funny. My girlfriend is always dragging me to lousy plays and afterward she tells me - you talk about the show like you're a critic, you should write. But I never wanted to start writing with a crappy show. So this is my opening night! "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" ROCKS!!!
- Chad Shawn, UC Davis

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