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Speed the Plow, Actor's Workshop of Sacramento

Review: I saw this play, Speed the Plow, on the Friday, September 26, 2008. It was such an excellent and moving production. Sacramento theatre lovers must not miss this outstanding work of art! This production is truly magnificent! I was thoroughly impressed by this production which was marvelously performed by an excellent cast under the outstanding artistic direction of Ed Claudio who brought out the best in each actor and the marvelous development of the play. The acting was superb and very professional. Without exception, they all did a magnificent and impeccable job of developing and transitioning their characters and making them so real and believable. They imparted a sense of suspense and intrigue and mystery that held me riveted to the play to the very end. There are some very moving scenes during the second act that reveal the genuine and unabashed honesty and truthfulness of the characters and the poignant objective of the play. The play is a very clear social commentary about ourselves and how we can be frequently caught up in a world whose values tend to squeeze out the true humanity of ourselves. In its place a false humanity, a poor substitute for what we truly want and yearn for, captivates us by its deceptive attraction and we choose to continue to believe in and be a part of that world. I gratefully thank Ed Claudio and all those involved in this production for presenting such a great work of art in the Sacramento area.

- John N. Montagna

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