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## audience reviews

### *Blackbird*, Actor's Theatre of Sacramento

**Review:** Don't miss "Blackbird." This play, very skillfully directed by Ed Claudio, is an intense character study with a theme that will leave you...well come see it and find out. Tygar Hicks gives an extraordinary performance as Una. From the opening to the final blackout, she is Una in every way and has an incredible honesty in her portrayal. You would be hard pressed to find a better performance anywhere either professional or amateur. Don't miss seeing her. Costarring with Tygar is Mark Heckman in a strong performance as Ray, a man with a haunting past. Don't miss this one! Not for the young kids though.  
- Allen Schmeltz

**Review:** I have seen this play twice and each time found it riveting and soul searching. Tygar and Mark give command performances as two people who paid a price for their relationship. The story and actor's portrayals give an excellent view of both sides of these consequences. The play's subject matter play will at first make you squirm, then draw you in and finally leave you thinking about it for days. Don't miss this one.

**Review:** If your looking for a show this weekend look no further. The brilliantly written Blackbird is a show that will take you on a emotional roller coaster. Una played by the captivating Tygar Hicks evokes so much emotion you can't help but loose yourself in her lust, love, and pain... I can't remember the actors name who played Ray, (probably because he was sooo damn believable) you want to hate him right off. Somehow you just can't, actually I felt pity for him. AMAZING!!! Now I don't want to give to much away, just know this man does not deserve pity from anyone. I also would like to bring up to walk in role of the little girl. This is the first thing I saw little Amber Luke play in, I just feel she deserves some recognition for being very convincing. Her raw talent even in a few lines shows this girl is going far. Thanks for making a creepy moment even creepier Ed. Yes Edward Claudio does it again. The man is brilliant need I say more? Gotta give props to the Techies of this show, if something went wrong I didn't notice, and if it didn't congrats on a flawless show! Which never happens I don't care how professional the theater much love great job guys. This show is so worth it even in this economy. GO SEE IT!!

**Review:** Blackbird is an extraordinary show! It is worth the time to go see it. The show evolves around two troubled people, Una and Ray. Mark (who plays Ray) is tactful in his actions. He brings a new light on Ray, a man facing his inner demons through the form of Una. Tygar (who plays Una) is near perfection as she

takes us on an emotional ride. With every step Tygar takes, Una comes alive. This show is a must see that will have you wanting more...

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