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First Person Shooter, Capital Stage

Review: This is a major step up in Sacramento theater. Just when you think Capital Stage can't get any better they pull out another 'best' from their theatrical hat. You could go just to see an amazing cast in an amazingly timely show, but there's even more to enjoy here. The set is just incredible, with simple furniture accented with light boxes that show fractured pictures to denote place. It's a truly brilliant idea, and executed perfectly. The show itself is a puzzle of ethical responsibility, and what happens when "just a game" becomes an obsession. It's not for kids (though most kids would benefit from seeing it), so call the sitter and make a night of it.
- David

Review: Wow! I was so awed as to be speechless [uncharacteristic!] during chatback on Fri night. The Best of Sacramento's Best ... from the brilliant screenplay, its intense theme so prevalent, to the horrific backstories that underscore and move the central characters forward. Juxtaposed against this remarkably inventive setting, as the play evolves, each nuance revealed in fragments, we could palpably feel the increasing heartbeats of the inspired, perfectly-chosen and talented cast. At intermission, wiping tears from blurred eyes, I whispered to my husband, "This cannot have a happy ending." Indeed, being in that intimate theatre is closer to actually experiencing this topical trauma than I ever dreamt I'd be ... yet, as I continue to ponder the production several days hence, I'm grateful for the intruding thoughts, lingering questions -- the onsite education, if you will. It is only through this experiential process that the complexity of human behavior can possibly be understood and perhaps even willed to change. Thank you, once again!
- Jan & Jeff Float

Review: There hasn't been one show at Capital Stage that didn't make me think (usually with a gasp or two), while truly entertaining me. Besides the tremendous scripts that they've chosen to stage, the

performances and staging of the plays are breathtaking. I'm glad they're having a successful run with First Person Shooter, but I'm already looking forward to its close and their next production! Well done!
- Sandy

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