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September 4-September 12, 2009

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Artist: Art Riot Theatrical Company

Denise traded her grunge rocker lifestyle for a handful of carnations and the promise of Eternal Life. Now her brother races to save her from the mysterious church that took her away—but how do you argue with someone who already has The Answer? www.salvationroad.net

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★★★★★ "Well done!"

Review posted by: Larry House from LutheranTheological Seminary at Philadelphia, Sep 11, 2009

Salvation Road was a thought provoking, insightful, entertaining and often humorous play. Informative and helpful for students, parents and even grandparents. Thanks for bringing it to Philadelphia.

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★★★★★ "engaging...captivating....don't miss it!"

Review posted by: Gina L Saunders from Reading, PA, Sep 11, 2009

We saw Salvation Road on opening night...we were spellbound....this is a production that has a big future...I would highly encourage people to go out and see Salvation Road...

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★★★★★ "Don't Sweep This One Under the Rug"

Review posted by: Livia Bardin from Washington, DC, Sep 11, 2009

A focused drama that takes on one of those "don't-talk-about-it" family dilemmas, this is a well-written, well-acted play about a young woman caught up in a cult. What to do? Parents and siblings want to get her home again, but can they? Nothing here is dumbed down. The playwright shows a sophisticated understanding of the issues and avoids simplistic solutions. Salvation Road is good entertainment that takes on a tough issue: What can a society committed to freedom of speech and freedom of religion do when those freedoms are used to destructive ends? [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "Frequent Showgoers"

Review posted by: Dr. Benjamin W. Champion from Berwyn, PA, Sep 09, 2009

My wife and I found this play to be very well acted, thought provoking and very accurate in the portrayal of a situation dealing with a family member who is involved in a cult. We commend all involved for this excellently written, directed and acted play dealing with an extremely important topic. [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "Well done from two perspectives"

Review posted by: Joe from Philadelphia, PA, Sep 09, 2009

First off the play was well written, incredibly well cast, and the acting was excellent. The flashbacks and transitions were flawless and kept things interesting. You are really brought into the story and left with hope that things worked out with the characters. It can stand alone as a great performance on just that. But the other level was the accuracy and presentation of the subject matter. Presenting the dynamics of a family member in a cult is no easy task. It was done so in a compelling way here within a modern and realistic scenario. All complemented with just the right subtle amount of humor, sound, and lighting. I would recommend it for its entertainment value, as well as its educational value, on an obscure but important element of society.

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★★★★★ "Poignant new play on an important subject"

Review posted by: Linda from Philadelphia, PA, Sep 08, 2009

Salvation Road presents an uncomfortable reality on a topic that needs to be discussed. A brother and sister are trying to "rescue" their "lost" sister who has succumbed to the deceitful allure of a religious cult. Salvation Road explores family relationships, while examining tactics employed by cult leaders not only to lure the weak and unsuspecting, but to cut them off from the rest of society, including their families. Well performed by a group of promising young actors. The "no frills" setting was a perfect backdrop for this poignant play. A "Must See" for anyone who knows someone who's trapped in a cult, and highly recommended for everyone else. [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "review of salvation road"

Review posted by: Carol Diament from Philadelphia, Pa, Sep 08, 2009

The casting in this play was superb and anyone interested in knowing how someone can get (so easily) involved in a cult will find it fascinating. The playwright captures the frustration fo the family members who can no longer "reach" their loved one and the vulnerability of the young woman who gets caught in the web of the cult as she mistakes "recruitment" as friendliness and her idealism makes her a perfect target. Great show. I highly recommend it. [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "Great production!"

Review posted by: Keith from Lafayette Hill, PA, Sep 08, 2009

Salvation Road is an eye-opener! Well- written, directed and produced, the play explores the inner-workings of cults through the eyes of a teenage brother whose sister has been indoctrinated. A splash of humor from the winning sidekick adds to the script and keeps the play moving at a fast clip. Highly recommended. [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "Salvation Road Opening Night"

Review posted by: Barbara Callahan from Lititz, PA, Sep 08, 2009

I thoroughly enjoyed the play Salvation Road. I highly recommend it. The cast did an excellent job and showed their true professionalism despite an unexepected break due to a medical event. The play is well written and I want to know what happens on Monday! [Collapse](#)

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★★★★★ "Salvation Row nails it!"

Review posted by: Bill Goldberg from Englewood, New Jersey, Sep 08, 2009

This play is one of the most realistic depictions of reactions to a someone's entry into a cult that I've seen. Gregory does not turn her characters into stereotypes or symbols. They're real people struggling with real reactions when they don't know how to deal with a situation. This is an excellent play. [Collapse](#)

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