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Hi Mark,

I was just wondering if you had seen La Cage yet? I haven't read any reviews anywhere and am curious as to why no one reviews ABT anymore. I've heard that critics come all the time, but we never hear of anything actually being published. Did someone at ABT do something to tick people off? Just wondering...

Thanks!

Ben Medina

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Ben,

This is because it is ABT's policy not to offer complimentary tickets to critics, the only theatre in the valley that does this. I, for one, don't earn enough from each review to afford spending the money to see them.

And, to be honest, I'm not sure that I would return there even if they were to reverse their policy since they actually said to me and a few other of the critics "we don't need reviews" when they made their decision. I know a couple of reviews have been written over the past year, and that other critics shell out the cash to see shows on their own just to keep apprised of the performances, performers, etc. I'm just not one of them, and doubt I ever will be, which is a sad thing

because the final show I saw there, *Man of La Mancha*, was the best musical I saw last season.

Cheers,

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