

Subject: Thanks for rising above

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Hey Mark,

It's Mandy Nichols here. I was looking at your site today at your review of our little film fest at IWII (Thanks for coming out for that by the way - it's a slow start... restarting, and we need all the support we can get!). I noticed how many angry responses are being sent to you about your Theater Works review. I just wanted you to know how good I think it of you, that amidst all the mud and anger people are writing, you do nothing but thank them for their opinion, and offer yours. You don't seem to get personal back, or attack individuals - and I think THAT - more than anything, reads well to the rest of us wafflers reading it all. People are so huffy, and yet you just let them huff, and leave it at that. I appreciate your tactfulness - as well as your feelings of personal responsibility to ACURATELY critique theatre. I have been on the receiving end of some of your not so great reviews - but luckily I listened when I was told - "you gotta take the good with the bad. All it does is make you better (or bitter)." (And just an aside - my acting coach has told me some of the very same things you stated in some of your earliest reviews of me - and I didn't have to pay for those!). Anyhow - I just thought you should know - so many respond negatively - but so many more of us sit, quietly watching, and smile.

Thanks Mark -

*Mandy*