

Subject: A Response to Mr. O' Herron.....on THIS I just cannot keep silent

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Dear Mr. Turvin.

Ever since Thursday evening, when I was first read the series of letters between you & Mr. O'Herron (aka "waxing poetic all the way to the theatre unemployment line"), I have been struggling with the decision whether or not to respond. Well, 4 days (and countless re-readings later), I can no longer remain silent (something that will come as a surprise to NOBODY who knows me well).

Besides the obvious phrases that STILL go through my mind (and anybody else's) who has read it all:

"What was he thinking?"

"Did he WANT to get himself fired?"

"Exactly HOW mentally unstable did his illness make him to write this to you AND PUSH THE SEND BUTTON???"

Just to name a FEW. I guess I just wanted to share a little bit of my OWN perspective. Who in the HELL am I exactly? Long story short, I am a 36 year old non-union actress/singer who has performed for the

Prather Family of Theatres 5 times over the past few years, and I have known Seth Reines almost half of my life. So, yes I have a FEW more years on Mr. O'Herron, and if he were to learn anything from this turn of events I hope it would be this.....

Patrick, you were given a really wonderful opportunity. How many actors across the globe would LOVE to have been given such a wonderful role in this show, to work with quite an accomplished director, lovely production values, and a cast of great folk? Believe me, I know about being passionate about a production and not exactly getting the reviews for which you are hoping (trust me....been there, DONE IT!). In the end, you do your job to the absolute best of your ability and from every experience, you learn from your mistakes and grow with each new role. Now, at the risk of sounding like the "preachy old broad" let me say that I have made a lot of mistakes in the biz, (especially in my 20's) and will continue to do so still if I am fortunate enough to still be performing in my geriatric years.

So, I do hope Mr. O'Herron will learn a big lesson from this incredibly HUGE error of his ways!!!!!!!!!! If not,

then I think he needs to truly find another calling, and leave the great roles and opportunities to others who truly appreciate (and trust me, I forget this myself at times too) that as actors, how blessed we are to be given the chance to do our craft.

OK....climbing off my soapbox, and pushing the SEND button!

MISS SAIGON cast....best of luck, and Mazel Tov on going with change....hopefully a change with great positive effect....you all deserve it!

**Very Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole Savitt**