

THEATER REVIEW - *A Lesson in Proper Bow-Fluffing Technique* - Moving Arts Theater Company

LOS ANGELES, CA - Christmas has arrived and with that, a slew of Christmas themed productions are wanting your attendance. One show that most surely deserves your attention is the one-man comedy *A Lesson in Proper Bow-Fluffing Technique*.

Skillfully directed by Lee Costello, the solo performer in this production is the talented Trey Nichols. Introducing the audience to the world's most and hardest working customer service employee the world of retail has ever seen, Mr. Nichols creates a character who is likeable and very realistic.

Set in an unnamed department store, we are shown the day in the life of a man who struggles to find the holiday spirit despite what fate throws at him. Mr. Nichols introduces each of his characters and each unusual predicament, that would drive a kind man to the brink of madness, flawlessly and entertainingly. Among the memorable unseen characters, who one can imagine and visually see interacting with the actor, is an abnormally big little girl and her tiny mother on their way to visit Santa, the Starbucks mommy and her young son who longs for a balloon, and a group of disabled children who have the task of preparing bows for the department store Christmas wrapping counter.

Written by Trey Nichols, the story structure is strong and there was not a dull moment. It would not be surprising to see this show preserved on a CD to become a cult classic given we live in such a consumer driven world. Better yet, seeing this delightful story of faith transferred onto the big screen would be ever so poignant as stories of true substance are hard to come by these days.

As the inaugural production of Isabel Storey's Storey Productions, a company devoted to producing meaningful works for theater, television, and film, *A Lesson in Proper Bow Fluffing* enables an enjoyable theater experience. Anyone with a history in retail or shopped in retail will easily relate to this young man's plight and smile in amusement. Given the fact that show is still a work in progress, hopefully the lifespan of this piece of work has yet to hit its stride. Maybe it's the holidays that have encouraged this raving review, or maybe the show is just that good. Go see it and decide for yourselves.

Presented by Storey Productions with the Moving Arts Theater Company, *A Lesson in Proper Bow-Fluffing Technique* performs at Praxis Studios located at 729 N. Fairfax in Los Angeles, California. Running through December 23, performances are Wednesdays through Thursdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm. Tickets are \$15.00 - General Admission, and \$12.00 for Students/Seniors. - *Adrian Rennie*

