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Review

“A gut-grabbing revival. Live Schreiber is playing Barry Champlain, an abrasive radio talk show host who, as another character puts it, has seen the face of God ‘in the mirror.’ In the course of one eventful night, Barry will be forced to confront another, less august image of himself... the most lacerating portrait of a human meltdown this side of a Francis Bacon painting. Like the original production, which starred Mr. Bogosian as Barry, it allows the star to grab an audience by the lapels and shake it into submission.” -- Ben Brantley, *New York Times*

“More timely today than it was twenty years ago... Radio crackles with intensity.” -- Joe Dziemianowicz, *New York Daily News*

“Pure Theatrical Adrenaline.” -- *Time Out New York*

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“Hypnotic! Both as an actor’s tour-de-force and a stinging cultural analysis.” -- David Rooney, *Variety*

“Eric Bogosian’s Talk Radio is just about the best theatrical expression of our fucked-up culture that I know.” -- John Hellpern, *New York Observer*

About the Author

Eric Bogosian is the OBIE-award winning writer and performer of "Sex, Drugs, Rock & Roll", and "Drinking in America", as well as his plays "Suburbia" and "Talk Radio", both made into major motion pictures.

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