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## Stage Review

### 'Are You Now' vivid dramatized rendering

*Back Alley Theatre  
Through July 2*  
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Lest we forget, the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings investigating alleged Communist infiltration of the motion picture industry are vividly rendered in "Are You Now . . ." currently in revival in the Back Alley Theatre through July 21. This is less a play than a dramatized rendering of the actual hearing transcripts. As such the emphasis is on content and the content is unquestionably worth exposing and preserving.

The stellar witness list includes Larry Parks, hauntingly played by George de Pena; Jose Ferrer, given an exaggerated interpretation by John Medici; Abe Burrows, whom Allan Miller makes funny and memorable, slyly lampooning the committee's whole raison d'être as the "Marxist approach to show business"; Lionel Stander, in a feisty outsize portrayal by Joe George, whose testimony is spiked with rage and pragmatism and Paul Robeson, played with eloquence and dignity by Thalmus Rasulala.

Under Miller's direction, the witnesses make the audience a party to the proceedings. George Becket's set with its grey art moderne pillars evokes the Golden Age of Hollywood.