

Hollywood's Darkest Hour Portrayed at Back Alley

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The Back Alley Theatre's revival of Eric Bentley's *ARE YOU NOW* returns on May 10th for a six week engagement. A provocative drama of the HUAC hearings into communist influence in Hollywood during the 1950's, the Back Alley's production is nominated for the LA Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Production of 1984. During its nine month run *Daily Variety* called *ARE YOU NOW* "sharp, captivating and compelling in every way;" Gary Franklin of *KCBS Channel 2* ranked it a "8+ . . . Don't miss it;" *The Herald Examiner* praised its "passion and surprising amount of humor;" *The*

Times saw it as "potent drama."

Original cast members, Martin E. Brooks, Michael Cavanaugh, Thalmus Rasulala, and Sam Vincent will be joined by Barry Gordon and David Hedison.

The production is directed by Allan Miller and produced by Laura Zucker.

ARE YOU NOW will play Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$14.00, Sunday matinees, \$12.00. Tickets can be charged by calling (818) 780-2240 or purchased at the Back Alley.

ARE YOU NOW will play through June 16, making way for the west coast premiere of

Donald Driver's comedy, *IN THE SWEET BYE AND BYE* beginning June 27. The Back Alley Theatre is located at 15331 Burbank Blvd., Van Nuys.

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