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The Back Alley Theatre
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THE EARLY GIRL EXTENDS TO NOVEMBER 22

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The Back Alley Theatre extends its critically acclaimed production of THE EARLY GIRL, an expose of seven "working girls" in a Midwestern house of prostitution. The production's run is extended eight weeks and will close November 22nd. The play probes beneath the decadent surface of prostitution and, with admirable candor and lack of sentimentality, offers provocative commentary on the profit motive and the pursuit of being number one.

Producing Directors
Laura Zucker
Allan Miller

Here's what the critics said:

"As a look at the capitalist ethic applied to prostitution, THE EARLY GIRL is meticulously observed and arresting for its unusual yet believable viewpoint." -- L.A. Weekly

"The Back Alley Theatre, which is known for its searing and riveting plays, has taken the wraps off another "real eye opener."-- KCSN

"THE EARLY GIRL...is the girl who takes care of the pre- 5 p.m. trade at Lana's Cathouse somewhere in the desert. Lana...runs a tight ship. As she tells her girls, there is no room for 'surprises' in the sex business. 'He decides what he wants and pays for it, in the parlor, before you take him to your room.'

"Lana also stresses refinement and good nutrition and has an incentive system: a special gift to the girl who has sold the most 'extras' in the past month...

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"Lana's girls are also more or less in bondage, with no access to a phone and only one trip downtown a week-- to see the doctor. However, you get what you pay for, and it is possible to make \$20,000 a month at Lana's, after which you can quit-- can't you?"

"Fascinating, all this." --Dan Sullivan, L.A. Times

THE EARLY GIRL stars (in alphabetical order) Denise Gordy, Kim Lankford, Morgan Lofting, Siobhan E. McCafferty, Lisa Pelikan, Debra Sandlund, and Tracy Shaffer.

Allan Miller directs; Laura Zucker produces for the Back Alley. Set design is by Derek McLane, lighting design by Ken Lennon, costume design by Meg Gilbert, and sound design by Reid Woodbury.

THE EARLY GIRL plays Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 pm with two performances on Sunday at 2 pm and 7 pm. Ticket prices are \$13.50 Thursdays & both shows Sundays, \$15.50 Fridays, and \$17.50 Saturdays.

Talkback, a chance for the audience and artistic staff to exchange views, will follow Thursday performances.

If you have not yet reviewed THE EARLY call us for reservations now.

The Back Alley Theatre is located in Van Nuys at 15231 Burbank Blvd. (east of the San Diego Freeway). Call 818/780-2240 for more information.