

Show: ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOU

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Good evening,

This is ENTERTAINMENT FOR YOU and I'm your host Bob Oram. Today I want to talk with you about a new musical, A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE. You may remember I recommended the Back Alley theatre's AMAZING GRACE to you several weeks ago. Well, they have another original musical, A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE, which I highly recommend to our mature viewers.

As all productions at the Back Alley theatre, located on Burbank and Sepulveda Boulevards, A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE is an original musical by Will Holt who adapted the stage book from the novel by Nelson Algren. This is the story of an illiterate Depression years Texas boy who briefly enjoys notoriety when he seeks his fortune with the seamier life of a New Orleans brothel. He discovers his truth when he is blinded, *and returns to his childhood sweetheart.*

The staging, the performances, and the musical renditions are uniformly excellent and imaginative. The music has a modern flavor, this is a very talented cast, several of whom you may recognize, and the story of the Depression people is moving and sympathetically portrayed.

One suggestion: the return of Dove, the young man, to his love interest felt "tacked on," a pleasant way to end on an upbeat note but not well-prepared for in the book. Perhaps the love theme might echo back through the work and like Oedipus, Dove will discover his destiny in his blindness as he searches for his truth *whether it be love, wealth, knowledge or fame.*

The show is scheduled to run through November 13. Please call 780-2240 for prices and information. I highly recommend your attendance. This is a mature artistic production for mature people and the company and theatre merit your continuing support for better theatre in our San Fernando Valley. That number again is 780-2240. The Back Alley theatre is easy to reach, right off the San Diego Freeway.

Have a good evening.

Thanks for a delightful evening
Bob Oram