

The Principal and The Pee by Stephen Karam Directed by Michelle Seaton

Part of the *Cold Comedy Concoction* performed at Stark Raving Theatre December 25th through January 22nd.

Director's Notes -- What happens when a person is given too much power and control and we trust him with no questioning? What happens when good intentions turn into greed and ignorance? How can we give so much faith and trust in one man knowing chaos and corruption is surrounding us? The first time I read this play, I thought "what is this farce about?" It was so absurd and far-fetched, I had no idea what to think. But, in reading a little closer, its core message was a statement about a microcosm of what is happening in our country today. The power of a single authority can create chaos, confusion and permanent fear instead of using that power to help change, create harmony and actual growth in the human condition. If we are to grow as a society or teach our youth the foundations of education, we have to be willing to question, demand reasons and solutions and ultimately be willing to change ourselves.

"a roller coaster ride...attention-defecit disorder at full tilt...
A principal takes over a school as if it were a kingdom in this absurdist piece remindful of Christopher Durang and Eugene Jonesco." -- Holly Johnson, The Oregonian 12/25/04

