

Emotional portrayals create chilling, dramatic 'Demons'

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Theater Critic

Theater

The brilliant light of drama shines once again in the window of Theatrix, casting a shadow upon the often over-rehearsed and underacted Main Stage plays.

It is a positive light. Nowhere else is this more apparent than in the Theatrix production of Bruce Graham's "Minor Demons." Directed by Michael A. Rothmayer, "Minor Demons" is the story of a corrupt big-time lawyer - Deke, played by Steven Shields - who goes clean and returns home. Conflict arises when Deke must decide whether to defend a boy whom he despises and destroy his friends career, or lie, repeating, in the process, the destructive patterns that have destroyed his life.

From the first chilling moments of darkness to the final gasp for "help," the play is a look into the world of a man who makes an occupation of lying and lives with the consequences of deception, his demons. Who says defense attorneys sleep at night?

Shield's performance is almost flawless as the struggling Deke, many times making the audience feel sorry for the char-

acter and, at other times, making him a very believable lawyer.

Jason Ehlers brings a high energy, from-the-heart performance as Vince, Deke's police chief friend who has erred on the side of emotion. Ehlers has a wide base of emotion, if only he keeps his arms from thrusting out from his sides like a British stop-light.

Steven Sparling's portrayal of Kenny, the sociopathic Doogie Howser-esque youth with problems, is notable.

However, the "I may have a future in this ... award" goes to Kaitlyn Byrd for her portrayal of Ruth, the shaken mother scared of her own son. Byrd's sense of dramatic timing and solemn facial gesturing convey the character of a simple woman who no longer knows what to believe or whom to trust.

The two-act play goes fairly fast. It is not an easy night of theater, but a fine one.

"Minor Demons" runs today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7 p.m. in Howell Theatre at the Temple Building. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

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- 5 Cleansing agents
- 10 Spaniard's Supreme Being
- 14 Lamb's pen name
- 15 Having secret meaning
- 16 Hitchcock film: 1948
- 17 Delaware nickname
- 19 And others: Lat.
- 20 Former kin of NATO
- 21 Nickname for a Jackson of the C.S.A.
- 23 Bridge coup

DOWN

- 25 Nothing
- 26 Five and one-half yards
- 29 Biblical tower site: Gen. 35:21
- 31 Holding devices
- 36 King toppers
- 38 Heiden or Lindros of ice sports
- 40 — nous (confidentially)
- 41 Alaska nickname
- 44 Bombeck and Calderon
- 45 Large quantity
- 46 Other
- 47 Tyrant
- 49 Ferber or Millay
- 51 Crooked letter
- 52 Siesta

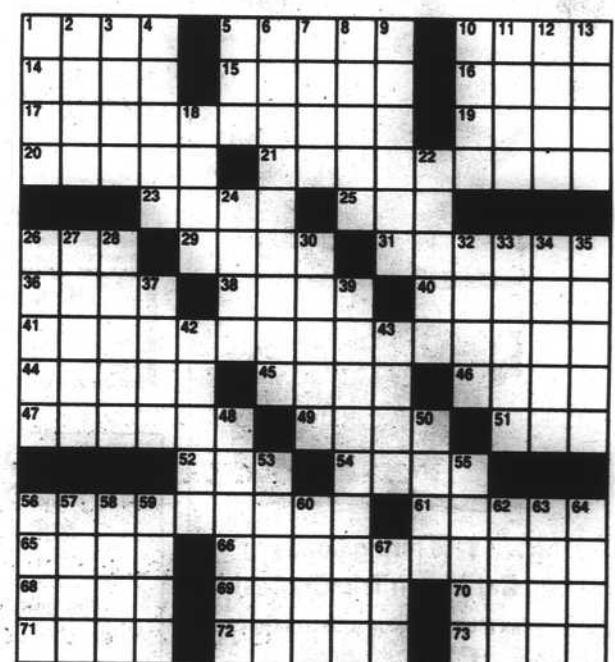
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- 56 Like weedy gardens
- 61 Skewered treat
- 65 Masculine
- 66 Georgia nickname
- 68 Signs
- 69 Fallers on Pompeii
- 70 Hibernia
- 71 Trial
- 72 Tree genus
- 73 Cozy place

DOWN

- 1 Umps' cousins
- 2 "I cannot tell"
- 3 Star in Cetus
- 4 Former times
- 5 Last year's jrs.
- 6 Overcomes by cleverness
- 7 Med.-school subject
- 8 Scaler's spike
- 9 Like the Grand Canyon
- 10 Pulled
- 11 Jot
- 12 Milky gem
- 13 Vend
- 18 Lacquered metalware
- 22 Actress Burstyn
- 24 Fruit drinks
- 26 Estimated
- 27 Earthy pigment

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ARIA ERAL AVION
CARBONARI LENTO
ENDOCARP SORDOR
SISTERS MOOSE
SAI COPPERAH
SHA NEMAT SABLE
EARP SUMER SOAR
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IRONICAL DEN
NIVAL TREADLE
STATED REINDEER
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- 28 Considers
- 30 Boone's weapon
- 32 Poker stake
- 33 Steps over a fence
- 34 Squeeze
- 35 Vowel points
- 37 Smack
- 39 Beliefs
- 42 "I Feel — Comin' On"
- 43 Possesses
- 48 Small wild horse of Asia

- 50 Inquires
- 53 Works of Keats, e.g.
- 55 Consumed
- 56 Pass over
- 57 Weathercock
- 58 B.P.O.E. members

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