

# Back On STAGE

And I could not be happier. I know that it has been two years since *Hound of the Baskervilles* but it really seems like yesterday especially this week when the last three months of fun work come to fruition. Each experience is a different challenge and along the way I am lucky to meet new performers and work again with those I have previously been on stage before. It really does feel like a family over time... at least in this neck of the woods. Of course, tech week is full of interesting events: New sound system that will be extraordinary I am sure; Mishaps with the set; Attempting to control the young ones in the cast when they are off stage; and other assorted chaos.

Yes, I once again was cast in the role of the slimy villain. My favorite type of role! When Mare asked me which role I would like (after I was informed that I was not old enough to portray Kris Kringle), I did not hesitate when I told her... "Sawyer." I knew exactly what I wanted to do with the role and make it my own but still have some of the nuances of the original in the 1947 movie, *Miracle on 34th Street*. It must be paying off because Miss Mary told me after rehearsal tonight that she loves my character and what I have done with it. AW, Heck! As someone told me after I announced the role I had received "This could be your best role yet. Both as a challenge and fitting your acting forte." One of my cast mates even compared me (the role, I assume) to a Bond villain.

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# Welcome Back, 007!!!

I am PLEASED to say that Agent James Bond, 007 is BACK armed with his license to thrill! After the rather lackluster performance of *Quantum of Solace*, *Skyfall* was a much needed breath of vitality to the 50 year franchise. YES, indeed in 1962, *Dr. No* was released as the first Bond movie. I will not detail the plot of the newest installment; however, I will touch on some of the things that made this a return to form.

- Old Friends: Chief among them was Q. Albeit a a very young Q but I see great things coming in future movies. Hopefully, a return to the repartee between the Quartermaster and Bond from days of old. A few other surprises along the way that I will save.
- M: Dame Judi sure breathes life into what was always a cardboard cutout. Instead of the stereotypical head of MI6 who presents 007 with his latest assignment, she has become a much more dynamic and interesting character. *Skyfall* is as much an M-centered movie as it is Bond.
- BIG ACTION SEQUENCES: These seem to have been missing in the last two movies. Trains, motorcycles, helicopters and other myriad pieces add to the **FUN** of the film. I would really enjoy another good snow ski extravaganza.
- Supporting Cast: I cannot remember a Bond film having such a cast of well-known performers. Ralph Fiennes (without his make up as Voldemort ... ok so he has been in other movies) and Javier Bardem (who plays ANOTHER memorable villain).
- Daniel Craig: Maybe the third time was the charm. Mr. Craig has finally lightened up a bit from the stoic, seriousness of *Casino Royale* and *QoS*. You can almost see him winking at the camera. Thank goodness, as he has signed on for at least two more turns.

I am hard-pressed to find anything I did not like

about *Skyfall*. Even Adele's theme song was reminiscent of the best of them. The previous theme was another less than memorable aspect. Perhaps the gun barrel **OPENING** the show would be nice instead of closing it?

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## Thoughts From A Registered Ohio Voter

Swing state, political battleground, campaign focal point, election ground zero... call it what you will. As a Christian middle-class American, I call it Ohio, and Ohio is my home. With regards to the 2012 Presidential election, like countless fellow Ohioans, I've grown weary of the seemingly endless parade of dinnertime (wakeup and bedtime) political phone calls. I'm tired of receiving campaign postcards in the mail (between Thursday and Saturday last week, we got EIGHT political post cards in the mail – I don't want to be wasteful; I'm thinking of incorporating them into a quilt). And what if all that postcard mailing money were being spent on feeding and housing the homeless? Or providing quality health care to the uninsured? But I digress...).

I do care about the governmental consequences at stake; I note opinions and where the candidates stand on such controversial issues as abortion, the definition of legal marriage, and the state of the economy. However, the Holy Bible is the law by which I try to live my life. And there are no less than 17 Bible passages referring to false prophets. While educating myself about the Presidential candidates, I did a bit of research into the Mormon religion where I determined that Mormonism does not follow the same Bible I believe to be God's word. Although my political and societal views are usually Republican-esque, in this election, I have felt

unrepresented by a candidate, which is why I've begun telling the Romney people who call me that they cannot count on my support for their candidate.

We can faithfully pray about the election and how our lives will be affected afterward, and we can also have peace knowing that our wonderful God is sovereign. I like the definition of God's sovereignty I found on theopedia.com: The Sovereignty of God is the biblical teaching that all things are under God's rule and control, and that nothing happens without His direction or permission.

Have peace. Your vote counts, it matters to people, but also know that God is in the cockpit – no one is going to pilot this plane we call the United States unless our Lord lets him into the cockpit. Whether Americans will call Barack Obama a 2-term President or if they get to know Mitt Romney as Commander-in-Chief, it happened because God allowed it to happen.

“The Lord has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.” Psalm 103:19

As a popular saying goes: may the best man win. As far as I'm concerned, that man is Jesus.

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## **Not so soon after all**

While I ponder the point of continuing the camp post at this late date, I would like to say that I think I may be an OSU fan now. ☐