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I really enjoyed watching Yankee Tavern. The humor and the connections that it made toward September 11 were very delightful. The set and the lights really made me feel like I was right there in the bar with them. All of the actors connected with each other and had great chemistry. I especially liked Ray played by Will Zahn, he was funny because he thought everything was a conspiracy. The playwright is also due some respect and praise because he came up with all of these conspiracies and put them together into a witty and comical production entertaining to all audiences.

I want to start off talking about the actors in Yankee Tavern because they were amazing! The chemistry between them was magical and I would have believed that they were really best friends. I was convinced that Marti and Brian really were engaged to be married; they argued like a couple and looked at each other with a little twinkle in their eye that says "I love you." When they argued about wedding invitations at the beginning I was laughing in my seat because it was so believable and real. Ray is a whole other issue though. He was so crazy with his stories and conspiracy theories that I wanted to tell him to shut up. I do believe that the play wouldn't have been the same without him though because the whole production was centered on conspiracy theories and the conspiracies that came about during 9/11. I also have to give credit to Torrey Hanson who played the role of Palmer. Even though his role in the play was very minimal, he made a world of difference. His mannerisms and the way he always ordered two beers

and only drink one was subtle but important. I still am not sure what he does or why he stuck around but I have a feeling its important and top secret.

Some things that I didn't particularly like were the fact that all these conspiracies were hard to follow and it made my head spin. I felt kind of stupid when they brought up conspiracies from when a former president got shot because I had on clue what they were talking about. Another thing that bothered me was the ending, I like it when the ending of a movie, song, or play is happy or clean cut. I like to know exactly what happens to the characters and with this play, it left things wide open. It was for your interpretation and you could believe whatever you wanted. I wish I would have known if Adam was alive, what happened to Palmer, and how Adam and Janet's wedding/marriage went. I just felt like I was left on the edge.

One thing that I did find really interesting and suspicious is when Adam started saying all the things that add up to 11. He mentioned how nine plus one plus one equaled eleven and 911 and 911 is what you call in case of an emergency, but 119 is the extension to get to Iraq on the telephone. He pointed out that airlines made new security regulations a couple weeks prior to the attacks and how pilots used to be able to carry armed weapons but now they couldn't. There were a lot of connections and very big coincidences that I never thought twice about until Ray pointed them out. Ray was obviously a big guy on conspiracies and it seemed that he lived his life trying to think of new conspiracies.

All in all I would definitely recommend Yankee Tavern to my family and friends but I would definitely warn them to keep an open mind. The actors were phenomenal; the set was believable and very well put together. I felt that the set director really put

thought into designing the set. There were a bunch of little details that made all the difference and made me feel like I was actually at the bar. I enjoyed almost everything about Yankee Tavern and wish I could have seen it again. Thanks for sending me and I can't wait until the next play.