

Audiences Confess: "Jewish Shiksa a Hit!"

West Palm Beach /April 19, 2010 - Dramatist Frannie Sheridan electrified a packed house at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts Sunday, April 18 with her moving one-woman show, *Confessions of a Jewish Shiksa... Dancing on Hitler's Grave!*



Performer
Frannie
Sheridan

Media personality and celebrity interviewer Arlene Herson said it was an "unforgettable performance."

"She inhabits so many characters, and you feel a personal connection with each and every one of them," Herson praised.

Confessions, directed by Shari Upbin, tells the story of the Sheridans, a nice Catholic family with a heavy secret: they're actually Holocaust survivors hiding their Jewish heritage for fear of their lives. Frannie bared her soul on stage, revealing how she was coached by emotionally scarred parents to conceal her identity decades after the war was over. There are also funny moments, as when her Orthodox father, who had very limited knowledge of Catholicism, tries to wing it during Communion.

Priest: "Body of Christ?"

Bernie Sheridan: "Uh, no Father, I'm a vegetarian."

In fact, Frannie, a former stand-up comic, used humor to tell much of her tale, a feat that enabled patrons from all walks of life to relate. The Kravis audience, a healthy cross-section of Jewish and Christian, gay and straight, shared their own stories in the talkback following the show, and the city of West Palm Beach recognized Sheridan's accomplishment with a proclamation.

Said Commissioner Kimberly Mitchell, "*Confessions* was thoroughly enjoyable. Provocative, witty and brave. I hope more audiences around the state get to see it, especially places with smaller Jewish populations. It's such an important story, I encourage anyone to grab a chair and hear it."

Confessions has been performed in Boca Raton, West Palm and Miami Beach, to much acclaim, and is set to run next in Aventura. Frannie has been featured on NPR Radio Stations-WPBR, WXEL, WLRN, PRI's WDNA, WPBRitv and in the South Florida Sun Sentinel, Fort Lauderdale Theater Examiner, Miami Art Zine and other South Florida media outlets. She is currently preparing for a national tour.