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## **GORILLA THEATRE PRESENTS MAJOR BARBARA**

Gorilla Theatre is proud to present our final production of the season, George Bernard Shaw's *Major Barbara*, at the Just-Off-Broadway Theatre from January 24 to February 18, 2001. This monumental work, directed by Regina Przetak, tackles gargantuan subjects such as class division, morality, hypocrisy, and salvation.

*Major Barbara* is the story of conversion in order to achieve a means of salvation for others in a time of cold hypocrisy. The primary example of this conversion is, of course, Major Barbara herself, the daughter of a wealthy munitions manufacturer, who has devoted her life to helping the poor through the Salvation Army. Barbara is looking for souls to save, and is the most idealistic young woman you could ever meet. Her developing relationship with her father is central to the story, as is the idea of what helps people best.

It comes as a sock in the jaw to all the helpful organizations trying to aid the poor, but thanks to Shaw's bitter sarcasm, it's difficult to know whether he's trumpeting big business or making a moral plea for human compassion. In any case, it's a controversial, and comedic, play that examines the entire social order and is a harsh rhetoric against the socialist ideals of Shaw's era.

Performances will be Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. There will also be matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 3 and 10. The Just-Off-Broadway Theatre is located at 3051 Central (31<sup>st</sup> & Wyandotte) in Penn Valley Park. Tickets will be \$12, \$10 for students and seniors. For ticket information, call the Central Ticket Office at 816-235-2700. For all other information, call Gorilla Theatre at 816-471-APES.

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