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BERKELEY REP'S *TAKING OVER* RECEIVES RAVE REVIEW IN *NEW YORK TIMES*

Hi, everyone-

Taking Over, the searing solo show from Danny Hoch directed by our Artistic Director Tony Taccone, just opened at The Public Theater in Manhattan – and it received a terrific review today on the front page of the *New York Times* arts section. Check it out:

- “A sustained tour de force... the fiery polemical portrait gallery of a play [contains] pulsing, seamless studies of character clashing with context, of people learning to sink or swim in suddenly unfamiliar waters... Mr. Hoch is a specialist in placing invisible people in the line of vision of folks who might otherwise never see them. Marion has too much pride to yell, ‘Look at me!’ but her creator is happy to raise his voice – loudly and raucously – on her behalf, by bringing her and her spiritual kin into being. The extravagantly talented Mr. Hoch has been channeling the restless souls of the dispossessed and the marginalized since the early 1990s, becoming a boiling one-man melting pot in shows like *Some People* and *Jails, Hospitals and Hip-Hop*. Now he is insisting that attention be paid to the endangered species to which Marion belongs. That’s the hard-core group of New Yorkers in Williamsburg, of varying ethnicity and slender means, who have come under siege from a growing army of upper-middle-class invaders.” – Ben Brantely, *New York Times*

Watch for more reviews tomorrow in major papers like the *Daily News*, *New York Post*, *Newsday*, and more. You can also read the following stories about the show’s off-Broadway run:

- A very nice review on TheaterMania: <http://www.theatermania.com/content/news.cfm/story/16287>
- A feature in last Sunday’s *New York Times*: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/16/theater/16tayl.html>
- An interview in *New York Magazine*: <http://nymag.com/arts/theater/features/52419/>
- Gothamist interview: http://gothamist.com/2008/11/21/danny_hoch_solo_performer.php

Many of you saw *Taking Over* when it made its world premiere at Berkeley Rep in January. It’s the 16th show that Berkeley Rep has helped send to Manhattan in the last 21 years, and the seventh in the last seven years. Naturally, we’re very proud and we extend our congratulations to Danny and our colleagues at The Public.

Thanks so much,
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