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FRINGE SHOWS

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I survived my first weekend at Fringe with 10 shows under my belt. Monday's shows didn't start until 5:30 p.m., so I had plenty of time to write, catch an In-n-out fix, visit the old hood in Los Feliz, and talk to friends about getting together while I'm in Los Angeles.



This show is one of those rare Fringe events – a fully staged off-Broadway musical that chooses to return to the Fringe, and boy are we glad it did. With music and lyrics by David Bryan and book and lyrics by Joe DiPietro, and near perfect direction by Janet Miller and musical direction by Corey Hirsch, *Toxic Avenger* delivers.

With only a five-member cast that included Jared Reed in the title role, Kim Dalton as the blind librarian Sarah, and a supporting cast of Shirley Anne Hatton, Wesley Tunison and Danny Fetter, the production never takes itself seriously, creating many fun “insider” moments for an audience that was totally invested in the show.

The only thing that marred this great show was the technical issues with the sound, but the cast rose above it and gave their all to entertain the crowd. Huge kudos to both Dalton and Hatton for going above and beyond in providing award-winning performances.

Even for those who have never seen the Toxic Avenger movie, the show is campy fun and enjoyable for all. Don't miss the chance to catch one of their remaining performances on June 15 at 11 p.m., June 16 at 7 p.m., June 18 at 6 p.m., June 22 at 10 p.m., June 24 at 8 p.m., June 25 at 5 p.m. or June 26 at 1 p.m. You won't regret the decision to invest two hours in this fun romp.

Happy Fringing!