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## Top 10 Most Memorable Locally Produced Live Performance Offerings That I Chanced To See in 2010

A theatre year of staged fantasies, musical fun, and crazy families

BY BARRY PINEO, FRI., JAN. 7, 2011

- 'THE RED BALLOON' (TONGUE AND GROOVE THEATRE)** A boy. A red balloon. A moving cartoon background into and out of which characters come and go. The most charming live cartoon fantasy imaginable. Directed by David Yeakle.
- 'I WITNESS' (TUTTO THEATRE COMPANY)** The waking dream of life in words and dance, and one of the most intensely emotional experiences I've had in a theatre. Choreographed by Amanda Oakley, Shawn Nasralla, and Jennifer Micallef.
- 'THE DROWSY CHAPERONE' (ZACH THEATRE)** Martin Burke, Meredith McCall, Jamie Goodwin, Jill Blackwood, and a cast of thousands – not really, but sometimes it seemed like it. Tremendous musical fun. Directed by Nick Demos.
- 'BOYS OF SUMMER' (GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS)** Five women and a guest. Improvised musical comedy. Really. Music, lyrics, plot – everything improvised on the spot, and laugh 'til you cry funny.
- 'MILKMILKLEMONADE' (SHREWD PRODUCTIONS)** A daring theatrical oddity: an elementary-school gay love story starring a talking chicken – told with charm and grace. Directed by Jason Hays.
- 'RENT' (ZACH THEATRE)** A visually stunning street celebration of a landmark piece of theatrical history, with Joshua Denning and Ginger Leigh stealing the show. Directed by Dave Steakley.
- 'MARY STUART' (AUSTIN SHAKESPEARE)** Friedrich Schiller's masterpiece, exquisitely translated by Peter Oswald, with Helen Merino luminous in the title role. Directed by Ann Ciccolella.
- 'MELANCHOLY PLAY' (PALINDROME THEATRE)** A simple, funny little play about melancholy that really isn't melancholy at all. Directed by Kate Eminger.
- 'POST-OEDIPUS' (GETALONG GANG PERFORMANCE GROUP/BLUE THEATRE)** Oedipus' family after the fall, with



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Jennifer Gravenstein's *Jocasta* reveling in the tragedy. Directed by Spencer Driggers.

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