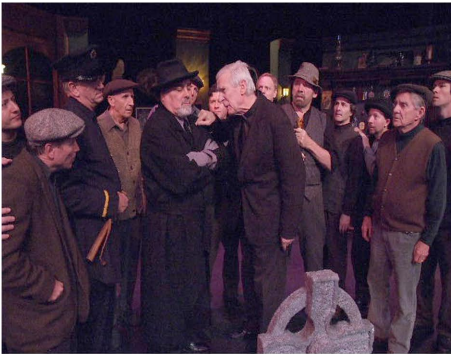


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LOS ANGELES TIMES - CRITIC'S CHOICE  
By David C Nichols  
"Falling Upward" at El Portal Theatre  
Tuesday, March 3, 2009

...director Tim Byron Owen and a large, resolute ensemble headed by Pat Harrington give this Gaelic crowd-pleaser their brogue-laden all, ... valiantly brings this mood piece to life.

LA WEEKLY - GO! ... pick of the week  
By Lovell Estell III  
"Falling Upward"

...this charming, comedic fable, where a raucous, fun-loving band of Irishmen gather to spin yarns, dance jigs, play music, sing and of course, "wash their tonsils."

The music is superb; Jeff G. Rack's tavern set is artfully crafted, and director Tim Byron Owen creates an atmospheric charm that's irresistible.

STAGEHAPPENINGS.COM  
By M. R. Hunter  
"Falling Upward"

What ties this loosely crafted plot and its goodwill twist is the light and the laughter interspersed with live, jauntily played music and a loving specificity paid to each character until they too lose their strangeness and become our own.... Like an impressionistic painting, it is best enjoyed and understood in its totality, the mood it evokes...

REVIEWPLAYS.COM  
By Jose Ruiz  
"Falling Upward"

...the entire play is filled with humorous touches and lots of music. Many of the actors play instruments, sing and even dance...

It's an evening when one can forget the current travails of modern life and immerse the soul into a land that once was simple and time was never in a rush.

