

Angels in America

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Angels came to Fort Collins on Friday, October 8 in the city's fabulous new Bas Bleu Theatre with the opening of one of the greatest plays of the 20th century, Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*.

The theatre, newly remodeled to the tune of \$1.5 million and located at 401 Pine Street in the historic Giddings building, was packed to capacity on opening night for *Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches*, and the crowd was not disappointed.

Set in the 1980s, the Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Angels in America* tackles the themes of sexuality, HIV, politics and religion with equal parts humor and pathos amidst the dissolution of two relationships. The entire cast of the production is quite strong but the star of the show is the fabulous Laura Norman as Harper Pitt, a Valium-addicted housewife prone to otherworldly hallucinations. The other standout is Wendy Ishii as The Angel, her angelic voice sending shivers up and down the spine of more than one member of the audience.

Showtime's lush recent production of *Angels in America* garnered numerous awards, but one mustn't pass up the opportunity to experience this epic the way it was meant to be seen – onstage.

Angels in America Part One will play at the Bas Bleu Theatre until the opening of *Part Two: Perestroika* on October 22, after which the shows will run in Repertory. ●

For tickets or more information, call 970-498-8949 or go to www.basbleu.org.

