Faith on a Kansas Stage

COMMENTARY

There are two theaters on Benedictine College’s campus. Mary’s performance of The Jeweler’s Shop took place in neither. It was in the student art space of the 1890s-old old abandoned building on campus. Pardon through the door, hard knocks and angry Nazi dictating interrupted the performance. Scott Cox, director of the theater, dramatically introduced a student sitting near me to pick up his side him. The room was dark.

We were made to be prisoners, to stop, then the performance resumed — the opera.

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3. Is the majority of the faculty Catholic?
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