



**Spike Gillespie** is with Ken Webster at 📍 Hyde Park Theatre. ...

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Y'all? This here is my buddy Ken Webster. I ❤️ KW! I have been seeing plays he has directed and/or starred in for nearly a dozen years now at the Hyde Park Theatre, of which he is the Artistic Director. To repeat something I mentioned in a much longer post yesterday-- HPT's latest production, *The Antipodes*, by genius Annie Baker, opens TONIGHT and runs for five weeks. I am an Annie Baker fanatic and this play is fabulous. It's super meta. It's stories about stories. It's also a story about the crazy shit we do to be where we convince ourselves we should be even when much evidence exists to the contrary (hello? RESONATES).

The dialogue is a wonderful romp through language on all levels-- vocabulary, rhythm, syntax, context, ALL OF IT. The monologues are also brilliant. You need not be a writer to appreciate it, but as a writer who often wrestles with how best to present ideas, I got an extra kick out of it. I also got a thrill when, post-show, Ken told me that Henry's paternal Uncle Danny McCarthy not only played the role of Danny M in the original production, but that this role was written (and named) for him. McCarthy's represent, yo! Thursdays are pay-what-you-can night. Last I heard there were a few tickets left for this weekend, but I predict a sold out run, so don't wait to make reservations. Last night's sneak peek performance was packed. At 4 pm. On a holiday. Yay HPT!!! Thank you!! Tickets here: <http://www.hydeparktheatre.org/site/index.html>

