

*Mother Courage* is certainly an important play for our time, here examined with ferocious sincerity by a dynamic artistic team. The message is clear: the cruel insanity of war and the unstoppable quest for power and profit, whether it be Mother's profit from a few shots of homemade brandy or our current administration's immoral aggression in the name of some twisted notion of right and wrong, are meant to leave its audience members both exquisitely entertained and frighteningly reminded of our president's narrow viewpoint, mandated to believe he has permission to commit any kind of atrocity necessary in the name of a god not all Americans chose to recognize. I'd like to think, bottomline, that even a profiteer such as *Mother Courage* sleeps better at night than he does.

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