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## 'I Love You' Brings the Laughs to Raue

Production covered many funny aspects of relationships.  
 By [Michael Bivona](#) | [Email the author](#) | February 16, 2012


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From finding a partner to the 10-minute relationship to dealing with your kids, the Raue's version of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" brought the laughs.

Directed by Regina Belt, the Raue's "I Love You" used a great set, designed by T. Paul Lowry, to showcase the different relationships developing on stage.

Early in the production, actors Chris Davis and Amanda Flahive shined as the bumbling nerd types, looking for love while carrying tremendous flaws. And Amy Ferraro and Mark Mahallak were hysterical acting out a blind date that goes through every facet of a relationship gone south in just about 10 minutes.

The musicians on stage did a great job keeping the production going from scene to scene and the actors were entertaining, even hilarious at times, during their musical numbers.

Written by playwright/lyricist Joe DiPietro and composer Jimmy Roberts, the show was a bit lengthy — a whopping 150 minutes including intermission — which had people fidgeting in their seats toward the end Friday night, but there was plenty of entertainment on stage to keep the audience's attention.

Next up for the Raue will be Lucy's Cafe, featuring comedians Jim Wiggins and Tim Benker, Feb. 24 at 8:30 p.m. and the [Crystal Lake Strikers'](#) All Star Drumline — comprised of talented high school drummers from around town — at 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

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Phenomenal show! The cast members are fantastic singers and actors. My husband and I had a wonderful time and we laughed ourselves to tears. We are so glad to have The Raue Center and the new Williams Street Repertory nearby, and we look forward to many more great shows. Thanks for a wonderful evening.

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Thanks for the great review! It was a delight for me to work with such a fantastic ensemble of cast, crew, and musicians. My only sorrow was that I LOVE YOU only ran for one weekend at the Raue.

Regina Belt, director

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