

The World's Most Frequently Bombed Hotel

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"The Worlds Most Frequently Bombed Hotel" is the story of living with a Catholic family in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The youngest sister in the family had been murdered by a Protestant death squad at the age of 14. One of the brothers in the family had spent several years in prison without ever having been charged with any kind of crime. A sister-in-law had been captured with a bomb she was planning on planting strapped to her belly. She did five years hard time for that. This is the story of living with a loving family in a troubled city during the end of a long bloody civil war.

In 40 years of doing live theater in this area I have written and performed 13 one-man plays. I have written and directed 12 full cast plays and was co-founder of The Minnesota Ensemble Theater and The Palace Theater Company. Some of the places my plays have been performed; Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Brazil, New York City, Houston, Atlanta, A garage at the Minnesota Agriculture Inventers Convention, The Cricket Theater, The Brass Tacks Theater, (alas no longer with us.) The Jungle Theatre, The Great American History Theater, Park Square Theater, The Sundance Film Festival (video version of "Talking Pictures) and The Guthrie Theatre.

Between 1971 and 2004 the press has compare my work to or with Lewis Carroll, Walt Whitman, William Styron, Gary Snyder, Jack Kerouac, John Steinbeck, Mark Twain, Buster Keaton and The Marx Brothers.