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Critic's Choice

The Judas Kiss Michael Michetti's sensitive staging of David Hare's philosophically dense play features Rob Nagle as Oscar Wilde, seen on the precipice of disgrace and, later, in exile, following his purgatorial incarceration. In a role he was born to play, Rob Nagle portrays Wilde as Nature's gentleman and Fortune's fool, a tragic figure who puts his authentic self on display in defiance of his time. Nagle shows us the internalized anguish behind Wilde's deceptive passivity — the thwarted brilliance and loss behind his valiant savoir-faire. It's a performance not to be missed. (F.Kathleen Foley)