

EDITOR'S NOTE

Berni Stapleton's *Offensive To Some* premiered at the National Arts Centre Atelier in January 1996 featuring Wanda Graham and was directed by Kent Stetson. Janice Kennedy of *The Ottawa Citizen* praised Stetson's "taut direction" and wrote that "Stapleton has written a smart, tight, tough-mouthed script about a difficult issue, and Graham delivers it with energy and smartassed grittiness. It is a potent combination."

What follows is an excerpt from the play, preceded by statements from the playwright, director, and actor about the process of bringing the work to stage. *Offensive to Some* deals in an explicit way with domestic violence and its effects.