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THEATER



***Out There XI: Ann Bogart.*** Southern Theater. 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. \$15. 612-375-7585. *Bob* is a new work by New York director Anne Bogart, loosely based on the life of the avant-garde theater artist Robert Wilson. Will Bond, a long-time member of SITl (The Saratoga International Theatre Institute), plays Wilson in this roundly applauded and multi-dimensional work. Bogart, SITl's co-artistic director, has been recognized internationally for her work in theater; she also teaches at Columbia University. The basis for the script is a series of interviews done with Wilson over a period of several decades; the result is a rich but non-linear portrait of the artist rife with his ideas and mannerisms. Known as an imagist, Wilson's art informs Bogart's direction in this unique one-man tour-de-force. By all accounts, this piece of theater is one to be experienced on a multi-sensory level. Using sound, light, movement and text, Bogart layers together an experiential portrait of a complex artist. — *Kim Surkan*