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Crowd Enjoys The Trip At San Jose Stage Company

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Congratulations to San Jose native **Trevor Allen**, whose play, "Lolita Roadtrip," had its world premiere Saturday night at San Jose Stage Company.

The packed house for opening night responded with a standing ovation for the show, a multi-layered drama that uses "Lolita" author Vladimir Nabokov's 1941 journey from New York to Stanford University as a springboard for a modern tale that echoes his famous novel.

Afterward, the audience made a journey of its own to Eulipia restaurant down the street for a meet-and-greet with the playwright and the cast members. There was a lot of praise for each of the play's four actors, but many people couldn't stop talking about **Stacy Ross**, who had several roles that bounced between comedy and tragedy.

We'll certainly be hearing more from Allen, who's currently working on "Valley of Sand," a play commissioned by the San Jose Rep that's about the history of Silicon Valley. But if you want to check out "Lolita Roadtrip," it's at San Jose Stage through May 1. Get tickets or schedule information at www.thestage.org or by calling 408-283-7142.