

St. D's does comedy, Will-O-Way a musical

'Charley's Aunt' 'Mack and Mabel' has real charm

Performances of the St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook production of "Charley's Aunt" by Brandon Thomas continue at 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the playhouse on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. For reservations, call 644-2527.

By Barbara Michals
special writer

"Charley's Aunt," ably performed by St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, is a sure cure for the midwinter blues, a comic Valentine that never fails to be great fun, whether one is seeing this classic Victorian farce for the first time or the tenth.

Talented Mark Walters is a stand-out as Lord Fancourt Babberley, pressed into service as an ersatz aunt by his Oxford classmate Jack (Marty Flynn) and Charley (Andrew McMechan) when the latter's real aunt fails to arrive in time to be the very necessary chaperone for the two young swains and their fair ladies.

Conveniently equipped with an old lady's costume for an amateur theatrical production, Babberley is quickly transformed into Charley's lovable old aunt, Donna Lucia d'Alvadorez. "I'm from Brazil, where all the nuts come from," Babberley gleefully explains.

Since Donna Lucia happens to be a millionairess, Babberley finds himself hotly pursued by two aging fortune-hunters. "I could never be happy with a man like that," Babberley exclaims about the cantankerous Mr. Spettigue (Fred Armstrong), momentarily losing himself in his newly acquired femininity. "What we women have to put up with!"

WALTERS HAS unabashed charm and the implied grin of a lovable rogue. He throws himself into the role with great gusto, and his comic timing is excellent.

As the love-smitten Jack and Charley, Flynn and McMechan are convincing and work well as a team. When the plot they have set in motion becomes more than they can handle, their growing distress visibly registers.

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By Debi Barsamian
special writer

Will-O-Way Repertory Theatre offers an interesting production of a unique little musical called "Mack and Mabel."

The musical, by Michael Stewart and Jerry Herman, depicts the lives and times of two silent movie greats, Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand. It provides a look at the beginnings of film in America and gives some insight into the stresses of movie-making and movie stardom.

Seas and musical accompaniment in the Will-O-Way production are simple — almost stark. Eileen T. Weiss, as director, has chosen instead to rely on the talents and enthusiasm of the cast to communicate the energies required in the fledgling movie industry.

For the most part, this cast responds with gusto. The characters are well-rounded, and the talent is consistent throughout.

Many supporting characters shine. Pamela Cleland as Lottie Ames is really likeable. She is a free-wheeling, uninhibited talent. Cleland's enthusiasm

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review

is contagious. Her one number, "Tap Your Troubles Away," is a show-stopper.

CHESTER E. Jamison III is another solid talent. He portrays a number of roles. Each character is well-developed and believable. His number, "When Mabel Comes in the Room," is a perfect vehicle for his beautiful voice and dancing ability.

Tom Chapman and Caz Badynee also perform with vigor. Chapman portrays a particularly likeable and three-dimensional character. It is uncommon that a cast can so strongly support the main characters. This characteristic is the production's particular attribute.

The main characters, Mabel and Mack, are portrayed by Cynthia Bailey and Marc Jarchow. They believably portray a vulnerable starlet and an overbearing movie mogul. Their best scene is the one in which they sing to each other, "I Won't Send Roses." It is a sensitive interpretation of a poignant song.

The choreography in this musical is really quite good. It is creative and within the ability of all the chorus members. It is most pleasing during the number "When Mabel Comes in the Room." The cast dances with style and confidence.

There is an effective use of a spotlight throughout.

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out this production. It isolates characters during private thoughts and while communicating directly with the audience. The use of the spot in the final scene is really a nice touch.

EILEEN WEISS has a good understanding of the intent of this musical. The play incorporates technical information with real-life drama and entertaining fluff. Weiss has insured that each element is effectively communicated.

To see this play is to see a cast thoroughly enjoying itself while at the same time working very hard to present a finished product.

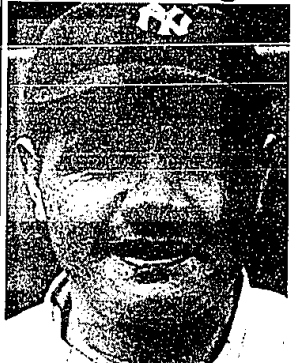
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