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audience reviews

The Taming of the Shrew, Woodland Opera House

Review: Grainger was amazing!! made the show for me. he is so funny and how much can that man be beat up?? go see it just for him. The cast was good but the lead guy was somewhat laxed in energy. Bring it cast just bring it. Over all great show.

Review: I liked it. Didn't quite understand all the lines in it but with Shakespeare I seldom do. Costumes were great. Set was big but actors made it flow nicely. Never saw actors move set pieces before in a show. Low budget for tech crew maybe? Actors performances up and down like most community theater shows. Katherine was very fiesty and the red hair helped. A wonderful and fun performance, Perhaps a little too angry thruought the show. Petruchio, not as full of life like I have seen in past productions. Mr. Kean did a nice job, just lost the love story between the two somewhere along the way. Hortensio, Gremio, and Tranio excellent work. Very good comedic timing, enjoyed them on stage. A bit of a mustache gaf the day I saw it, thought I saw a little breaking character but who wouldn't in that situation. My favorite by far was Grumio, wow! what a performance. Physical comedy and facial expressions at their best. Kind of a pint sized Jackie Gleason & Dick Van Dyke mixed together. The amount of energy and passion put into this performance was one of a kind. Bravo, Mr. Granger! The servants in the show equally worked hard. What they lacked in stage appearance certainly was made up for in energy and desire and love for the stage. I equally enjoyed Bianca. Fresh face for WOH I think, nice refreshing drink of water on the stage. Lucentio, not too exciting. Actually a little boring and was very quiet on stage. Struggled to hear him most of the time on stage. He and Vincentio disappeared at times during the play. Biondella not Biondello was cute but seemed to struggle with diction at times. Liked the physical, not so much the verbal. Had an entire scene where I didn't understand a word she said because she was speaking so fast. I heard other audience members say the same. Mr. Nauer as Baptista did a respectable job, but seems to be same character he has played on that stage several times before. Consistent but not a lot of originality. A very fun way to spend a day though. If you have the time, go see this production. You will enjoy it. Great venue for Shakespeare.

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