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audience reviews

Minnie's Boys, American River College, Theatre Arts Department

Review: The show is wonderful MUST SEE!!! Director Bob Irvin has done it again with the staging and direction of this very funny show! It's all about the Marx Brothers and how their mother Minnie got them into show business. Deane Calvin has an extraordinary voice and great energy as their mother Minnie. Jonathan Blum is a terrific Groucho as you watch him and his brothers, all well cast, as they go through their ridiculously funny trial and error to develop their act. Jeff Labowitch is a delight as the lead singer with the Marx family in "Rich Is". Kinda makes me want to be nouveau rich too! Charles Preston is the very mean and powerful vaudeville theater owner Mr. E.F. Albee. He is the straight man who gives them a run for their money over the Marx Brothers' 'crummy contract'. Charles and the Marx Brothers do a silly comic scene and he ends up 'loosing it'-- see the show and you'll know what I mean! Brilliant comic timing!!! There are delightful and talented young children who play performers in the show and they do much to keep the music and energy at a high level. One of the funniest and most memorable actors in the show is Aaron Bayless who plays several character parts -- each with a different accent sometimes he's a straight man, other times he's a rough tough Texas redneck but at all times he's brilliant! Love watching him come on stage because you know he's going to be good! One of the funniest little surprises in the show is when the 'Incomparable Maxie', played coyly by Corey D. Winfield performs. She sings a sincere song about who she really is and then the Marx Brothers and assorted show girls cause a distraction to reveal that she is not who we really think she is! Can't tell you anything else, just see the show and you'll be surprised and laugh!!! A great evening of entertainment! A MUST SEE!!!

Review: Saw this in Old Fair Oaks. Great production. Quite a fun evening. Wonderful songs, witty dialogue that sneaks in plenty of Marx Bros. comedy bits. Recommend it highly. Fun way to spend a Friday or Saturday night.

Review: Great show. Deane Calvin has such a fantastic voice; you'll leave wanting to hear more from her. All the characters are appropriately casted. This is a show that all age groups will enjoy. If you've never been to the Fair Oaks Theater you have not experienced a truly great venue on a summer night in Sacramento. I highly recommend seeing this play.

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