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audience reviews

Treasure Island, Main Street Theatre Works

Review: This show is so much fun! And the Kennedy Mine is the perfect setting for it. The whole family (except for really young children and babies) will love it. It's the classic adventure-on-the-high-seas story that you probably read when you were a kid as did your parents and their parents before them. And you've probably seen several movie version. That's okay. It never gets old. This production, directed by Julie Anchor is a faithful adaptation with only one really noticeable liberty taken and that is that the historic Anne Bonney is now part of the fictional crew of the Hispaniola. Personally I have no objections. The actress who plays Ms Bonney does her credit and I'm sure any pirate crew would have been grateful for her swashbukling services if she could have been lured away from her own infamous ship. Long John Silver is a charismatic villain whom you can't help rooting for. Everyone else is there in fine form, Billy Bones, Blind Pew, Squire Trelawney, Ben Gunn et al. There is plenty of sword fighting and shooting and a bit of stabbing but nothing that would terrify a stout hearted seven year old or a great great grandmama who remembers Errol Flynn. Take your lawn chairs and blankies for the kids, your picnic basket, plenty of beverages and an extra layer of clothing in case the weather turns chilly. It's a pretty long walk from the parking lot so have enough hands or wheels to carry your gear comfortably. Wouldn't hurt to stop at the restroom on your way in as it's fair walk back and it's a little more challenging after dark. You might want to bring a flashlight. Get there early so you'll have plenty of time to eat, drink and visit before the show starts. And have a great time.

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