

Sherlockian Theatrical Society

A non-Judgmental Play Appreciation Society

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"Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery"

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ON Sunday, July 30, 2023, Uncritic #001 along with Uncritics #007 and #011 (No Slurpee Jokes, please) traveled 2 ½ hours down to the Hill Country to the Milam Community Theatre where we were treated to yet another splendid performance of "Baskerville". Thank the Sherlockian gods that our Hansom Cab was fully air-conditioned. Temperatures in excess of 100F did not alter our positive attitudes toward this funny play.

Under the superb direction of Richard Stone, the cast of Joe Fino as Sherlock Holmes and David Basonic as Dr. Watson were the Ying and Yang of the play. Actor One, Seth Tyson (Dr. Mortimer, Baron Scarpia, Man with Black Beard, Lucy, Milker, Castilian Desk Clerk, Train Conductor, Trap Driver, Barrymore, Stapleton, Dr. McCann, Country Farmer, and John Falstaff) pulled off these roles flawlessly and with a fantastic glare that never flinched.

Actor Two and Actor Three, Kalib Tweetz and Kelita Thomas, respectively, were both brilliant. Ms. Thomas (Mrs. Hudson, Maiden, Shepherdess, Floria Tosca, Cartwright, German Maid, A Baby, Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Barrymore, Mrs. Stapleton, Nurse Molly,



Winnie, Nurse MacKeeble, and Laura Lyons) conquered all 14 roles without a hitch. Mr. Tweetz (Sir Charles Baskerville, Daisy, Sir Hugo Baskerville, Bradley the Tobacconist, Sir Henry Baskerville, Wilson, and Inspector Lestrade) pulled off these 8 characters as smoothly as I have seen, which is six times over the past 18 months. The way the hound was presented was a unique one and spot-on by understudy Breanna Ameigh.

This quaint theatre has a seating capacity of about 100 seats. It is configured in 4 rows of ~25 seats. All of the action is presented across a wide, ground level stage. The minimalist set designs seemed perfect for the space and allowed the actors the freedom to move at ease. Located in Cameron, Texas, population 5,371, about 40 people attend the play on a sweltering 100+ degree Central Texas day. Never underestimate the power of the Master. We talked to the director at intermission and other members of the production staff. We were greeted by a bit of amazement that we had driven from the Dallas area to attend their play. Everyone was friendly and welcoming. They did a wonderful job on the play

As a reminder, The Sherlockian Theatrical Society is a non-judgmental society. It is our belief that any play about Sherlock Holmes is worth attending. Even if the cast is dead and the play is staged in the morgue, there could be something positive to say, like 'Wow, even under the stage lights, the players never broke a sweat.' We love Sherlock Holmes and we love live theater, so nothing will deter us off of our chosen path.

Break a leg!!!

Flower Mound, TX
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