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Review: GLT's Sylvia is THE funniest play

By **TED BROWN**
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First things first— *Sylvia* is THE funniest play Georgetown Little Theatre has produced in recent memory.

Opening at Acton Town Hall Centre Friday night, the crowd was in stitches as the protagonists dealt with a dog being introduced in an empty-nester couple's apartment.

Sylvia 'followed' Greg home from the park, and his wife Kate is less than impressed, viewing the dog more as competition, than a pet.

Amilia Goodrich was without a doubt, nothing short of spectacular as the high energy *Sylvia*.

Her dialogue was rapid-fire and on cue, and her body language was somewhere between a border collie and a golden retriever. She was all over the stage, jumping up on people, sniffing crotches and twitching with excitement when Greg scratched behind her ear— she was the hit of the show, an excellent 'dog'.

Bart Penwarden as Greg, was perfect to play opposite her. His dialogue was on par with Goodrich, as he was jerked around by her lease, symbolically caught between his wife and his dog.

Lisa Rasanen, as his wife Kate, was also a great choice. Her exasperation was evident as she tried to accept the dog, which she saw encroaching on

her marriage, viewing the dog as 'the other woman' at times.

Tom, a friend in the park, was played by Cory Sanders, adding another dog fanatic, happy to dispense less than accurate advice to the hapless Greg.

Pamela Niesiobedzki-Curtis took the part of Kate's friend, the misguided Phyllis, the target of *Sylvia*'s sniffing rampage. That scene alone made her part memorable. Dan Olien played counselor Leslie, a questionable psychiatrist who was a basket case himself.

The dialogue has a few 'salty' phrases, so anyone offended by an occasional 'f-bomb' is prewarned.

Don't miss this one— it's a keeper.



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