

Jesus Christ Superstar is A+ entertainment

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Georgetown Globe Musical Productions opened its final production of the season with a very entertaining *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Friday night in the Christ the King School theatre.


The iconic 1970s rock opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, follows the last three days of Jesus—his knowledge of what is to come, the betrayal of a disapproving Judas and the Jewish priests, the comfort of Mary Magdalene, the threat of the Roman Empire and the fickleness of the masses.

The standout in the first half was Jenn Johnson, as Mary Magdalene, singing *I Don't Know How to Love Him*. While the second half featured an exuberant tongue-in-cheek number by King Herod (T. Richard Henry) and ensemble, the *Gethsemane* (*I Only Want to Say*) solo by Jesus (Chris Ning) and Judas (Max DeNardis) and

ensemble presentation of titular song *Superstar*. Rob Woodcock's Pilate was also a pleasure. The whole cast is to be commended for their A+ effort.

The first half was marred by the music being too loud, but that was fixed in the second half, making for a much more enjoyable and comfortable experience. The last 20 minutes were very moving. The choreography was excellent and made use of all parts of the set, and even moved out into the audience.

The team of artistic director Danny Harvey, producer Melissa Fischer, music director John Pugh and choreographer Renee Beiforte, and the ensemble cast and crew have capped their season with an entertaining production, well worth seeing. The musical continues its run this week.



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Q: I understand that you are writing your PhD dissertation. What is it about?

A: I am exploring the idea of mandatory policies. Many people are aware of the obligation to report suspicion of child abuse. For many professionals that obligation is mandatory, meaning that if they do not report they can be fined and have their professional license removed. For the general public there is also an obligation but it is a moral one. Except in serious cases, the general public is not fined for not reporting their concerns even though morally they have the responsibility.

In cases of child abuse most times the abuse is neglect rather than physical or sexual abuse. Often the neglect is because of lack of money or lack of knowledge on the part of the parents. If Children's Aid intervenes in their life so that now they also have legal fees; or if Child Welfare agents remove the child to foster care, this may hurt the child and the family.

Mandatory reporting policies are also being used in other places. The new Workplace Safety Act says that if anyone in a work environment discovers that a coworker is being abused at home, you have an obligation to report that to your supervisor. The supervisor must establish a safety plan to prevent the abuse from entering the workplace. This means, for instance, you and your coworker, let's say you are both school teachers, are friends, and over lunch one day she confides in you that she is trying to save money to leave her abusive husband. You now have to report that to your boss, who in our example is your principal so that a safety plan can be established. Your friend may feel that her confidentiality has been betrayed. Many of you are impacted now by this law which is quite new. I am examining all of these cases to see if they are effective.

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Q: Are those "toning" shoes good for you?

A: "Toning" shoes, also known as fitness shoes or rocker bottom shoes are being heavily marketed as a way to improve health and fitness. Research does suggest that there may be some truth to claims regarding enhanced balance and increased calorie burning while walking. The shoe's relatively thicker and softer midsole creates a less stable walking surface than a conventional shoe. This can cause some users to benefit and others may find that it causes problems. Seniors with a history of falls, persons suffering from medical conditions affecting circulation and nervous system function, people who walk with toes out or in should discuss the use of these shoes with their Medical Doctor or physiotherapist before purchasing this type of footwear.

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Q: Is thumb sucking bad?

A: Yes and no. First, it must be understood that thumb sucking is a "natural reflex". An ultrasound test on a developing baby will often show him or her sucking a thumb. When this habit goes on for too long, however, orthodontic problems can often occur.

By the age of six or seven, the child's permanent teeth are just beginning to arrive. Before then, thumb sucking will cause few problems. After permanent teeth arrive, abnormal pressure from the thumb can cause the front upper teeth to become "bucked". The bottom front teeth then become crowded backward. A misalignment of the teeth occurs.

So, how do you stop thumb sucking for your four or five year old? Some have found gloving the hand, dipping the thumb in vinegar and increased attention to the child help. In the end, though, treatment depends on how long and often the thumb sucking occurs. To avoid any permanent damage, don't delay your attempts.

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Q: I have been living with my boyfriend for 4 years. He owns the house we live in and he pays the bills for the house but I pay for the groceries and other expenses. He wants me to move out. Does he have to pay me spousal support (his income is much higher than mine) and can I make a claim against his house?

A: You can make a claim against a common-law spouse for spousal support if you have lived together for 3 years or longer or if you are the parents of a child and have had a relationship of some permanence.

Property claims are different when you live common-law or are married. If you live common-law you do not have a claim against your boyfriend's house, unless you made a substantial and direct contribution to the preservation, maintenance, operation or improvement of the property, which should entitle you to an interest in the house.

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