

Looking is a fun play— '...one finds so easy to sit back and enjoy'

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The world of finding love the second time around came to life at Acton Town Hall Centre, as Georgetown Little Theatre opened *Looking*, a Norm Foster comedy about four people dealing with the angst and downright terror of dating after a divorce.

The story follows the antics of Andy and Matt, who go on blind dates with Val and Nina. All four are guilty of handing out bad advice to each other, and in doing so, leave a trail of embarrassments and faux pas in their wake, which keeps the audience in stitches.

The strength of the play is the balance of the talent on stage.

Lisa Rasanen plays Val, a nurse who is quite cautious and almost old-fashioned about entering the dating world. Rasanen plays the part well, with great facial expressions.

Opposite her is Gillian Taggart playing Nina, a hard-nosed police officer who tends to like a good time after her shift at work, but questions herself at times. Taggart is entertaining and the

dialogue works for her.

Robert Long, playing Matt, gives his character a sense of bravado, but the audience soon sees how vulnerable he is in his loneliness. Long puts in a solid performance.

GLT veteran Paul d'Entremont shone as the indecisive Andy. The dialogue was well-suited to d'Entremont (some suggested the part was written for him) and his body language completed the package.

The play features virtually no sets, yet the inventiveness of using minor props and occasionally splitting the stage to carry on telephone conversations, made the play work.

Looking, directed by James Luckett, is a fun play—it's one of those rare stage events that one finds so easy to sit back and enjoy, then feel disappointed it is over.

The plot gives one an opportunity to feel the emotions of the protagonists onstage, yet laugh at them as well.

Looking is certainly a keeper.

The play continues its run April 19-22, and April 26-28 at Acton Town Hall Centre.

Wednesday, April 18

Interview Skills: a free session, 2 p.m. at Links2Care Employment Resource Centre, 45 Mill St. E., Acton. Info: 519-853-5014.

Georgetown Horticultural Society: hosts speaker Sean Fox on Pruning Trees and Shrubs. All are welcome 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph St.

Thursday, April 19

Free Health Fair: 6-10 p.m. at the Croatian Centre, 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd. Info: www.walkthisway.org.ca

Healthy ME Wellness Fair: 6-8 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, 147 Mill St. W., Acton. Parents and kids are welcome to attend but you must pre-register: call Julie McGillivray, 519-853-2355.

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Community Calendar

session, 1 p.m., at Links2Care Employment Resource Centre, 45 Mill St. E., Acton. Find out what your options are if you are currently laid off or have been in the last five years. Info: 519-853-5014.

Limehouse Memorial Hall Board euchre: 7:30 p.m. at the hall.

Movie Night: Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre and the Friends of Terra Cotta invites visitors to a free Earth Week movie night featuring NFB's *Waterlife*, at the Centre, 6:30-9 p.m. Space is limited, so please register by e-mail at admin@williamsmill.com.

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