

Cast is splendid in Macbeth

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For any professional stage company performing William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* can be daunting, but Georgetown Little Theatre's Youth Company took on this ambitious play this season and rose to the challenge.

The Company of youth, aged 10-18, opened *Macbeth* at the GLT Studio in Stewarttown last week. It tells the story of courageous noble lord, Macbeth, who after defeating a foe for his king, becomes consumed with ambition and power when hearing a prophecy that he would be

king. Equally ambitious, his wife Lady Macbeth urges her husband to kill King Duncan, casting blame on the king's sons, and allowing Macbeth to fulfil the prophecy. But the deed causes Macbeth to descend into evil and paranoia and the Scottish land becomes a killing field.

While the Company notes states this play is set in a post-apocalyptic future, the audience is in fact transported back to

old Scotland. To their credit the 24 young actors were impressive reciting the language of Shakespeare instead of going the easy route of modernizing the language.

This troupe of GLT Youth Company is mostly a new crop of actors, and it's evident the talent is raw in some. But the play was well-cast with Nevin Ameli admirable as Macbeth,

Mikayla Eastman strong as Lady Macbeth and Myra Kohler convincing as Banquo.

The rest of the cast were splendid with many playing multiple roles. The future of the Company bodes well as the actors mature and develop their skills.

In the small intimate

venue of the Studio, director Cat Heaven was able to experiment with the thrust stage, and it worked brilliantly.

For the theatre-goer this play is worthy of viewing, and would be a good introduction to Shakespeare to the preteen/ youth generation.

The play continues May 8-11 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on May 11. For tickets call the GLT Studio, 905-877-3422.



Nevin Ameli and Mikayla Eastman star as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.



Camera Club hands out PhotoArt honours



At the recent awards night of PhotoArt 2013 in the Helson Gallery, Best in Show winner Don Scallen (seated), was surrounded by winners in various adult classes in the show. From left, Alan McCord, Nathan Hiller, James Welsh, Amy Dimarco, Dave Welfare, Doris Burfind, Bob Kelly, Karin McDonald, Greg Coman, Barb Redford, Hugh Tomkinson and George Wang. Left: Winners in the Children and Youth Categories included front, from left, Liam Welfare and Breanna Colletta. In back, Sidney Welsh (youth), William Morgan, and Jessica Hinzelman (youth).

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