

LOCAL YOUTH BRING CLASSIC MUSICAL TO GEORGETOWN STAGE

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Globe Productions' youth company is ready to take local residents on a musical journey back in time with its latest performance.

The Music Man Jr. is currently playing on the John Elliott Theatre stage, with several shows taking place up until Sunday (May 12). Based on Meredith Willson's Tony Award-winning musical comedy, the show tells a story filled with wit, warmth and good old-fashioned romance.

The classic production is set in River City, Iowa cir-

ca 1912 - a time when the town and its people were very set in their traditional ways.

"Nothing can change that until a con salesman, Harold Hill, shows up and tries to convince the town they need to invest their money in a band," explained Brynn Watson-Mumford, who plays River City's uptight librarian, Marian.

"While Marian knows he's a con artist, she's also happy he's bringing culture to the town."

But Harold's plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, whose belief in his power just might help him



Globe Productions photo

The Music Man Jr. will play at Georgetown's John Elliott Theatre until May 12.

succeed in the end.

Playing the role of a con man has been an interesting experience, said Globe Productions' Zachary Sandlos Mattar.

"You have to tap into another part of your mind and think of everything differently," he explained. "You might be saying a certain line, but in your head that's not necessarily what you mean because you could be tricking everyone."

Joining the lead pair on stage is 11-year-old Zachary Gomes, better known during the play as Winthrop, Marian's brother.

"He's shy and doesn't really have a lot of friends because he has a lisp and he's ashamed of that, but as the show progresses he becomes less shy and breaks out of his shell," said Gomes.

The show delivers a wide variety of musical theatre's most iconic songs,

with "Seventy-Six Trombones" being a favourite for young Grace Guzzo, whose stage name also happens to be Gracie.

"It (being in the play) has been a very good experience," said the eight-year-old who gets to put her dance skills to use during the show. "It's really fun."

Producer Susan Stewart said that the youth company will be doing a total of 11 shows, both for local

schools and the community at large.

"It's a really good production for the whole family," she said. "These kids have worked incredibly hard with a great artistic team."

The Music Man Jr. opened May 3, with upcoming shows set for May 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m., and May 11 and 12 at 2 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.globeproductions.ca.

WHAT'S ON

FIRST HALTON HILLS FANFEST COMING TO LIBRARY

Dust off those costumes and get your capes ready for the inaugural Halton Hills FanFest.

The first fandom event of its kind in Halton Hills is

set for May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgetown library branch.

The festivities are geared to cosplay lovers of all ages and will include:

Batman and Marvel trivia, virtual reality, superhero story time, retro video games, Dungeons and Dragons, cosplay contest judging, button making,

crafts, Lego, a photo booth, scavenger hunt and more.

"We are really excited to offer FanFest to the community," said Youth Servic-

es Librarian Jodie Mandarino. "Geek culture has been growing in popularity."

"People love to share their passion for a certain movie, book series or video game with other people, either online or in person at various conventions.

For years, fans in the Halton Hills area would have to travel to other cities to share and celebrate these interests.

FanFest's aim is to offer that experience closer to home."

For information visit www.hhpl.on.ca/FanFest.



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