

Cast stands out in Globe's *Ragtime*

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As Georgetown Globe Musical Productions opened their winter offering *Ragtime*, Thursday night at St. Paul's Parish Hall, in Norval, the stage came alive with a slice of life during 1906 America.

The show followed the trials and tribulations of the various fictional characters, Mother, Father, Younger Brother, Coalhouse Walker, Sarah and immigrant Tateh, as their lives intertwine within the several small plots.

In addition, there are others, real historic characters like activist Emma Goldman, industrialist Henry Ford, illusionist Harry Houdini, educator and African American civil rights leader Booker T. Washington and floozy Evelyn Nesbit—all adding a sense of history to the show.

The show incorporates vignettes of life during 1906—the discrimination, the influx of immigrants, the inequality and class structure.

All of the characters, both fictional and real, have speaking parts in this rendition of the musical *Ragtime*, and the music serves to illustrate, and in doing so, further tell the stories of the protagonists on stage.

There are 14 cast members, and all take their turns acting as narrators, telling their stories and relating the circumstances of their view of society.

The music is addictive, that piano playing ragtime feel seems to get inside one's head.

Although there were numerous characters in *Ragtime*, a few stood out as they performed, many of them longtime Globe veterans.

Mark Llewellyn played the love sick Coalhouse Walker, who faced a volatile

situation in 1906 society as he was black and his white girlfriend gave birth to his baby. Llewellyn gave a fabulous performance as the black ragtime piano player.

Kelly Baker and Joe Gomes were strong performers as Mother and Father, an upper middle class couple who were slightly removed from the reality of discrimination on the streets, yet found themselves drawn into it.

Travis Paul, playing Younger Brother, gave a fabulous performance, as he illustrated the void between his father's generation's world and attitudes, in stark comparison to his own free-spirited world that was opening up to him.

The immigrant Tateh was well portrayed by Paul Meisner, giving his character a quiet, yet proud aura, who seemed sincere and determined to make it in America through honest work ethics.

The costumes were quite well designed, making the show a visually attractive show, while musical accompaniment by Haydn Evans (keyboards), Chris Udell (bass) and Miles Gibbons (drums) added nicely to the show.

Ragtime is unlike most shows that Globe produces. It incorporates lots of music and choreography, but this show also speaks to social issues, showing on one side how things were in 1906, and on the other hand, making the audience conscious of how much values in society have changed—or not—in the past 102 years.

Ragtime might not be a show for everyone, but from the viewpoint of this reviewer, it was an evening of musical entertainment, but also one of consciously thinking about social values and injustice that new people arriving in a vast land must endure to become 'one' of those already there. It's a powerful message.

The show continues this week Feb. 7, 8, 9, at 8 p.m.

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