

Greater Lansing Ubiquitous Theatre

Charley's Aunt (MSUSC)

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Sorry to have delayed seeing **Charley's Aunt** until the final night at MSU Summer Circle. Too bad for you if you missed it. It was a slapstick cartoon of manners - with all characters bouncing from giddy to nonplussed in a beautifully choreographed show - that wasn't a musical, unless you count the impostor Aunt's wonderful whooping and warbling. (Caleb Wolfe) I was somewhat disappointed NOT to be seeing Zeb Steinberg as Stephen Spettigue, as I remembered his bio as fight choreographer for My Favorite Year, and wanted to see the "first ever certified SAFD Fight Rabbi." (One more chance to see THAT show tomorrow/today Sunday at 2 at Riverwalk!) BUT Ryan Bennett, Zeb's understudy seemed perfect for the role.

Eric Miller and Nick Reid were funny and frantic as suitors in pursuit of the chirping charmers Kitty and Amy (Brittany Nicol and Kattie Maggart.) Kiril Sheynerman and Julia Hays brought a small measure of comic dignity to the roles of Sir Francis and the real Aunt Lucy - while Jacqueline Wheeler was ever so spritely as the girl in love with the Aunt in Disguise. Beleaguered servant Brassett (Matt Land) brought great "takes" and contrasts to the agitated sophisticates. The black and white set (Priya Rane) was intricately painted with line sketches suggesting both elegance and cartoonishness. All the actors were deftly juggled in and out of the three doors and into a wild array of fun poses fast paced timing by director, Rob Roznowski.

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