

## Review of Peter Pan at Germantown Central School

Run don't walk to the Germantown Central School to catch one of the final three performances of the musical, Peter Pan. Outstanding performances, outstanding orchestration, stage direction, costumes and choreography mark a stellar triumph for the high school musical genre.

The girls in the show, even when they played boys, were beautiful, the boys, well they'll get better looking as they grow up. There were outstanding individual performances, but what stood out was the ensemble. The kids, the pirates and the Indians paraded through complicated dance and dramatic sequences, with nary a missed beat or cue; each performer acting as if they were solo stars.

The complex machinery of this show, with its flying characters and elaborate sets went off almost flawlessly. The musical arrangements and playing complemented the dashing and amusing lyrics.

Kudos to Peter Pan, played by Caite Anderson, she has professional written all over her. Her strong voice and enthusiasm animated the entire performance. Wendy, played by Stephanie Reetz showed maturity and amusement as the foil to Peter Pan. Her siblings, played by Spencer Buhler and Camille Parlman gave strong performances, as did the maid, played by Sara McAlister.

Deeper into the show there were the pirates led by Captain Hook (Conor Anderson) and the Indians led by Emilie Vermilyea, both outstanding. The ringer in the show, Smee, played by Tim Blanchfield, a fifth-grade teacher, was a hoot. And we can't forget Nana and the crocodile, played by Michelle Zeliph. The croc's send-off of Hook was greeted with cheers.

Everything about the show was entertaining and everyone associated with it should be given A's or raises, depending upon his or her job description.

Performances Saturday at 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM and Sunday at 3:00 PM