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— The Associated Press

Backstage Pass

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

'It Shoulda Been You' Is Filled With Side-Splitting Situations



THEATER REVIEW

By Kristen Fiore, Daily Sun

Imagine you're a guest at a wedding, but you have no obligations. All you have to do is watch the chaos unfold.

That's what it's like to sit in the audience of "It Shoulda Been You," the third show in season three at The Studio Theatre Tierra del Sol.

Written by Brian Hargrove with music by Barbara

Anselmi, "It Shoulda Been You" is a full-blown musical comedy about a Jewish bride and Catholic groom's wedding day and everything that happens leading up to the actual ceremony at the altar.

The show is less about the bride and groom and more about their families.

The bride's older sister puts everything into planning the wedding but can never seem to be good enough for their headstrong mother. The groom has a difficult relationship with his father. And then there's drunk Aunt Sheila and an ex-boyfriend who show up without an invitation.

The show is full of witty lyrics, strong characters, delicious chaos and a few plot twists along the way.

As usual, the talent was top-notch.

Chantelle Cognevich, who plays the bride's sister, Jenny, impressed everyone with her vocal range.

David Paul Rowan (who plays an ex-boyfriend) delivered a great performance both in acting and singing.

The groom (played by Tyler Beauregard) and his father (played by Sean Cullen Carroll) even had an unexpected but



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extremely enjoyable tap-dancing number.

Of course the music, produced under music director Gary Powell, was beautiful.

Compared to the themes of death in "The Story of My Life" and the violence in "Stop Kiss," "It Shoulda Been You" offers some comic relief to season three at The Studio.

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CELEBRITY SPOTLIGHT



AUDRA McDONALD

Six-time Tony Award-winner Audra McDonald is heading back to Broadway to be a waitress — but not in “Waitress.” McDonald will star in a revival of the Terrence McNally romance “Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune.”



CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Carrie Underwood says her heart is full after the arrival of her second son. The country superstar posted photos of herself, her husband Mike Fisher and her son Isaiah with the newborn, who she said was born early Monday.



JAMEL BRINKLEY

Jamel Brinkley’s debut work, “A Lucky Man,” has been named the winner of the 2018 Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence. The award, which recognizes African-American fiction writers, will be presented today.

LOS ANGELES

Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper Among SAG Awards Presenters

Lady Gaga, Bradley Cooper and Rami Malek are among the first presenters announced for Sunday’s Screen Actors Guild Awards. Other presenters announced Wednesday by the actors union include Chadwick Boseman, Sam Elliott, Constance Wu, John David Washington, Adam Driver, and Michelle Yeoh. Megan Mullally will host the 25th SAG Awards airing on TNT and TBS.

— The Associated Press

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favorite genre, it was good to see something lighthearted and funny. I think I smiled the whole way through.

The humor changed the mood of the audience, too. Before the show, the energy in the room was a little subdued, but by intermission everyone was smiling and laughing.

“We’re really enjoying it,” said Roger Wollborg, of the Village of Dunedin. “It’s really funny and we’re laughing a lot.”

“Having been through many weddings, it really is that way,” added his wife, Carol. “It’s great to laugh at it.”

Carol wasn’t the only one who could relate to the show.

The room buzzed with conversations about real-life weddings during the intermission. One woman talked about how her son, a Catholic, recently got married to a Jewish woman.

Another woman said that her son is Jewish and just got married to a Catholic.

They commented on how the show is strikingly similar to real life.

But I think that’s true for a lot of the shows at The Studio. Because the productions take place in such an intimate setting, the audience has an important role, too.

“We’ve been coming here for three years,” Roger said. “With things like this, as the play develops, you become part of it.”

Though “It Shoulda Been You” runs at The Studio until Feb. 24. Tickets already are

sold out.

But seats still are available for the next show, “A Doll’s House,” which runs March 22 to April 28.

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