Peter and the Starcatcher



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Have you ever wondered just how the story of Peter Pan began, like how he met Tinkerbell, or even how he got the name "Peter Pan" at all? Then join the Actors Theatre of Louisville for a riotous romp through an extraordinary world in this beloved, Tony Award-winning prequel, *Peter and the Starcatcher*

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Based on the novel by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, the play is by Rick Elice, with music by Wayne Barker. It is directed by Meredith McDonough. The cast includes Therese Barbato, Michael T. Brown, Seth Clayton, Nathan Dame, Andy Gaukel, Mbali Guliwe, Alejandro Hernandez, Nehal Joshi, Nathan Keepers, Madison Niederhauser, Ben Pelteson, Richard Prioleau, Ari Shapiro, Rob Tucker, Kyle Whalen and Paul Witty.

I do not believe that I have ever witnessed a production that has so absolutely enthralled an audience. Never knowing when they are about to scream with delight or laugh until tears flow, this enthusiastic crowd just can't seem to get enough, and it is easy to see why. This cast is all over the stage, moving in and out of what could be an intricately designed puzzle, where every motion and each gesture seems to build upon a magnificent plot that is just bursting at the seams with originality and energy.

While each role truly stands out in this performance, Nathan Keepers completely embodies Black Stache... jumping, swooning and sliding across the stage in what may often appear to be utter abandonment, but is, in fact, absolute brilliance. His interactions with Nehal Joshi (Smee) are particularly engaging, as they banter with electrifying charisma.

And of course, Therese Barbato (Molly) and Seth Clayton (Boy) build the tale so convincingly that every member of the audience is completely on board, following each scene that draws them a bit closer to the unraveling of so many mysteries.

Peter and the Starcatcher makes for a fantastic night of creative, inspiring theater, so don't miss out on this production! It will be playing at Actors Theatre through February 21, and tickets start off at \$25.

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