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BWW Review: LA FAMILLE ADDAMS in Paris

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Last night, I saw the completely charming production of "La Famille Addams" at Théâtre Le Palace. This musical written by **Marshall Brickman**

and **Rick Elice** with words and music by **Andrew Lippa** is based on popular American cartoon strip "The Addams Family" which later became a television series with a huge cult following. I fondly recall watching this series when I was a boy. Mr. **Charles Addams'** characters have also appeared in two Hollywood feature films. I would say it would be hard to find someone who hasn't heard of this kooky family.

This musical revisits The Addams years later as the kids are growing up. We find that the peculiar Wednesday (played by the skillful Charlotte Hervieux) has fallen in love with ordinary Lucas Bieneke (the bouncy Simon Gallant). This event does not make Gomez (the dashing Guillaume Bouchède) or Morticia (played with sultry fitness by Lucie Riedinger) happy, as they are completely content in their ghastly ways. We also find the other usual cast of supporting characters present Uncle Fester, Lurch, Grandmama, Thing and even a cameo by Cousin Itt.

There were few standouts in the performance that I attended. Miss Dalia Constantin was completely delightful as Alice Beineke with strong vocal skills that go from an operatic soprano to a steely belt. Mr. Vincent Gilliéron made the almost silent Lurch into a heart filled man. I also say 'chapeau' to the small but strong ensemble and most especially Rosy Pollastro and Bart Aerts, provided style, wit and first-rate vocals.

The only disappointment of the evening was that use of a prerecorded orchestra. The use of these tracks flattens the experience in the theatre and in some ways inhibits the artists on stage. However, I recommend this amusing musical that fills Théâtre Le Palace with laughter, merriment and good old vaudevillian fun! It's fun time for the whole family, with amusement for the youngsters and double meanings for the grown-ups. Most importantly this musical reminds us that opening our hearts and minds to people's differences can change your life.

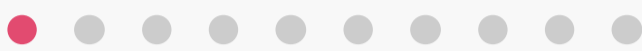
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