

"Geek!"ing Out at Tesoro's Con

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"Geek!" follows the journey of two adventurous cosplayers attending Ohio's Dante's Fire-Con, Danya (Montana Wood) and Honey (Brooke Semelsberger), whose dreams are to meet their favorite manga creator, Samagashi (Sarah Dao). While there, they are forced to face their personal demons. "Geek!" at Tesoro captures the true power of acceptance and friendship that unite people.

Fiona Meehan embodies her villainous persona through her character Gwen. Strutting in scarlet heels and head held high with confidence, she emphasizes Gwen's spiteful attitude thus capturing attention. Meehan adds a wide range of layers to her character, making her one of the realist characters in this production.

Along with the cast comes Squeaker, played by Hunter Keene, who inevitably becomes one of the most lovable characters in "Geek!". With excellent comedic timing during the dark and melancholic scenes, Keene impressively embodies his character through his emphasized physicality, mannerisms and a costume that almost covers his entire body.

The creepy, doll-like Amanda Shea exquisitely captures the essence of Miss Cosy through her clean, robotic movements with a consistent high-pitched, anime voice, filling the room with energy and smiles. Shea personifies evilness in Miss Cosy when Danya and Honey try to surpass her.

With a serious, passionate persona, the Announcer (Luke Schoettger) wonderfully presents himself with an abundance of energy, stealing the spotlight every time he steps onto the stage. With his animated gestures, Schoettger hilariously mimics George Lucas and Samuel L. Jackson, entertaining and pumping up the audience.

Filling the room with pep and energy are the Steampunk Lieutenants and their Army who rise above in their first introduction where they are seen rapping. The Steampunk ensemble is a vital factor to the story, fantastically adding on to the intensity of the show and creating the environment of a con.

The costumes are wonderfully designed and made by Tesoro's Costume Design. Each piece sets the mood and environment of a con, elaborately portrays the personality of each character, big or small, and distinguishes each individual character from one another. The costumes fill the stage with vibrant colors which florescence when lights are flashed.

Tesoro's "Geek!" is a cohesive thrilling experience filled with intensity, radiance, and dazzle.