

noticed in my old age.”

Camille Shaw portrays Florence, one of the “guests,” who has suffered a debilitating personal tragedy. Shaw plays Florence with a gentle kindness that will make your heart break. Hannibal, another “guest” is played by JaceSon P. Barrus. Hannibal is a sort of Rainman, mathematical savant with a penchant for playing the violin and producing sounds like a tortured parakeet. Chris Martindale as the fragile Jeffrey is wonderfully understated, funny and tragic. Mrs. Paddy is the one guest who is truly unstable, and Tammy Rizzo plays her like a precocious toddler chasing an invisible cat.

Tonya Laree’s Lilly Belle is appropriately icy and indignant. Russ Walker as Samuel is a clueless follower dependent on big brother Titus to lead the way. G. Aaron Siler

huffs and puffs throughout the play but never manages to blow over his stepmother’s house of bricks. Another highlight of the show is Siler’s convulsing mental breakdown in the second act.

James Long plays the wise and understanding Doctor Emmett with a quiet understatement. Jessica Keller’s long suffering Miss Wilhelmina is the perfect girl next door and in the end, wise beyond her years.

Tina Barrus has one of the standout performances of the Plaza season for her hilarious portrayal of Fairy May. Tina Barrus bops and bounces about the stage as if gravity were a mere suggestion, not a law. She delivers throwaway lines and gags that stop down the show as the rest of the cast waits for the audience’s laughter to die down. Fairy May’s innocence and fragile

self-confidence are deftly rendered by Barrus.

Aaron and Milette Siler have directed a funny, brisk play that has a gentle moral that we all need to be reminded of from time to time. That moral is to spend a little less time chasing the dollar and spend a little more time being kind to your family and neighbors.

Kick your shoes off and run barefoot through the grass. Every once in a while, act like a kid again, or at least like one of the “guests” in “The Curious Savage” and ... don’t buy shirts with logos.

The show runs through May 10, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and two performances Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For information and reservations, call 817-202-0600 or visit www.plaza-theatre.com.

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The top male and top female losing the largest percentage of weight were also awarded the Grand Prizes. The **Top Female Grand Prize** winner was **Trisha Gayler** who showed her personal dedication and perseverance to lose **14.63%** or **24** pounds. **Rafael Garcia** won the **Top Male Grand Prize** by losing an amazing **17.94%** or **47** pounds.

Thank you to all the area restaurants and businesses that showed their support of these contestants with their donations of food and prizes for our contest.

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