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# Furness leads powerful 'Gabler' cast

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Contributed photo Kimberly Furness and Mike Schulz play a newly married couple in "Hedda Gabler."

In the 5 1/2 years since she returned to the Quad-Cities, actress Kimberly Furness has amassed a gallery of characters, most of whom are loveable and/or sympathetic.

But in the title role of her own Curtainbox Theatre Company's "Hedda Gabler," Furness smashes all of those portraits to shards, firmly gripping Henrik Ibsen's villainess.

Five seconds after her entrance, as she gives an icy stare and a completely insincere "This is kind of you" to her new husband's aunt, we know Hedda is unlike any Furness character we've seen before.

Set in 1890s Norway, Hedda returns with her academic, but clueless, husband George (played with reliable stability by Mike Schulz) from their honeymoon, only to find that George did not receive his expected promotion - which would provide Hedda, a general's daughter, with a ticket to high society - and that she is headed for a life of drudgery.

Hedda keeps from "boring myself to death" by manipulating the lives of others, including a former schoolmate (played by Erin Churchill), an ex-beau (Adam Clough) and a judge (Patrick DuLaney).

The cast - which includes Corinne Johnson as George's aunt and Denise Yoder as the couple's sometimes-sardonic maid - is uniformly excellent. Churchill, who deserves some bigger roles, is excellent, and it's

good to see Clough and his booming bass voice return as the dashing Eiler.

But standing out in the supporting cast is Iowa City actor DuLaney as the judge. His stage presence is pronounced, and his mannerisms and facial gestures are ultimately watchable, responding to the text and not waiting for a next line.

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Director David Bonde keeps a lively pace (clocking in at about two hours, 20 minutes) to the drama, which could have been deathly boring and drawn-out in other hands.

The show is technically brilliant as well, with Greg Hiatt's costume designs and Johnson's execution, Kris Eitrhein's stage design of slatted, partially see-through walls and Adam Parboosingh's lighting design, with the latter two elements combining for a powerful finale.

Even with the multitude of theater companies in the Quad-Cities, Ibsen material seems to have fallen in the cracks. Our files show "A Doll's House" done by Augustana College in 2002 and "Hedda" performed by both St. Ambrose University and Black Hawk College in 2000, but no other indications of any this semester.

It's nice to see a different style represented in a local show, which satisfies both Ibsen aficionados (several of whom were at Tuesday's opening night) and newcomers (such as yours truly).

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