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Cabrillo Stage Teases with Fun-filled "Hairspray"

"Hairspray", Broadway's musical comedy, bursts onto Cabrillo Stage in Santa Cruz with colorful costumes, rock 'n roll music, hilarious acting and songs that get your feet tapping. From beehive hair-dos to slick dance moves, the simple plot pulls it all together. Tracy, a short, plump high-schooler, longs to dance on the local version of "American Bandstand" in Baltimore. How she gets there, wins the heart of a teenage heart-throb, and champions segregation of the show provides something to cheer about. The onstage live video was very clever, and the huge cast of characters was so perfect that the actors didn't have to say a word to be believable in their roles. It's a campy joy-filled tribute to the fun and good times of a past era, especially if you have awareness of what was current in the '60s. My husband and 20-something daughter both agreed with me: What a terrific show!

Cabrillo Stage's main 500-seat theater offers comfortable seats, free parking, and easy location just off 101 in Santa Cruz/Aptos. Playing through August 14th. For tickets go to cabrillostage.com or call (831) 479-6154.

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