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A review by Rachel Flanagan.



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A NEW SMELL IN TOWN...

THE TOXIC AVENGER MUSICAL

Book & Lyrics by Joe DiPietro

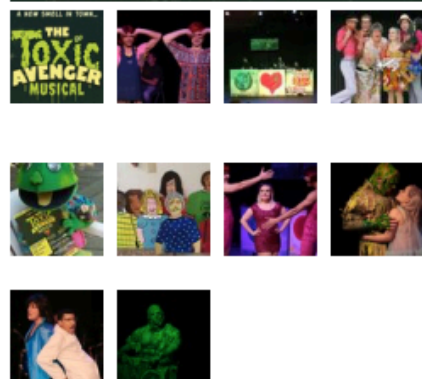
Music & Lyrics by David Bryan

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WHAT I LIKED

Growing up on the East Coast, I was a huge fan of The Toxic Avenger so I was looking forward to this SO VERY MUCH. It was spectacular. Melvin Ferd The Third seemed almost like he was played by two different actors because he did a great job changing his character to fit the roles Sarah was spectacular and gorgeous and the Mayor did a great job as her dual personality. The "White Guy" and the "black Guy" were most definitely stand outs with all of the various roles and characters that they brought to live on stage in the most brilliant and hilarious way.

WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE

That this hasn't been turned into a movie that I can purchase and watch over and over and over again!

MY OVERALL IMPRESSION

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