

Cast of *My Fair Lady* gives "lovely" performance

The North Carolina Theatre presented a "lovely" performance of *My Fair Lady* at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium last week.

Dana Lynn Caruso charmed the audience as the quirky Eliza Doolittle who enlists the help of Professor Henry Higgins (Kenneth Garner) to teach her how to drop her cockney English dialect and speak correctly.

Higgins makes a bet with Colonel Pickering (Richard Kinter) that he can transform her from a common, ill-mannered flower girl to a woman who could pass as a princess at the Embassy Ball in only six months.

The contest begins and Eliza is taken through a rigorous training session to improve her speech and manners. This process is difficult but hilarious as Eliza whines her way into high society and steals the chauvinistic heart of Higgins.

Garner excels in the performance

of the self-centered Higgins, who is every woman's nightmare. Feminists cringe at "Hymn to Him" where Higgins passionately questions "Why can't a woman be more like a man?" He is so arrogant and domineering that the audience loves to hate him.

Caruso steals hearts with each song she sings and gets the audience to root for Eliza as she masters her English and becomes a refined lady. You can't help but giggle at Eliza's brashness during the horse race where she hollers to the horse Dover to move its "bloomin' ass," sending the other spectators into shock. Higgins and Pickering are constantly on the edge of their

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seats wondering what Eliza will do next.

One familiar face from Meredith College appears in the play. Catherine Rodgers, the assistant professor of Speech and Theatre, portrays Mrs. Eynsford Hill and is part of the Ensemble.

The music is a definitely a high point of this show. All of the performers have incredible voices and sing with energy and enthusiasm. Many of the upbeat songs are well known like "With a Little Bit of Luck," "I Could Have Danced All Night" and "Get Me to the Church." The North Carolina Symphony provides the music flawlessly.

The setting is excellent. The back drops of buildings and pubs in colors

of dark blues and purples sets the stage for the dark streets of London that are inhabited by a poor and fun loving lot. Higgins' house is elegant and warm, and we see most of Eliza's progress in the study where there is a winding wood staircase, three phonographs, bookcases and a chaise lounge.

The costumes are detailed and expressive of the time period. Women wear long dresses and hats, while the men wear suits and ascots. The most eye-catching costume is the dress Eliza wears to the Embassy ball. She seems to float around the room in the white sequined dress that has short sleeves, a high waist and long skirt. The costumes are modeled after the ones featured in movie version of *My Fair Lady* that stars Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison.

The three hour performance shown Feb. 14-19 definitely provided "the five most romantic evenings in town."

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- Tuesday, February 28- Johnson Hall-7:00 Come out for a night of fun with the Phi!
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- Friday, March 3- Applications due. Take Phi applications to Christy Odom in 108 Poteat and Astros applications to Leah Bumgarnar in 202 Poteat.
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