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# Kempenfelt Community Players dishing out a comical feast with upcoming production of 'The Addams Family' at Georgian Theatre in Barrie

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Tickets are on sale now with performances taking place Thursday through Sunday for two weeks between Feb. 8 and 18 including a special ASL-supported performance on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m.

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The cast of Kempenfelt Community Players' upcoming production of *The Addams Family*.

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They're creepy and they're kooky, mysterious and spooky, they're altogether ooky, it's the Addams Family and they're taking over Barrie this coming February!

From a cartoon strip first created by Charles Addams in the 1938 issue of *The New Yorker* to a TV series that lasted two seasons in the mid-1960s, a modern musical is born: *The Addams Family – A New Musical*, about the macabre, but kooky and funny family.

Created by *Jersey Boys* authors Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice with creative consultation by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks, this new musical comedy will transform the Georgian Theatre in Barrie into a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family.

The new musical features an original story, and it's every father's nightmare: Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family – a man her parents have never met – and if that wasn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

The cast features local favourites: Darryn Stephen as Gomez Addams, Lorie Hanley as Morticia Addams, Taylor Byer-Nicoloff as Wednesday Addams, and Dylan Stephen as Pugsley Addams. Other talented members from the Kempenfelt Community Players (KCP) include Wayne Desormeaux as Uncle Fester, Luis Garcia as Lucas Beineke, Julie Underhill as Alice Beineke, Michelle Grieg as Grandma, and newcomers to the group, Mark Ross and Trevor Mills as Mal Beineke and Lurch respectively.

Twenty-one additional actors from the KCP local acting community round out the cast in the ensemble.

Boasting an all female production team and design crew, KCP veteran Janet Ness is both director and set designer for production, along with music director Edwina Douglas, choreographer Meghan Wroblewski, stage manager Rosa Ringhofer, producer Andree Day, costume designer Brenda Thompson and props mistresses Alice Duke and Jackie Jesso.

The Broadway musical sensation, *The Addams Family*, presented by the Kempenfelt Players, will be taking the stage at the Georgian Theatre, Feb. 8 through 18. Tickets are on sale now, with performances running Thursday through Sunday for two weeks, including a special ASL supported performance on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. Single ticket pricing starts at \$27 per show.

With a melodious score, stellar cast and ghoulish special effects, this musical is sure to entertain! To learn more or purchase tickets, please visit [www.kempenfeltplayers.com](http://www.kempenfeltplayers.com).

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