

Comedy opens in Ben Lomond theater

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Mountain Community Theater will present David Lindsay-Albaire's "Kimberly Akimbo" to kick off the summer theater season in Ben Lomond.

The play shows from May 31 through June 15 at Park Hall.

Kimberly Akimbo is a dark comedy that originally showed on Broadway in 2003. It was voted by New York Times as comedy of the year and tracks a variety of bizarre characters as they wade through life's circumstances.

"It's about hope and embracing life and love amongst your family in as flawed and dysfunctional as it is," said Michael LaMere who stars as Kimberly's father in the upcoming production.

The play is the story of a 16 year-old girl with a medical condition that makes her age more quickly than normal. Surrounded by her pregnant, hypochondriac mother, alcoholic father, ex-con aunt, and geeky friend Jeff, Kimberly discovers new possibilities and finds the courage to make her own decisions.

The play centers on people and their escapisms as they struggle with their hang-ups, habits, and unrealistic expectations of the people closest to them.

"It's about courage and how one hangs on to the dream trying to find the dream, and when the dream is found having the courage to step out of a difficult situation once the truth is known," said Kulani Kamaha'o who stars as the main character, Kimberly.

The play has moments of hilarity and passion and shows audiences how to enjoy and appreciate the moments in life when they present themselves.

The play is directed by MCT veteran Kathie Kratochvil.

"People live to live or live to die," said Kratochvil. "We decided as a cast that we wanted the audience to leave wanting to embrace their life and live it to the fullest. You don't have to find out you're dying to start living."

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MCT's "Kimberly Akimbo"

When: May 31 and June 1, 6, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m.



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Kimberly (Kulani Kamaha'o) vents her frustration to her father (Michael LaMere) and pregnant mother (Kulia Blick).

Courtesy of Lyle Troxell

Where: Park Hall, 9400 Mill Street in Ben Lomond

Cost: \$20 and \$17 for students and seniors (two for one tickets on June 6)

Info: www.mctshows.org