

## 250407 BRA BUFFY VAMPIRE KILLER W ORCHESTRA SPECTACULAR



This is the story of a father who takes his teenage daughter to a local theater to see an event , only to find out that neither the daughter or he know anything about it. As they always say be careful what you assume.

Buffy the vampire killer came to Saint Petersburg for a special performance at the Palladium theater. But for my daughter and I it was basically the blind meeting the blind as we sat and watched the 90 minute performance.



It slowly started to dawn on me that this is a similar fascination as is found for the Rocky Horror picture show . Basically, this is the same crowd but a different decade. It appears that Buffy was a popular cartoon series , full length motion picture and Broadway play all rolled into one. Who knew?







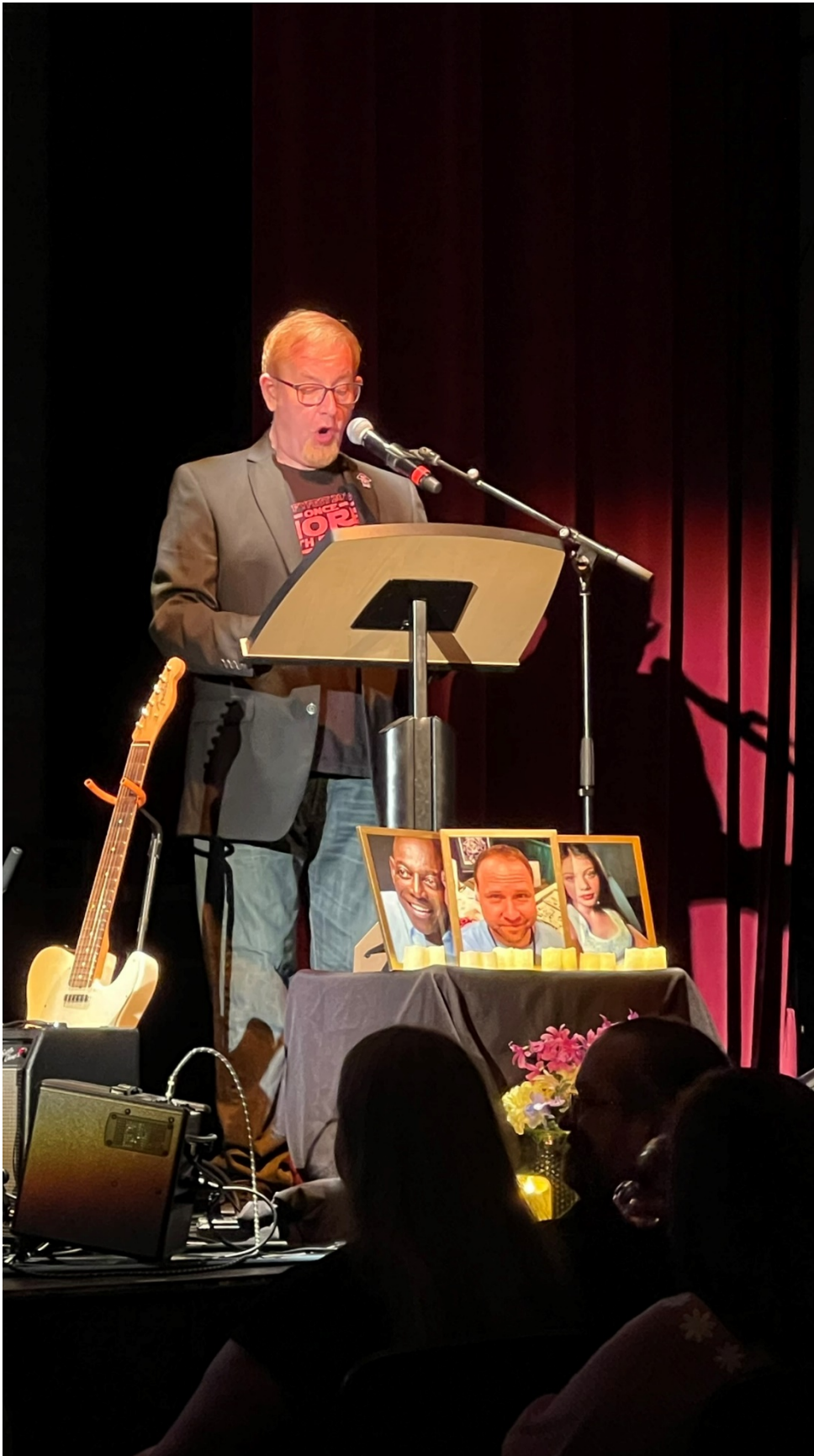
There was plenty of role-playing and although you cannot see it in these images, the crowd dressed up into the different costumes representing the various actors. It was sweet but difficult to follow as neither my daughter or I knew the story.





The production had its own live music including a full size Steinway piano. They of course had a evil Doctor who was the mastermind and a damsel who was in various forms of distress. Each played a role and the crowd eagerly followed their music .





The narrator was great. He would come on and off stage and tie together the different songs with the story line. That made it possible to sort of follow what was going on.

And yes at the base of the podium is a commemorative display of some past members of this troop. It appears that these gentle people have passed away for some reason and they are paid tribute to here. It gives you an idea of how long this show has been produced and the love that the actors must have in producing it .





But its audience participation and a all around clapping and hollering which goes on for an hour and a half. You can tell that these artists love doing this . At the end it was a rousing standing ovation which they greatly deserved .







If you have not attended an event at the Palladium theater in downtown Saint Petersburg then you are really missing out. They have a wide variety of productions and they are live and intimate being such a small venue .







This production came with assigned seats but you could have general seating as well. The theater will soon undergo a \$10 million restoration including new chairs and acoustical treatment of the walls and ceiling. The Palladium is really a gem .





This was the hero who played the counterpart to the damsel in distress who I suppose was Buffy. Now, she did not look like she needed any help but just in case this guy was around to do the deed. He and the evil doctor battled it out while the other actors came in for their roles. It really would have helped if I had known the story better, but it was still entertaining at any event.

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