



at the wild antics and clearly unscripted responses she gets from interacting with the kids (and adults) as she tells her story. So much fun. Andrew James Villareal plays the Prince (and the amazing Frog) and boy is he having too much fun as well. Before he becomes green, his song “Looking Good” will just have you in hysterics as his vain attitude and disposition will lead you to understand why Hyacinth does what she does. As the frog becomes not only charming and adorable, but Andrew has an amazing duet with Kristin called “Croaks and Ribbits” where the two just shine and are clearly having fun with it. Katie Kitani plays the Princess, and she, too, has a lesson or two to learn about having an attitude and Katie just knocked it out of the park with her song “I’m Bored” clearly explaining she has everything she could ever want – but still can’t find anything to do to keep herself entertained. Enter Kristin again to teach her a lesson as well. Katie and James have an initial love-hate relationship that really turns into an honest and real affection leaving the kids (and adults again) cheering for their happiness. Again Katie is so funny and has a very wonderful and heartfelt singing voice to boot! Anthony Gruppuso is the Princess’s father, the King, and in his song “King’s Lament” he explains how being a father and trying to keep his daughter happy and safe is not an easy thing to do. Anthony is playing this to the hilt. From his inviting, audience children join his royal lunch – to playing referee to his daughter and the ‘new’ frog in town – he is nothing short of a comic delight to see. I particularly like the last song “Don’t Make Promises You Can’t Keep” because it has a wonderful message for the kids and also can remind the adults sometimes following through is a better than not. I left the theatre humming it along with all the kids leaving the building with me. Oh, and the kids (and adults) get to meet the cast after the show. Watching the kids light up to meet the King, a perky Fairy, a revitalized Prince (former frog) and a now happy Princess was such a true delight to see, and it made the parents just as pleased as well. Did I mention there’s juice and cookies during intermission? Oh, okay, children’s theatre has come a long way these days and it’s smart productions like this that keep it topical, fun and musically entertaining for all. Bring yourself. Bring your kids. Your cousins. Nephews. Nieces. Mom and Dad. Bring all your friends and family you are still talking to. I guarantee you’ll have a wonderful few hours of fun and laughs with an amazing cast of talented performers. Theatre West’s – Storybook Theatre production of “The Princess And The Frog” is a must see. You can book field trips and birthday parties too. I highly recommend this for everyone who needs a good laugh from a classic story. Check them out at [Theatrewest.com](http://Theatrewest.com) and tell them Lorenzo sent you from [FaceBook.com/TheGeekAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/TheGeekAuthority) ! ©2017 [TheGeekAuthority.com](http://TheGeekAuthority.com) & ©2017 [LandMProductions.com](http://LandMProductions.com)

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Pic 001 – Top L. – David P. Johnson, TGA’s Michael Macaraeg, TGA’s Lorenzo Marchessi – Top Mid. – Andrew James Villareal – Top R. – Kristin Towers-Rowles, Lorenzo M. – Mid. L. – Lorenzo, M., Anthony Gruppuso – Mid. Cen. L. - Kristin Towers-Rowles – Mid. Cen. R. – Katie Kitani – Mid. R. -Lorenzo M., Andrew James Villareal – Bot l. - Katie Kitani, Lorenzo M. – Bot R. – Full cast and kids!