

The 84th Annual Smoker



(left to right): Erik Paschall, Veena Shankaran, Sarah Handeyside, Charlie Ashbrook, Shanti Eswaran, Suzy Tosh, Rick Bhash, Josh Bess, and Karen Fauman

Director Czars
Jacques Kobersy
Penny Vongsvivut

Producer Czars
Mandy Hallberg
Eric Jackson


Musical Director
Dale Owen

Dance Demi-Czars
Elise Georgi
Suzy Tosh

Guest Choreographers
Emily Bugeaud
Anna Dubovoy

This year's Galens Smoker was another success for the students who wrote, directed and performed in the show, as well as for wildly appreciative audiences who were part of its two-night run April 19-20 in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. Parodying the satirical fairy tale love story "The Princess Bride," directed by Rob Reiner, "The Prinzmetal's Bride" provided sometimes raucous humor and always lively musical performances and dance routines.

The story follows two young medical students in love, Buttercup and Wesley, as they attempt to escape the endless prying of the evil chief of surgery, Buffalo Humperdinck, and his band of misfit docs, to be together at last. With live musical accompaniment from Dr. Lichter's Smokin' Med Studs Band, "The Beatles" occasionally dropped in and entertained the crowd with songs such as "Wesley's Gonna Buy Her a Diamond" and "Maiden Lane."

As part of the annual event, the Galens Society presents a carefully chosen Medical School Faculty member with the Silver Shovel Award, in recognition of their overall popularity with the students. This year's honoree was Sanjay Saint, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine. 

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