

No sex please, this is Burlington

Need to know

What: Key for Two

Who: The Aldershot Players

Where: West Plains United Church,
549 Plains Rd., Burlington

When: April 30 and May 1-2, 8-9

Tickets: 905-381-1441

REVIEWS BY GARY SMITH

They laughed long and hard in Aldershot.

Key For Two is just the sort of comedy TAP audiences enjoy.

Never mind as a sex farce it's pretty much a so-so affair. Anything from *No Sex Please, We're British* to *Move Over Mrs. Markham* would be better.

Still, there are things that work and things that don't in what is ultimately a decent enough production of a thoroughly predictable play.

What's right? Andrew Huisman's manic performance as poor, befuddled philanderer Gordon. Dina Dametto's in-your-face turn as betrayed wife, Magda. Paula Penton looking fetching in flimsy see-through negligee. And Scott Broe acting the most outrageous drunk you've seen this side of Duffy's Tavern circa 1960. What's wrong? Michelle LaHaise overdoing the hot stuff as ever-so-willing Anne. Mike Queripel trying too hard as bedmate Alec. And director Byron McKim transporting the British sex farce to someplace in the wilds of Burlington.

All right, substituting a local terrain avoided use of accents and for the most part it didn't do serious damage to the play. But you don't hail cabs in Burlington. You don't call a nursing home supervisor Matron and a nurse is more likely to be called Sister in England. Apartments aren't usually called flats, either. Well, we could go on and on.

McKim provided an excellent set with solid doors that didn't wobble or flap, not unimportant in a farce where doors are constantly slamming.

Next season, The Aldershot Players offer Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* and Steve Martin's comedy *The Underpants*.



GARY YOKOYAMA, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

From left, Michelle LaHaise, Paula Penton, Mike Queripel and Andrew Huisman star in *Key For Two* at West Plains United Church in Burlington.