

## 'The Big, Bad Musical' comes to Brady stage

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The Big, Bad Musical attempts to answer the age old question: Is the Big Bad Wolf guilty or innocent of all the crimes mentioned in childhood storybooks?

Brady students presented the musical April 10 in a daytime performance for the students and one at night for the public.

Reporter Sydney Grimm for EFN (Enchanted Forest News) covers the “trial of the century” where the Jury (aka the audience) will decide the fate of Big Bad Wolf.

Fairy Godmother is the counsel for the plaintiffs. She is representing Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, Bill Woodcutter, the Three Little Pigs, an Old Shepherd and his boy, the Boy Who Cried Wolf.

Evil Stepmother steps in to do Pro-Bono work as counsel for the defense. She has expert witness and colleague with her, Miss Muffit.

Judge Wise Old Man presides over the case. He brings to the courtroom words of wit and wisdom and a taste for magic beans.

In the end the Judge asks the audience for their answer. Was Big Bad Wolf truly guilty of all the crimes committed or was he innocent because he was made bad through all the prejudice against him?

For the school matinee, the audience chose guilty and the evening performance saw an innocent verdict. There is actually a third “hung jury” verdict ending to the musical as well.

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"The audience was treated to notable performances by Donnie Trisdale (Big Bad Wolf), Jessica Most (Evil Stepmother), Valerie Most (Grandmother) and Case Axthelm (Judge Wise Old Man), said co-director Jennifer Most.

Also co-directing was Valerie Pohlman with Beth Boden directing the music.

The Three Little Pigs shared their story through song in He Huffed and He Puffed.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf also sang, "I Cried Wolf."

Fairy Godmother let us know that the Wolf wouldn't do "No More," in his treatment of all the innocent victims.

Of course, the Big Bad Wolf asks for the jury to "Have Mercy On Me" with his entourage of Wolfettes.

"The Big Bad Musical was a huge success and Mrs. Pohlman, Mrs. Boden and I couldn't have asked for a better group of characters to bring to life 'the trial of the century,'" Jennifer Most said.

