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'Winter is Coming' the musical adaptation of 'Game of Thrones' Hollywood Fringe

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Press photos of "Winter is Coming" a parody of the First season of "Game of Thrones." "Winter is Coming" opening number with the Stark's and ensemble cast.
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MB Stage Productions most recent work at the Hollywood Fringe presents the first season of "Game of Thrones" as a brilliant musical "Winter is Coming" reducing the first season to an hour on stage. It has made the dramatic absurdity of the various family relationships into a musical farce with numbers that Gershwin and Sondheim might have penned.

The production opens with a title sequence "Winter is Coming" that is as memorable as the opening theme of "Rent." Laura Wiley wrote all the music and lyrics for the show, while Jared Tyler Pixler (company founder) and David Evan Stolworthy wrote the "book" for this parody.

The cast reflects the original Game of Thrones first season with the Starks and the Lannisters. True to the title the Wintering Starks are introduced first. Eddard and Catelyn Stark are played by M Hayward Scott and Emily Craig. The Stark sons Robert, Brandon, and Jon Snow are played by Nicholas McDonald, Casey Suddeth, and Brice Mitchell Williams respectfully. Williams also doubles as extras in other scenes. The Stark daughters Sansa and Arya are played by Deanna Carolyn Bakker, and Stephanie Sandelin. All the actors play farcical versions of the originals. Robb Stark is the pretty boy. Jon Snow is the extreme bastard. Brandon the bed ridden. Sansa the future "princess" want a be and Arya the girl wanting a fight.

The Lannisters arrive to find their son a bride in Sansa and the conflict begins. The bizarre triangle that is Cersei, Jamie Lannister and King Robert Baratheon played by Bennett Cousins, Michael Orlandi, and Robert H Steinberg II becomes a source of farcical explicit physical comedy as the complete absurdity of this family's abnormal relationships are exposed. In addition Tyrion Lannister played by Matt Hill is introduced as the whoring and wine loving shorter brother. Jokes are made about his size yet in a way that makes him look the victim and hero as is done in the original show.

Of course there is also the future king, the prince, Joffrey Baratheon played by Tony Cellucci. This piece stresses the insanity and cruelty of Joffrey and makes him into a sick yet shockingly funny tap dancing version of Sweeny Todd with a hammer.

The final piece and most powerful, Daenerys Targaryen creatively brings in dragons and pokes fun at and celebrates the power of this character from the original story. Robert H Steinberg II portrays Kahl Drogo. Actor Jesse Baldrige plays Jorah Mormot her trusted aide. Other members of the ensemble include Kaitlin Abendroth, Caleb Chase Cores, Amber Lawson, PJ Megaw, and Amanda Newman.

Fans of "Game of Thrones" will enjoy this farcical (cannot stress that adjective enough) parody of the original.

For more information about [Hollywood Fringe Festival tickets see their site](#), and for more information about the show "Winter is Coming" see the [MB Stage Productions site](#).

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