

# THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA



Donna McLaughlin  
as "Princess" Mary,  
Colin Williams  
as "Simon"



Valerie Mauger as the pretender Princess Zonia arises from the bed without noticing the magic pen, in the Kanata Theatre children's production of the "Princess and the Pea" presented February 10 and 11.

## Boo hiss — Witch Zelda

by a little girl

I went to see the "Princess on the Pea" last Saturday, when the Kanata Theatre put it on. It was really scary sometimes, but me and the other kids made a lot of rude noises every time Witch Zelda pointed her evil rod at us. She was trying to think of a spell to turn little boys into pebbles, and little girls

into brownies — the kind you eat!

There were three princesses in the story, but only one of them was real. You should have seen the costumes. Some of them were velvet, and some were just real pretty. Old Witch Zelda's wasn't though, she looked UGLY!!! And she talked ugly too!!!

The Court Jester made me laugh, and the ending made me happy. I liked that. I wish I could see it again tomorrow.

PS From the Grown-up Point of View

Hearty congratulations to Producer Beth McLaughlin and Director Ann Dubras for this excellent play. I loved the script, and the set was very well done. In short, I have nothing but praise for an organization that put so much effort into a play for children. The velvet costumes made by Mary Mauger and Euphron Williams were magnificently royal.

All of the actors and actresses made the play a great success, but Brian McLaughlin as the King, Murray Hayes as the Jester, and especially Liane Freedman, as the scary Witch Zelda, seemed to really enjoy their roles, and it showed! Jane

Mawby played the wise and patient Queen; Neil Robinson the elegant Prince; Valerie Mauger the wicked "Princess" Zonia; Donna McLaughlin the poor and sweet "Princess" Mary; Colin Williams the evil brother Simon; and Wendy Doyle was the true Princess Priscilla, who finally felt the magic pea. Well done, all of you. I'd love to see you do it many times more. You were great.

