

Lessons from Louie the Lizard

The importance of believing in ourselves and in the world around us is the message being delivered to nearly 20,000 Miami-Dade kindergarten through third graders in Adventures with Louie the Lizard: "All's Well That Ends Well."

The latest addition to the fun and educational Lizard Lessons! series of original musical plays presented by The Coconut Grove Playhouse, "All's Well That Ends Well," by playwright Gina Montet, weaves a delightful story set on a quaint farm nestled in the southeastern countryside. Rooster, Pig and Kitty hire a famous theater director (Louie Lizard) to direct their theatrical debut on the farm. Louie is a friendly lizard who just doesn't seem to understand how his wasteful behavior can affect an entire farm. Kitty is a calico kitten who wants most of all to look like the other animals on the farm. Being pretty is all she dreams about. She looks at Pig and Rooster with admiration and envy, desperate to be the "ideal animal" type.



Scene from last year's Lizard Lessons

Pig is pompous yet affectionate. His ego is only outweighed by the size of his mouth, but his constant bragging disguises feelings of insecurity. While he is admired by Kitty and Rooster, deep down he wishes for their confidence and

talent. Rooster is a beautiful and warm-hearted pal to every creature on the farm. He is smart, witty and wise but doesn't realize it until the things he holds dear are threatened by Louie's wasteful ways. In the end, all four characters learn to believe in themselves, thus "All's Well That Ends Well."

Part of the Playhouse's Educational Department programming, Lizard Lessons! is integral to the Playhouse's continuing commitment to diverse, entertaining, educational theater for young people. Performances of "All's Well That Ends Well" continue through December 22. Call (305) 442-2662, extension 165 for more information.

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