As You See It

Get past the title, because ‘Urinetown’ musical great

How does one recommend a musical with the name ‘Urinetown’? How does one even consider going to a show with a title like ‘Urinetown’? Well I did and I discovered a few reasons:

• An eerily relevant story of a community suffering from 20 years of drought.
• The toe-tapping musical score that’s fun and memorable.
• An excellent ensemble of actors, singers and dancers. (Special note to Versai Knight (who is still in high school?) as Little Sally. See her so you can say you saw her when.)
• A story filled with puns and meanings.
• The choreography and dancing.

OK, maybe it’s not a happy musical, but it sure has the sound of one! Don’t miss the opportunity “to go” while you can. It’s at Cabrillo Stage until Jan. 18.

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