

MARK SAVITT REVIEWS THE BAKER'S WIFE

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Happiness comes to a small village in Provence, France in 1935 when a new baker Aimable (Charlie Owens) comes to town. He is very much in love with his much younger wife, Genevieve (Alyson Leigh Rosenfeld) but she isn't passionate about him. The Marquis' (Joe Joyce) chauffeur Dominique (Jesse Manocherian), a ladies' man takes a shine to Genevieve. At first, she discourages him, but eventually she gives in. Will the baker's wife return, and will the villagers get their beloved bread back?

The story is charming, simple, but emotionally rich. Secondary characters are lively and interesting, notably the cafe owner (Anthony Michael Lopez) and his wife (Erin Maya), the butcher (Adrian Rifat) and his wife (Nikki Yarnell) who learns to speak up, the teacher (Eddie Carroll) and the priest (John Cardenas).

"Proud Lady" and "Meadowlark" are the songs you may have heard, but all of the music is tuneful and enchanting. Ryan Howell's set conveys the light and community spirit of the small southern town. Joey Haws' costumes made me want to step back into the stylish thirties.

The Gallery Players are one of Brooklyn's gems and this was one of their most polished productions.