

The Roving Gypsy

Sastimos! (To Your Health!)

Please let it be known that management recognized the gypsies. When Maggie and Auntie Tassels were out by the ticket booth in the early hours of we noticed Bonnie on the outskirts of things. We approached to ask a couple of quick questions and she was making a report to Erin to all of the wonderful things happening at front gate. Nothing very specific but it has been noted that the gypsies were there along with a variety of others making the people laugh and smile even before entering the festival gates.

Character Feature: Bryn "O'Gypsy" Muldoon (full name -- which she hates -- is Brynaevah Natywylle Agnes Muldoon. Bryn plays Meghan Brunner in the off season)

Top o' the mornin' to you! I have been asked to stick me nose out a wee bit to introduce meself. And so here I am, Bryn of the Gypsies (that's O'Gypsy to you -- thanks to Hayrold and Uncle Vanya), formerly of Irish Cottage.

So why did I join the Gypsies, you ask? Go ahead, ask. It makes the telling easier:

You say: "Bryn, tell me, why did you join the Gypsies?"

And I say, "Because it seemed like a better idea than marrying the Lord Mayor."

Aye, aye, I know he's rich, but I have vowed to stay true to my dead love, and since I couldn't die for love as they do in the songs, I thought I would run away with the Gypsies, which many people also do in the songs.

My true love, you ask? Aye, well, that was long and long ago, and gone like many of my friends and my siblings (the Muldoons are Irish -- you surely didn't think I was the only one!) and so I willn'a bore you with the telling. Thankfully most o' me friends and family haven't died... though many just up and disappeared and I dunna know WHERE they are.

And so here I am among the Gypsies, and quite happy to be here -- wherever here happens to be for the moment. I have freedom and a family of sorts, and I have learned to treasure both -- for tomorrow they may be gone.

Special Requests:

- ♦ The Amazing Christopher is looking for persons to help with hat passing during a couple of shows in the afternoon. He has made an offer of \$2/hat pass for 2 people if you are ever interested.
- ♦ The Rogues have requested interaction, which involves the 'kidnapping' of a gypsy.

August 19 & 20 Events:

Weather: Last weekend was much better than the first. A little cooler, not quite so humid and no rain. The early mornings are already bringing a beautiful heavy coat of dew, which probably means that soon more blankets (or another body) will be needed to keep warm.

Gypsies in Action:

- Saturday morning found the gypsies close enough to awakens with a general plan for 'group' events during the day. Sunday morn Bryn was not feeling well so we insisted we not see her face until at least noon, maybe later.
- ♦ In the morning the "waiting game" was played. It's just a matter of trying to get people to wait in the "waiting" area so they'll be more easily found. Auntie Tassels, Bryn, Nikolai, and Maggie entertained some patrons as they waited for late-to-arrive friends. There were two groups in particular who puzzled us; they refused to accept our advice and spend the day with each other and let the latecomers entertain each other. Go figure.
 - ♦ Maggie and Auntie Tassels had a good time with the people out by the ticket booth entertaining the children with Jewel and Little Brat (dragon puppets).
 - ♦ Villification tennis was made more entertaining, as always, with the addition of a few gypsies. On Saturday Nikolai and Suzanna carried Chrysto to the playing field champion-style as Auntie Tassels dropped his forgotten baggage (Harold) at his feet. The curse was acceptable but it was difficult coming up with a way to include a camel. In true gypsy fashion we just threw it together "May your minds be as loose as your mother's bottoms and everything just run out *spit* And your camel, too!" On Sunday our presentation was simpler but more effective: "May your insults attract maggots to your tongue like the hump of a dead camel!" *spit*. Chrysto and Hayrold (disguised as a bush) won a spectacular victory against Celestina and Player, neither of whom could keep a straight face when confronted with our duo's roguish taunts. The entire net groveled, feeling far less than worthy and Hayrold spouted with glee at cracking Celestina's stern persona with "Your mother's so fat... well even a bush my size could not compete".
 - ♦ The Bear Jam was shortened fifteen minutes due to Vagabond being gridded up until Parade Cannon, but there was a good turn out for both days.



- A great contingent of our family invaded the Queen's Pub for Mistress Bawd's 2:00 show. Nikolai almost brought down the house when he sat in the rafters and heard them crack -- guess they're just there for (not so) cosmetic purposes, after all. (Hey, they're bare lumber. Not very aesthetic.) Mistress Bawd was appreciative of the help she had in dingling "Roll Your Leg Over". Gypsy participation included a verse from Auntie Tassels (If all them young laddies were a pair of my zills, I'd use my fingers to give them some thrills). She was easily outdone by Nikolai with his verse ("If all the young ladies were a likeness of Venus, I'd let them bounce up and down on my -") which was cut short by Auntie Tassels throwing her hand over his mouth.
- On Saturday Auntie Tassels, Nikolai, Magpie, Suzanna, and Bryn played bocce ball against the Mayor. Despite chocolate, massages, and cleavage, we lost (13-15) but came out the richer for it. *ahem* (Use your imaginations)
- Some Gypsies spent a couple hours each day in caring for Jezabelle (Jen Zahlar)'s baby while she worked gate. On Sunday we had an especially cute moment involving a red plastic wagon and a particularly generous little girl. She was willing to give up her wagon so that the baby could be pulled instead of carried.
- Nikolai and Bryn made a brief appearance at Volley Club Sunday afternoon and joined the peasants in heckling the jugglers.
- On Sunday some of the Gypsies presented a bit at Closing Gate that involved a parody of a popular old disco song (complete with jingle-butt Gypsies as the disco ball) now called "K-I-N-G". The Pirates' opinion? "Never say the People die, never say the People die, never say the People die, hey!" (especially appropriate given what management has been trying to do to us this year...)
- Nikolai spent some time fiddling for the cigar booth and discovered real Gypsy coffee (cafe l'amour at the coffee shop)
- Thanks to Bryn's memory Auntie Tassels remembered to bring up some of the 'golden gypsy rings' for special moments with children.
- Another special child moment... Magpie and Auntie Tassels heard a child ask his father the time. They commented to the guests that they had just arrived so why did they want to be leaving. The father indicated that his son had all his marker's on his Children's Map and was waiting for 4pm to be knighted by the King.

Events & Bits (scheduled, special events or general)

- Heckling at volleyclub!! Thanks for the reminder Bryn!

Outside the Festival:

- Aunt Rene is short one opal ring. She thinks she loaned it to Chrysto for his stint in drag last year, but is not sure. If anyone knows where it's gotten to, please to be returning it, thank you :)
- Meghan is officially an author!...She has received her first rejection letter. She indicated that it was a handwritten letter full of good suggestions. As a variety of great authors before her we look forward to more rejection letters, the acceptance letter, and a large sum of \$ and royalties for the movie rights ;o).

Next weekend & Visions of the Future:

- Curses, Blessings, and sayings—can never have enough.
- Dancing for the Queen at the Arbor around 3pmish (Aug 26 or 27 or both)
- Highland Fling: gypsies needed as distraction at the tug o'war 4:30pmish Sat. (ask Wilsum)
- Begin preparing for the Peasant Olympics, wooing contest, etc

BLESSINGS AND SAFE TRAVELS UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

If anything was missed please let me know and feel free to contribute ideas, articles, or small pieces.

Verse One

We said "Young Prince, there's no need to feel down"
We said "Young Prince, pick up that crown off the ground."
We said "Young Prince, you can rule this whole town."
There's no need to be unhappy.

Verse Two

We said "Young Prince, come on and give it a shot."
We said "Young Prince, we all think you're hot."
We said "Young Prince, you're all that we've got."
Someday the King is going to die.

Chorus One

It's good to be the KING
It's good to be the KING
You can have a castle, you can get a free meal,
You can do whatever you feel.

Chorus Two

And then you'll be the KING
Then you'll be the KING
You'll have a castle, you'll get a free meal,
You will do whatever you feel...

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