

## Show business mixes with melodramatics to fill the house

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A full house and then some overflowed the Peerless Theatre Sunday afternoon, Nov. 2, when the cast of “The Girl in the Tutu or ... The Villain Kept Her on Her Toes” delighted the gathered crowd.

The Phillips County Players’ melodrama was the entertainment for the Saturday night CineMagic event, which also drew a good-sized crowd.

Theater student Sonny Nuggett, the hero of the show, tried to assemble a dance act to save his parents’ failing restaurant in the Gold Country of Old Californy. Steve Dittmer, new to the Players’ stage, played a convincing Sonny, and with the help of a little hair coloring, fit the part of the handsome, young student.

Allyn Robinson was another refreshing addition to the Players as gold prospector Pa Nuggett, who wheezed quite effectively and died quite convincingly. Dolly Smith returned to the stage for her role as Ma Nuggett, chief cook and worrier for the Nuggett restaurant.

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