



Meet Brian Adams

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Local actresses and actors created a host of characters – ranging from Robin Hood and Maid Marian to Friar Tuck and the Sheriff of Nottingham – on the stage of the Vermillion High School Performing Arts Center last weekend.

The cast of characters of “Robin Hood: Spirit of the Greene,” were front and center as the Vermillion Community Theatre continued its tradition of producing highly professional and entertaining summer theatrical works.

In the background is a whole other cast just as important as the people who take the stage. They do everything from making sure the lights and sound are working properly to moving set pieces between scenes during the performance.

One of the people in the shadows backstage last weekend is Brian Adams, a local man who, for years now, has designed and helped create the sets that provide a highly realistic stage atmosphere for the actors.

“I do some of the set design, and I’m also the technical director, which means I’m in charge of building it,” Brian said



during an intermission of a dress rehearsal held at the arts center last Thursday. “This is the sixth year that I’ve worked with these guys (at the community theatre) although this year was a little different in that I wasn’t in charge of painting the set.

“I was gone to two weeks to Colorado for work, so one of the other people of the cast painted it for me, which was nice,” he said. “But I was

responsible for designing and building it.”

Audience members who attended “Robin Hood: Spirit of the Greene” couldn’t help but feel they were in Sherwood Forest. The set contained rolling hills, caves in which characters could either exit or hide, and – to provide an extra bit of realism – actual trees complete with leaves.

“This isn’t the first time we’ve had real plants

on stage. I was thinking about what would be the best way to make trees on stage,” he said. “We could spend days and days building some and trying to make them look real, or we could just go get some trees. It took us about two hours to cut the trees down, and another two hours to put them up. That’s no time at all – it was fast and easy and it looked really good when the work was all done.”

Brian studied scene design while a student at the University of South Dakota. Today, he works at South Dakota Public Broadcasting as a communications maintenance technician. The Vermillion Community Theatre has provided a venue for him to put his knowledge and natural mechanical ability to work.

“Since I’ve been doing this for this theatrical company for six years now, I know the space and I know the people,” Brian said. “I know what we’re capable of building, and what we’re capable of moving, and I think that helps a bit, too.

“I enjoy building things and creating things, and doing theatre is fun,” he said. “This is the one ‘big’ time every year that I actually do this kind of stuff, so it’s nice.”

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