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Gleeks and Freaks on Wednesday nights at Gorilla Tango Theatre has been extended through June 29th. It is a burlesque musical comedy set at a high school. Two opposing groups, the Gleeks and the Cheerios sort of compete to see who can raise enough money for a national competition school trip. Much to the audiences delight, they compete by taking their clothes off! There are plenty of pastied breasts along with some great singing.

The Cheerios, are of course the cheerleaders complete with cheer outfits and did I mention that they take their clothes off? Cali Austin, Candin Marks, and Jessamyn Fitzpatrick play Cheerios Kinzi, Serena, and Brezzy respectively. Coach Sue is played by Alicia D. Queen. Austin and Marks are your typical movie character stuck up and demeaning to all cheerleaders and they play it well. Fitzpatrick is given a bit more to work with in the play, she is playfully expressive and has created an interesting character for the show.

The Gleeks are the Glee Club. Kirby Brown, Meagan Grabel, Tabitha Lee and Claire Feeney play Rebekah, Trina, Cadillac, and Wheels respectively. Feeney as Wheels is in a wheelchair, Brown is Rebekah, the Jewish leader of the Gleeks who is initially too shy to disrobe.

Here's the story, the girls, both groups desperately want to attend 'nationals', some high school competition, half a country away. What do high school girls do when they need to raise some quick cash? They strip, of course! The Cheerios share their fundraising idea with the Gleeks and the story is woven in between very well sung musical numbers.

There is an awesome version of Vanilla Ice's Ice Ice Baby, sung by the Cheerios with Queen as Coach Sue rapping. Also a pregnant cheerleading Austin in a group number of Madonna's Like a Virgin. The singing is very good and as well as the dancing and choreography.

Gleeks and Freaks is a playful, very funny musical romp through high school where all of the girls take their clothes off. What could be better than that? It runs Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. through June 29th at Gorilla Tango Theatre.



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