



Reviews from the premiere of the play: *I Don't Belong Here* at the Evergreen Cultural Centre, Coquitlam, B.C. (Nov.2025)

- What an amazing play. So many different emotions, enhanced by the music and lyrics of Harry Nilsson – brilliant!! Each character is brought to life through honest and endearing performances by Joelle Rabu, supported by the amazing Kelly Wyatt and Nico Rhodes. The acting and singing in this play is so on the mark. I see this play going far!! Don't miss it!!
- The play was both heartwarming and thought provoking. The authentic storytelling through rich characters was buoyed by beautiful musical arrangements and voices. Joelle Rabu's transformation into each character kept the audience on edge, ready to be moved to tears, laugh out loud or pause in reflection of personal connections to the disease, dementia. The follow-up question period allowed many to process their feelings and continue the conversation.
- It was so well done. A difficult topic brought to life by very talented actors and musician. Their voices, their taking on multiple characters, the balance of humour and sadness. It was just amazing.
- We are seniors, and our family has (unfortunately, like most families) been touched by Alzheimer's and Dementia. We did not think this topic was one we would choose to spend a rainy afternoon with, and we almost did not attend the performance. We now know we would have missed the best performance we have seen all year! Joelle Rabu was AMAZING in how she convincingly portrayed 12 different characters. She effortlessly metamorphosized from one character into another. Although I was moved to tears at some points, I was NOT depressed (as I expected to be).
- *I Don't Belong Here* is my favourite so far. Almost skipped it due to the sensitive (to me) subject but am so glad I went. Great storyline. Great acting. Great overall performance!!!
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