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MASTERPIECE THEATER: Joey Slotnick as the Stage Manager in *Our Town*

Our Kind of Town

A local theatre ensemble puts its twist on an American classic

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In its 21st season, the Lookingglass Theatre Company (housed in the historic Water Tower Water Works building) is focusing on community. Artistic Director David Catlin says this season “will illustrate that we are all connected and are all responsible for one another as citizens of the world.” First up in its 2009 season? Thornton Wilder’s masterpiece *Our Town*—a story about the citizens of a small town and their everyday lives. In three acts it covers the universal themes of routine daily life, love, death and loss. Steppenwolf Theatre alums Jessica Thebus and Anna D. Shapiro (hot off her 2008 Tony win for directing *August: Osage County*) will be co-directing and adding their touch to this timeless play. Also back in the Windy City for the run are company members David Schwimmer, as George Gibbs, and Joey Slotnick (from *Nip/Tuck*, pictured above) in the pivotal narrator part of the Stage Manager. The play opens on February 11 and will run through April 5. Tickets are \$30-\$60. ■

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