

Make A Gleeful Noise

Awrighty... so I have found a new show to fill an hour or two a week. During its inaugural season, I wanted no part of *Glee* because I thought it would be *High School Musical: The TV Show*. On Super Bowl Sunday, I decided to give the post-game show a try, the club was to do a routine set to Michael Jackson's "Thriller." After this episode, I decided to watch the next episode the next Tuesday night to get a better feel and a new Gleek was born.

What isn't to love? The overall theme centers around a group of misfits in the glee club as they endure ridicule at the hands of the football team, cheerleading squad, and nearly everyone else. The slushie throw is the ultimate in humiliation. Walking down the halls of the fictional William McKinley High School (in Lima, Ohio), members of the underdog New Directions glee club often feel the cold, sticky confection in their face. So often does this happen, that some of the 12 have worn rain coats to protect themselves.

New Directions is led by Will Schuester (played by Broadway vet Matthew Morrison). An alumnus of McKinley High who has big dreams; however, he mentors the kids and often comes head to head with his nemesis...

Competing against "Mr. Schue" is the delicious, hilarious, and EEEEEEvil Sue Sylvester (Emmy award winner Jane Lynch) who will stop at nothing to crush the glee club. The cheerleading advisor has planted some of the "Cheerios" in the group to spy and concocted countless other dirty, brilliant schemes.

Some of the underdog members of the glee club:

- Rachel (Lea Michele, another Broadway vet)... the diva of the group and the most prone to the slushie throw
 - Finn ... the football quarterback /glee club co-captain.
- Yes, there are those who do transition between the two

worlds.

- Quinn ... Cheerio and Coach Sylvester's right hand
- Kurt... the male diva. Idolizes Streisand, loves *Wicked*, fashionista, ok... gay.
- Puck... the mohawk spouting trouble maker with a heart

The music performed on the show is not all Broadway standards as one might expect. Some of today's pop music as well as some 80s hits seem to be just as popular as the students compete for glory and maybe even a modicum of respect.

Also glad that Netflix has added season one of the series to its Instant Viewing selection. For now, anyway. I have been known to begin watching other shows and return to watch and see that they have been taken off.