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Schoolboys make their own action epic.
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A man turns to blackjack to fund med school.
IN BRUGES [18] Thu: 1.30, 8.50pm, Fri: 6.30, 8.50, 11.20pm
Two hitmen try to stay out of trouble in Belgium.
THREE AND OUT [15] Thu: 12.45, 3.30pm, Fri: 11.10pm
A tube driver gets to retire if one more person falls under his train...
FOOL'S GOLD [12A] Thu: 6.20pm, Fri: 12.15, 2.45pm
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IRON MAN [12A] Thu: 12.00, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00pm Fri: 12.00, 1.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00pm
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THE EYE [15] Thu: 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30pm, Fri: 9.40pm
A girl receives a corneal transplant, and life gets strange.
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An accountant is led into a seedy underworld.
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A student and his tutor are drawn into a murder mystery.
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Fiction and reality blend in fantasy adventure.
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Wedding-based love triangle.
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CINEMA REVIEWS

Happy-Go-Lucky [15]

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See Cinema listings, left

"*Happy-Go-Lucky* is one of Mike Leigh's most inspiring films.

It makes one want to be nice and do good, and it vindicates those who already are and do, recognising that the world is dotted with caring, compassionate people whose main purpose in life is to be happy and, more importantly, make other people happy.

The narrative revolves around Poppy, a North London primary school teacher played to perfection by relative newcomer Sally Hawkins. She's a source of sunshine in ordinary surroundings ("we are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars", as Oscar Wilde put it) helping a troubled boy in her class, going to salsa classes with her boss, comforting the homeless, and, in a quasi-tragic dénouement, trying to pull her deluded driving instructor back from the brink of paranoid madness. Poppy's perpetual optimism and gratitude for life enables her to keep going and never give up, even in dark times, displaying a near-invulnerability that is not steely or hardnosed, but simply is.

Much has been made of *Happy-Go-Lucky*'s generally upbeat feel, and although it is noticeably lighter in tone and theme than some of Mike Leigh's films, it is disingenuous to claim that it is his "first cheerful movie". The optimistic strain in Leigh goes right back to *Life Is Sweet*, which featured a similar lead character (played by Alison Steadman). Just as his dark films (*High Hopes, Naked, All Or Nothing, Vera Drake*) are tempered by moments of lightness and warmth, his lighter films (*Life Is Sweet, Secrets and Lies, Career Girls*) always have a grounded, serious underlay to them, and this is no exception. It is in fact a Leigh film through and through, and, like *Naked* and *Career Girls*, an outstanding one.

What Leigh has done is what he always does: to produce a fresh yet familiar film which is scorchingly, satisfyingly relevant to the present. We need films like *Happy-Go-Lucky* to remind us that people like Poppy do and should exist, and although the film itself is unlikely to make Poppies of everyone, there is, as one line has it, "no harm in trying".

George Sawer

"I would cross the road to avoid this ridiculous, vapid, and permanently gleeful creature, should I ever have the misfortune to meet her."

I was bored to tears and, though the acting was superb, kept waiting for something of interest, anything, to happen.

The character of Poppy is to my mind one of the most annoying ever written and I was amazed that she had made it to adulthood without being smacked repeatedly. How she could be considered a "heroine" is beyond me. I would cross the road to avoid this ridiculous, vapid, and permanently gleeful creature should I ever have the misfortune to meet her. I cannot imagine worse psychological torture than having to sit though her trite, irritating and artificial smiles and laughs. It made me cringe.

I found the script completely lacking in any grasp on reality and could not relate to any of the characters in any way.

Tedious, lack-lustre and in my opinion a complete waste of time and money. How someone who made the exceptional masterpiece of *Vera Drake* could come up with such tripe is beyond me.

I just wished I had not bothered. To me it was utterly charmless unlike the recent *Lars and the Real Girl.* Or *Juno,* for example, which was a breath of fresh air.

A complete waste of some obviously very talented actors.

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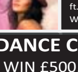

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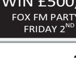

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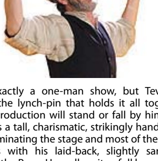
THEATRE REVIEW

Fiddler on the Roof

At the New Theatre, Oxford to Sat May 3rd. See Theatre listings left.

This is one of the great musicals, much beloved and with good reason. On the face of it, the daily life of a poor Jewish family about to be persecuted and ultimately booted out of their home in a little Russian village in 1905 is not a promising subject for a feel-good musical. But, in the voices of the characters, in the absolutely compelling story of Tevye's three older daughters and their love affairs, in Tevye's relationships with his wonderful dragon of a wife, and with God, and in the details of this vanished society are all the life-affirming love and joy and pain that you should find in a great piece of theatre - plus absolutely show-stoppingly wonderful songs and first-class dancing.

This production is excellent, and boasts some exceptionally strong singers, as well as a really splendid live orchestra. From the opening number, Tradition, belted out at full blast but with perfect harmonies, you know you're in for a really good evening, and you're not wrong.



It isn't exactly a one-man show, but Tevye is certainly the lynch-pin that holds it all together, and the production will stand or fall by him. Joe McGann is a tall, charismatic, strikingly handsome Tevye, dominating the stage and most of the other characters with his laid-back, slightly sardonic version of the Papa. He really suits a full beard – it's not often you can say that of a chap – and despite his mesmerising blue eyes, he does look the part, though he isn't a humorous, twinkly Tevye after the mould of Topol; his face is long, drawn, and expressive of suffering patiently endured. I had no idea he could sing, but he has a really wonderful voice, husky, smokey, warm, rich, emotional, strong – a voice to melt your bones.

Carrie Ellis is a fine match to him as his wife Golde, a whirling dynamo of domestic energy, directing the operations of house and dairy through her daughters and husband with a tart tongue and tough love. The three older daughters – Jessica Punch as Tzeitl, Katie Lovell as Hodel, and Martine McMenemy as Chava – were all really strong, extremely pretty, sympathetic, and with lovely voices.

One of the great highlights of this production is the scene in which Tevye convinces Golde to agree to the marriage of their eldest daughter Tzeitl to the man she loves, via the musical exposition of a dream which involves a visit from Golde's (dead) grandmother and the unsuccessful suitor's (dead) first wife. This was brilliantly danced and sung by what looked like the entire company as spirits, and an outstanding singer, Hayley Gallivan, as Fruma Sarah, who somehow managed to sing the song whilst operating a ten-foot-tall scary puppet (this was a bit much for the small children in the audience – be warned).

Another scene that absolutely blew the audience away was the tavern scene in which Tevye makes his agreement with Lazar Wolf and the young Christian peasants have a kind of dance-off with the Jewish boys. This was brilliantly choreographed, high-octane energy and awash with testosterone – super! All the young male dancers were excellent, but one stood out in particular: Stephen Kirwan as the Fiddler, a perfect example of that very rare combination of grace and masculinity – he was entrancing.

Last night was the first night and the theatre was almost full. I don't know if there any tickets left for the rest of the week, but you should certainly try to get some if you still can.

Andrea Hopkins