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REVIEW: THEATRE

THE TRIAL
BY FRANZ KAFKA,
ADAPTED BY
STEPHEN BERKOFF
BURTON - TAYLOR THEATRE,
TO SAT 3RD

'The Trial' begins with the arrest of bank clerk Joseph K in his bedroom one morning for an unspecified crime, and follows his attempts to discover why this occurred, and how he can acquit himself. At first disbelieving, K, played brilliantly by Richard Darbourne, soon finds himself alternating between despair and frustration as it becomes more and more clear that the law with which he is attempting to grapple is a thing of myth, rumour and supposition, and the people who claim to be able to help him know little more than he. He encounters enigmatic, seductive women of uncertain influence, all played by Rebecca Rogers; a reassuringly authoritative but ultimately powerless lawyer, Daniel Maine; and a painter played by Andrew Zadel who can offer only dispiriting advice. The acting is universally excellent, and the kinetic

choreography extremely slick. The play makes a virtue of its somewhat cramped setting in the Burton-Taylor to heighten the feeling of claustrophobia. Often K is surrounded on three sides by the cast, with the closeness of the audience completing the imprisonment. Again, the necessarily minimalist (if worryingly flimsy) set is designed and used effectively to parallel the disorientation and distortion that K suffers. The staging is unconventional, with multiple characters played by the same actors and all the cast on stage at all times, as a disturbing, white-faced background tableau when not playing particular individuals. They whisper or shout in impressively tight unison or a disturbing babble; at times representing K's conflicted inner thoughts, sometimes the general public to which he suddenly no longer belongs since his arrest, occasionally condensing an argument or discussion into a bewildering exchange. This "mechanic" gives an almost perversely fast but effective pace to a play which is, after all, about waiting, worrying and fruitless conversations. The final scene is a particularly powerful climax to this excellent, darkly humorous and disturbing production.

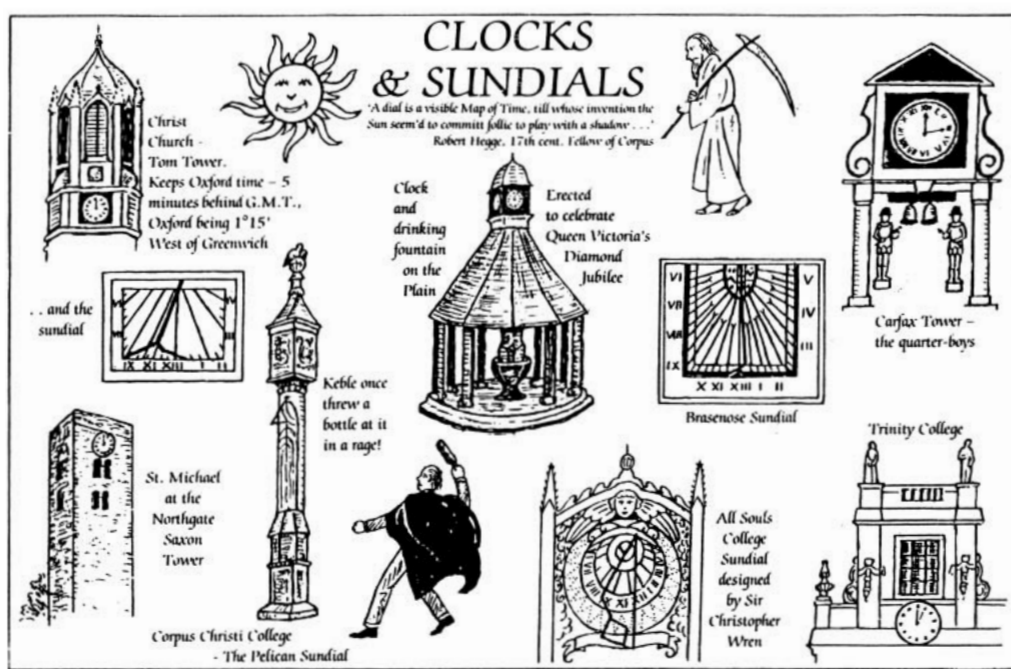
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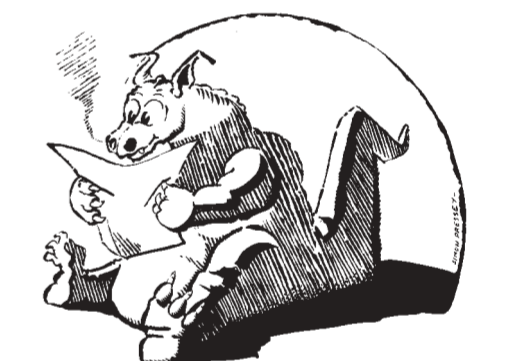
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REVIEW: THEATRE

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
by Lawrence Kasha and David S. Landy

Apollo Theatre to Saturday 3rd

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers started life as a Hollywood movie in the 1950s. The current touring production borrows heavily from the style of the film, and is none the worse for that. The plot centres around the efforts of the Pontippee family, seven brothers, to find wives for themselves. Adam Pontippee (Sam Kane) marries the feisty Milly (Shona Lindsey) and it is she who sets out to put the lives of the backwoods Pontipees into order. Kane is a likeable, though not always sparkling, leading man whose TV appearances in the likes of Brookside and Coronation Street belie a strong singing voice, but for me the real star of the show is Shona Lindsey. Her performance was an utter delight and she has a great voice, which was perfectly showcased in the song 'Love Never Goes Away'. The supporting cast was youthful and energetic with a particularly exuberant turn by Joe Smith as the youngest brother Gideon, and the choreography was strong throughout.

With colourful costumes, great scenery and a fantastic score *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* really is a great night out for the family, and will make a good step up for youngsters who have outgrown pantomime. So, if you like your musicals big, bold, brash and bright this is the one for you.

Dave Wootton 30/10/01

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