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**Oxford Playhouse 305305**  
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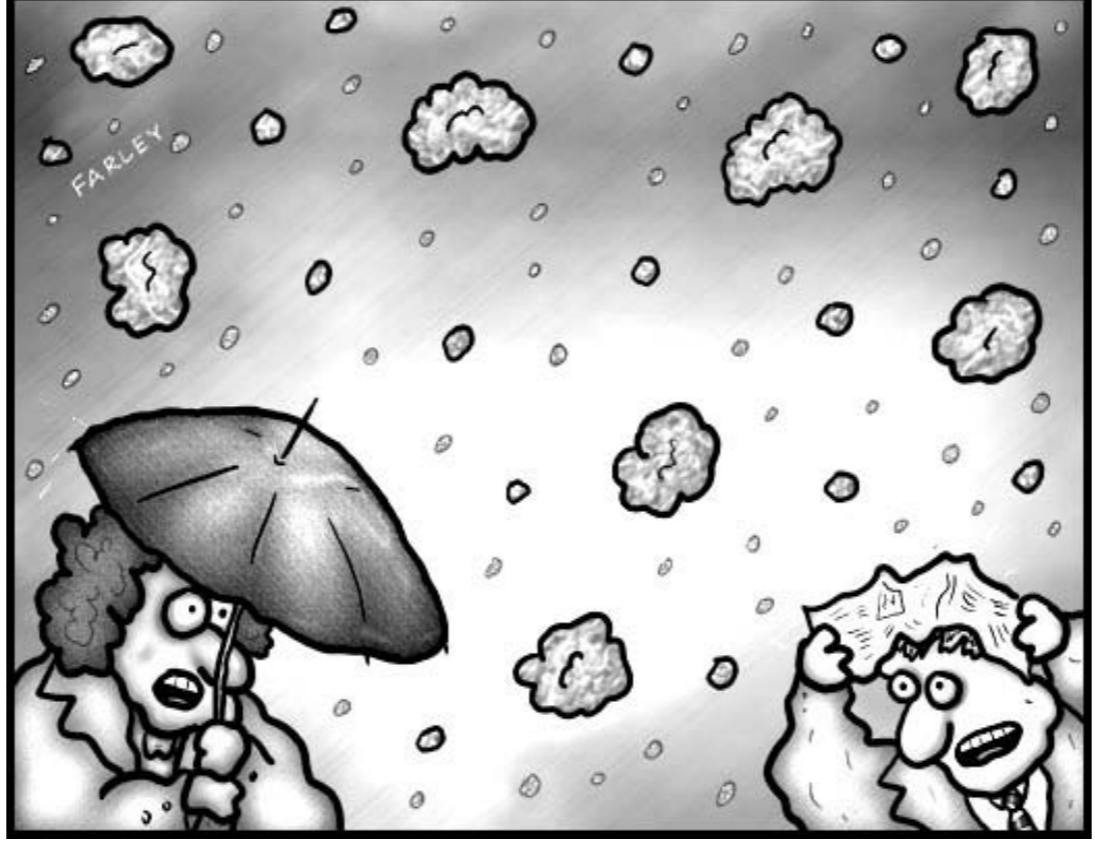
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**THEATRE REVIEW**

**THE NUTCRACKER AND THE MOUSE KING**  
PEGASUS THEATRE TO SAT 6th DECEMBER

Most people will know the story of the Nutcracker through Tchaikovsky's ballet but Jane Buckler's stage version of 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King' is much closer to the original tale by E. T. A. Hoffman. Our heroine is Marie, a girl growing up in a poor German family who wants nothing more than the safe return of her father. She is visited on Christmas Eve by her Godfather, Gosselmeier, who brings gifts for Marie, her brother Fritz and Mama.

Marie is given a dress and a nutcracker, about which Gosselmeier has a magical story to tell. It is a tale of a soldier's quest for the hardest nut in the world, for only cracking that nut will free the beautiful princess from the Mouse Queen's curse. In her programme notes Buckler laments the fact that this story within a story is missing entirely from the ballet, and her play certainly makes full use of it.

Having successfully completed the quest and freed the Princess, the soldier accidentally kills the Mouse Queen and the curse is transferred to him. Now he is destined for a life as a nutcracker until he can kill the Mouse King, who is the Mouse Queen's son, and win the princess' heart. It is this nutcracker which Marie is given as a gift and her own journey into the world of the Nutcracker and the Mouse King begins. It is a journey during which she learns what it means to be in love and discovers that what somebody is like on the inside matters more than their outward appearance.

From anguish at the continued absence of her father to exasperation with her family, from bewilderment at events taking place around her to fear that she might lose her loved one, Wendy Crowley-Dynan, as Marie, ensures that we go on the emotional journey with her. But this is no helpless damsel in distress, Marie helps the wounded Nutcracker in his fight with the Mouse King and is

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not afraid to say "no" to him when he demands her dress.  
Fritz, played by Zoot Lynam, is the kind of younger brother that everyone loves to hate. He is snivelling, proud, whining and overly fond of the idea of blood and death - not the actuality mind, he hides in the coat cupboard when the real danger starts. He is equally as good as the Mouse King which he plays with such nastiness that, given the time of year, the audience showed great restraint in not booing and hissing with his every appearance.

