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THEATRE REVIEW

ALL MY SONS Congo Red Productions Oxford Playhouse

All My Sons, Arthur Miller's masterful dissection of the cancer lying at the heart of the American capitalist dream, is far from an easy play to stage. A single location, a small ensemble group of players, a massive change of tone and an amazing emotional intensity calls for a genuinely thought-out, and perfectly executed performance if the play is to succeed.

This performance managed not only to make the play a success, but brilliantly to exploit each of those difficulties as the kind of dramatic opportunity that only a playwright of Miller's calibre could provide. The single set, serving as a good team, it's inviolable, longish acts, included enough ripe symbolism to lend it new significance with each passing moment - the gradual realisation that the apparently perfect family house is disjointed and set against a black background, for instance, is simultaneous with the breakdown of the family ideal within the play.

The ensemble playing, so often a fall in Oxford student productions, was here singularly effective. There was a convincing evocation of family dynamics, an excellent ability to adapt to the lighter moments in the script - a difficult task - and a well-orchestrated acceleration of pace towards the latter stages. With such a good team, it's inevitable that single out performers, but those who most impressed each managed to believably develop their characters in the most dramatic way over the course of the play. Gabriel Vick's Joe Keller effortlessly metamorphosed from an unconvincing, wisecracking everyman into an empty man, devoured by his own guilt. Lorna Beckett achieved similar heights with her gradual descent into despair, and Harry Lloyd, as Chris, was singularly effective in his shift from an underplayed family boy - led by his principles - to an emotional wreck, driven to perform. Lloyd's acting, particularly, was so emotionally raw as to be almost painful to watch.

Whilst this is not a flawless production - some rather contrived violin music served to lead, rather than intensify the atmosphere, and there was a rather unnecessary puppet plane moment between Acts 2 & 3 - it is without doubt one of the best I have seen in Oxford. A standing ovation, inexpressibly happy, was well deserved.

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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Fri 6th
THE CELTIC OTHERWORLD: Talk illustrated with song by Cathlin Matthews. 5.52£50 / 7.30pm / Ferry Centre, Diamond Place, Summertown.
ALTERNATIVE EVENING WITH WILLIAM BOYD IAN MCEWAN / Followed by wine & a chance to talk to the writers. 22.00-10 from 277234 paul@bodye.ox.ac.uk or Friends of the Bodleian / 9pm / Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street.
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Sat 7th
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Sun 8th
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Mon 9th
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