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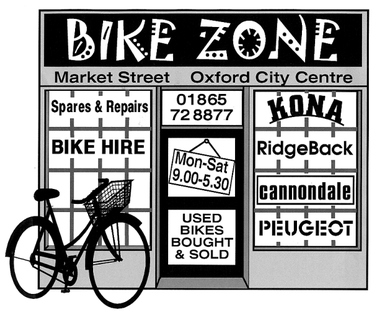

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THEATRE REVIEW

Twelfth Night, by William Shakespeare
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Twelfth Night has long been one of Shakespeare's most popular works. One of his middle comedies, written at the height of his purest comic genius, it is a tale of cross-dressing, confusion, unspoken and unreciprocated love, madness, witty word-play and Tom-foolery. The twelfth night of Christmas looks onto a return to the routine of life and is the climax of this festive season; the play is thus full of the excesses of music, drinking and emotion.

Twin brother and sister (Sebastian and Viola) are shipwrecked and brought ashore to Illyria; each thinks the other has drowned. Viola presents herself as the eunuch 'Cesario' to serve Count Orsino (who she falls in love with). A Countess Olivia (whom Count Orsino is trying to woo through 'Cesario') then falls for this disguised Viola. The comic subplot features similar misplaced love, hand in hand with drunken roguery, slapstick and song. To add further to the mayhem, Sebastian is abruptly landed in the centre of this, being mistaken for 'Cesario'.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out how this complicated plot resolves itself. The City of Oxford Theatre Guild, which comprises a mixture of amateurs and professionals from all over Oxfordshire, is a strong company, and was evidently very well directed here by Gerald Gould. The production is overall quite 'straight': the costumes are elaborate but not intrusive and the music, taken from various sources, is simple, folk-like and effective. The professionalism of both performers and direction is refreshing. Lines are well-paced with neither disrespect for nor overindulgence in the text.

The most highly commendable performances are those of Abbey Wright, who brings out the uniqueness of Viola amongst Shakespearean females beautifully; Kerry Elkins (Maria, Olivia's waiting-gentlewoman), John O'Connor (the infamous Sir Toby Belch), Rob Reynolds (Sir Andrew Aguecheek) and Nick Quartley (Malvolio), for their superb comic timing; and Dominic Oliver (Feste the jester - a role said to set the mood of the whole play). One or two perhaps less experienced performers do suffer in comparison with the majority but this doesn't detract from the general high standard.

The balanced and contrasting elements of romance, comedy and the cruelty directed against the puritan, Malvolio, are realised very effectively
(Elizabethan puritans made several attacks on the theatre and so were a sure target for the playwrights of the time).

The Grand Finale that is the last act, once the frolicking is over and all confusions are unravelled, ends with a suitably sobering song: "With hey, ho, the wind and the rain". So take a blanket and winter coat, just in case, and enjoy!

Andy McBeth, 4 / 7 / 00

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Thursday 13th July

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THIS WEEK

The Oxford Chamber Music Festival

Tuesday 4th – Saturday 8th July

For music-lovers in Oxford, it sounds almost too good to be true: 25 of the world's finest and most respected chamber musicians, gathered together for a week of performing chamber music spanning several centuries and styles, in some of the finest venues the city can boast. A roll-call of the names Artistic Director Priya Mitchell has managed to assemble for the first Oxford Chamber Music Festival is startlingly impressive: Imogen Cooper, Melvyn Tan, Natalie Clein and Steven Isserlis are just some of the famous names appearing in this week-long musical orgy. The diversity of repertoire, crammed into 6 days, is equally exciting, ranging from Bach 'cello suites (to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's death) to an evening of Russian tango music played by accordionist Igor Outkine.

The opening concert, in St Antony's college on Tuesday night, proved that the festival will more than live up to expectations. It opened with a wonderfully accomplished, spirited performance of Beethoven's Septet in E flat op. 20. This work, actually rather un-Beethovenian in its light-heartedness and plenitude of musical jokes, provided a perfect demonstration of all the qualities that make chamber music, and this festival in particular, so rewarding. The frequent unexpected dynamic shifts, accents, and changes and harmonic direction gave the performers ample opportunity to enjoy the intimacy of communication, and the thrill of weaving seven idiosyncratic lines into a coherent whole. The individual players did, however, get a chance to shine. Hanna Weinminster, most notably, delighted the audience with her technically superb, wonderfully sonorous performance on the virtuosic violin line. One of the interesting features about the Oxford Chamber Music Festival is the way in which it brings famous instrumentalists together in novel combinations. Any fears that this might result in a lack of unanimity or understanding were immediately assuaged by this opening septet. The musicians seemed to be in complete agreement, right down to the weight and length of the individual accents.

The concert ended with a splendidly energetic rendition of Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor, op. 34. Sandwiched between these epic works were two little-known gems: Anton Webern's Two Pieces for 'cello and piano. Another major strength of this series is the positive effort that has been made to include less familiar works. In this millennium year, the focus is on pieces written towards the end of centuries. These pieces, written in 1899 before Webern famously embraced dodecaphonism, are in a sensuously lyrical, post-romantic style; Natalie Clein captivated those listening with a breath-takingly poised performance.

Details of the remaining concerts in the Oxford Chamber Music Festival are listed below. For those unlucky enough to miss this musical feast, several of the concerts will be broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in the new year.

Matthew Rogers, 5 / 7 / 00

Friday 7th July

Holywell Music Room, 1pm.
Rachmaninov: Songs, 'cello & piano sonata

Holywell Music Room, 7.30pm.
Pre-performance talk by Dr Peter Franklin

Holywell Music Room, 8pm.
Songs by Berg, Mahler, Strauss, Webern. Schoenberg: Verklarte Nacht.

Holywell Music Room, 11pm:
Russian Tango Music.

Saturday 8th July

Holywell Music Room, 11.30am:
Bach Piano Partita no.2 in C minor
Debussy Preludes Book 2

Sheldonian Theatre, 8pm:
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