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BALLS!

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College/Org.	Date/Time/Theme	Tickets
PEMBROKE	Friday May 9th "The Elemental Ball" (earth, wind, fire & water themes)	SOLD OUT!
TEDDY HALL	Saturday May 10th "The Hall of Fame" Summer Event (Film-themed areas with central marquee, live bands, casino, food, drink & more)	£30
BRASENOSE	Saturday May 10th "Jungle Ball" (An evening of adventure and safari in deepest Africa. Themed food, drink, music & entertainment.)	Dining: SOLD OUT! Non-dining: £55 Working tickets available
ST PETER'S	Saturday May 17th "Sinsation": 7 deadly sins theme.	Dining: £75 Non-dining: £55 £60, £40 students
THE OXFORD REAL TENNIS BALL (Real Tennis Court, Merton)	Saturday May 17th Champagne: 7.30, Dinner on Court: 8.30, Dancing to midnight. Black tie.	
	Saturday June 7th "The Mile-High Ball": From Monaco to Mumbai. Formal dinner, Open bar, Congolese soukous band, swing band, jazz trio, African drums, fireworks, belly-dancing, casino, Martini bar, karaoke, etc.	Full dining: £45 Extended dining: £40 Non-dining: £35
MAGDALEN	Friday June 27th "3 quads encompassing music, food & entertainment to span all genres."	SOLD OUT! Working tickets available
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WADHAM	Friday June 27th Carnival theme. Dodgems, ferris wheel, music & live performances. Unlimited booze!	£65
KEBLE	Saturday June 28th Big wheel, performers, casino, massage harem.	Non-dining £60 - all others SOLD OUT!

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EXHIBITIONS

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Ornamentation: Drawings for the Decorative Arts (April 30 - July 27)
Selections from the permanent graphic art collection, featuring the designs of Giulio Romano.
Entrance via Canterbury Gate / Oriel Square.
Open: Mon-Sat 10.30-1.00, 2.00-4.30, Sun 2.00-4.30. Tel. 276172

THEATRE REVIEW

Anyone interested in beautiful clothes, devastating wit and wild romantic confusion should this week be watching *The Rivals*. Sheridan's simple story of just how much trouble some people get into when falling in love. The performance opens with music, caricatures and candlelight courtesy of a wildly lurching candelabra; the Eighteenth Century, drawn in broad strokes.



It takes a moment to tune into the language, but the themes (lovers crossed, mistaken identities, abortive duels) are so familiar and the acting so exuberant it is impossible, except where the plot demands it. Young lovers Jack (irrespressible coat-swishing charm from Anthony Wilks) and Lydia (Amy Jackson, positively bursting with romantic verve) are trying to keep love alive in a world of arranged marriages and overbearing relatives; Faulkland (Matt Addis), gloriously foppish and brimming with sensibility, and Julia (Olivia Grant) have their elders' blessings but find it impossible to be sure of each other. Add romantic rivals in the form of boisterous, country-dance obsessed Acres (Tim Younger) and the broad and ridiculous Lucius O'Trigger (David Guthrie) and the scene is set for a nicely complicated path to happiness.

CINEMA

Until Thurs 8th May
Odeon George Street 0870 5050007
THE JUNGLE BOOK 2 (U) Daily: 12.30, 3.00, 5.15
Mowgli's back for more adventures
WELCOMETO COLLINWOOD (15) Daily: 3.30, 6.30, 9.00
George Clooney's story of inept robbers. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
25TH HOUR (15) Daily: 8.00
Spike Lee's latest, love it or hate it... See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
SEEING DOUBLE (PG) Daily: 1.00
S Club in full effect.
PHONE BOOTH (15) Daily: 1.30*, 3.45*, 6.15*, 8.45*
Don't ever be bad... or answer the phone. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
X-MEN 2 (12A) Daily: 1.15, 4.30, 7.45
They're, erm, back. See review, right
HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (12A) Daily: 12.00*, 2.45*, 5.30*, 8.30*
...it's trickier when he's got a bet on making you fall in love with him...
JOHNNY ENGLISH (PG) Daily: 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15
Rowan Atkinson in spy spoof thriller. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
SENIOR SCREEN: DIE ANOTHER DAY (12A) Wed: 10.45*
Come in Mr Bond... Over 55s only. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
Odeon Magdalen Street 0870 5050007
X-MEN 2 (12A) Daily: 1.45, 5.00, 8.15
They're, erm, back. See review, right
DREAMCATCHER (15) Daily: 1.00, 4.30, 8.00
Ravenous space worms... See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
Phoenix Picture House 512526
LILJA 4-EVER (18) Thurs: 4.30, 9.00, 11.30pm
The youth of Russia. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
OXDOX: PANI Z UKRAINI / THE WAY IT IS / THE SISTERS (12A) Thu: Films at 1.30, 2.00 & 3.15;
Q&A following each
Eastern European life in close-up. Post-film Q&A with director Pawel Lozinski
OXDOX: FOOTPRINTS (12A) Thu: 4.30, Q&A 5.15
The effect of cluster bombs on people & landscape. Post film Q&A with director Ben Hopkins
OXDOX: CLOWN IN KABUL (15) Thu: 6.15, Q&A 7.15
'Clown doctors' take 'smile therapy' to Afghan paediatric hospitals. Post film Q&A with directors Engh Balistrieri & Stefano Moser
OXDOX: DANCE GROZNY DANCE (12A) Thu: 8.15, Q&A 9.30.
Children's dance troupe from ravaged Chechnya on European tour. Post film Q&A with camerawoman Masja Novikov. (NB the troupe will perform @ the Town Hall on June 26)
OXDOX: LESSONS OF DARKNESS (15) Thu: 10.30-11.30
The burning of Kuwait's oil fields.
Magdalen College Auditorium
OXDOX: FRONTIERS OF DREAMS AND FEARS (12A) Thu: 7.30-8.30
2 Palestinian refugee girls journey to the borders of exile.
Ultimate Picture Palace 245288
TWO WEEKS' NOTICE (12A) Daily: 7.00pm
Sandra Bullock and Hugh Grant.
GANGS OF NEW YORK (18) Daily: 9.00pm
Scorsese's epic. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk
* = Wheelchair Access

THEATRE

Until Thurs 8th May
Oxford Playhouse 305305
MRS WARREN'S PROFESSION Tue 6th - Sat 10th
Daily: 7.30pm Fri: 2.30, 8.00 Thu & Sat: 2.30, 7.30
Bernard Shaw's controversial comedy
Burton Taylor Theatre 305350
THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA Tue 6th - Sat 10th: 7.30pm
Three generations of tragically frustrated women. £5/£4. See review, above right
THE BALD PRIMA DONNA Tue 6th - Sat 10th
Daily: 9.30pm
Double-Dutch Productions present Innesco's anti-play. £5/£4
Old Fire Station Theatre 297170
THE RIVALS Tue 6th - Sat 10th 7.30pm, plus Sat mat: 2.30pm
ODG Productions with Sheridan's comedy of love & manners. £8.50/£6.50. See review, above
The Apollo Oxford 0870 6063500
PAUL YOUNG Fri 9: 7.30pm
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THEATRE REVIEW

The House of Bernarda Alba

By Federico Garcia Lorca. Burton Taylor theatre until Sat 10th
Written in 1936, this was to be Lorca's last work, and - despite being quite different in style to his earlier works - it is considered to be one of his best. The story is of a group of women in a Spanish village trying to cope with the pressures of religion and family, and it is ably told by this cast.
We first meet the characters on the day of their father's funeral. Bernarda is the mother of five daughters, all of whom are kept apart from the rest of society by their mother's small-town catholic morals. Most of what they know of the outside world they have learned through gossiping with the maids. The only way out that they have is to marry, if they can find someone who Bernarda sees as worthy. When the eldest daughter is engaged to be married, tensions flare up among the sisters as each of them unleashes their feelings which have too long been held in check.

The staging and direction is sparse throughout the production, the characters wearing black or white (with only one notable exception), the walls showing little decoration. Much of the action of the play happens offstage; in fact no male character so much as makes an appearance, despite Pepe's actions being central to the story. We are left to hear everything second-hand, at a distance, echoing the situation in which the daughters find themselves in the house. Bernarda places more importance on the neighbours and what they might think than on the feelings and needs of the people that live under the her roof.

THEATRE REVIEW

All of the actresses play their roles well, Lucy Atkinson in particular bringing energy to a difficult role and Ellia Taylor managing to make the 60 year old Poncea believable. The production manages to reach a poignant and believable climax (I will admit that they had me on the brink of tears).
The only problem that I had with this production was a personal one, relating to translation. Having lived in Spain for several years and read some of Lorca's works in the original language, it was occasionally gratifying to hear what should have been poetic, peculiarly Spanish speech patterns and rhythms performed by characters not totally 'in sync' with this culture. Not everyone will notice, but for me it was the only taint on an otherwise impressive performance.
Keith Ibsen, 06.05.03

GIGS

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