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Sat 12th - Mon 14th June 2010 (Oxford University 7th-8th week)

WHAT'S ON

Tomas Gould (violin)
Gary Pomeroy (viola)
Philip Higham (cello)
 Bach Goldberg Variations, arr. Sitkovetsky
 Tickets: Playhouse 01865 305305 / 07518 479062
 Coffee: Magdalen College Auditorium
 www.coffeeconcerts.com Sun 13 Jun, 11.15am

COSMIC CAFE
Astrology Workshops
 Monday nights, 7-8.30pm. Next: June 14
 The Jam Factory, 27 Park End Street, Oxford OX1 1HU
 Info: cosmic.cafe@virginmedia.com or 07587 145184

The North Wall Arts Centre
 Comedy
Wednesday 16 June, 8pm
Anything For A Tenor?
 My Tutu's been AWOL!
 Written & performed by Iestyn Edwards
 "A rare and perfect synthesis of art and larkiness, unerring skill in pirouettes. The audience howled with laughter!" Libby Purves, The Times
 Tickets: £12 (concessions £10)
 North Wall Arts Centre, Oxford OX2 7NN
 Box office: 01865 319450
 www.thenorthwall.com

Celia Green
COFFEE MEETINGS
 Tuesdays, 4.30pm; cgoxfordforum@gmail.com
 www.celiagreen.com

GINEMA to Fri 18th
Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 704 2062)
AMERICAN: THE BILL HICKS STORY [15] Fri, Tue: 9.00pm
 A very personal documentary about the celebrated comedian.
THE KILLER INSIDE ME [18] Fri & Sat, Tue: 4.15, 6.40pm
 Sun & Mon, Wed: 4.15, 9.00pm; Thu: 4.00, 6.15pm
 Casey Affleck and Jessica Alba in Jim Thompson's bloody Texas thriller.
BAD LIEUTENANT [18] Fri, Mon - Wed: 1.45pm
 Sat: 1.45, 9.00pm; Sun: 6.30pm; Thu: 1.30pm
 Drug-addicted detective investigates his own past.
THE BROTHERS BOLLER [15] Fri, Sat, Tue: 1.30, 6.30pm
 Twisty con caper starring Adam Brody and Mark Ruffalo.
GREENBERG [15] Fri, Sat, Tue: 4.00, 8.50pm
 Ben Stiller gets serious as Roger Greenberg, lost at 40.
KIDS' CLUB: MR BEAN'S HOLIDAY [PG] Sat: 1.30pm
 Mr. Bean is heading to the South of France. No unaccompanied adults. Children under 8 must bring their own adult. Activities 12.45, film 1.30.
BHUTTO [15] Sun: 1.00pm
 Definitive documentary of Benazir Bhutto. Plus Q&A with producer/director.
LA SEPARATION [PG] Mon: 6.30pm
 Based on Dan Franck's tragic best-seller about divorce.
THE BIG SCREAM: GREENBERG [15] Wed: 11.30am
 Ben Stiller gets serious as Roger Greenberg, lost at 40. Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1.
HUMAN TERRAIN [NC] Thu: 8.30pm
 How America tries to win over its Iraq & Afghan foes. Plus Q&A with director.
Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)
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 Another dark-meets-simbo rom com.
ROBIN HOOD [12A] Mon, Wed, Thu: 2.00, 5.00, 8.30pm
 Russell Crowe flashes his stubble as the merry outlaw.
I AM LOVE [15] Tue: 8.30pm
 Tragically funny following wealthy Milanese family. Italian with English subtitles.
Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
IRON MAN 2 [12A] Fri, Mon & Tue: 3.15, 6.15, 9.15pm
 Robert Downey Jr returns as Iron Man.
DEATH AT A FUNERAL [15] daily: 2.00, 4.10, 6.45, 9.00pm
 Plus 11.15pm Fri, Sat, Wed, and 11.30am Sat & Sun
 Comic mayhem erupts at a father's funeral.
4.3.2.1 [15] Fri - Tue: 6.30, 9.30pm
 Four best friends become involved in a diamond heist.
TOOTH FAIRY [PG] Fri, Mon - Thu: 1.30, 4.00pm
 Hard-nosed hockey player vs a tooth fairy.
STREETDANCE 3D [PG] Fri & Sat, Wed: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.00pm
 Sun & Mon: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm; Tue: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.50pm
 Streetdance and ballet in the championship battle.
PRINCE OF PERSIA [12A] Fri, Sat, Tue: 2.30, 5.20, 8.00, 10.40pm
 Sat: 11.45am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.00pm; Sun: 11.45am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.00pm
 Intrepid royals vs a sandstorm released by evil mastermind.
ROBIN HOOD [12A] Fri & Sat, Wed: 1.10, 4.20, 7.30, 10.50pm
 Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe get merry.
SEX AND THE CITY 2 [15] Fri, Sat, Wed: 1.15, 4.30, 7.45, 11.00pm
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 An American girl in Italy intercepts letters to Shakespeare's fictional character.
BROOKLYN'S FINEST [18] daily: 2.15, 5.10, 8.15pm
 plus Fri, Sat, Wed: 11.30pm 8.55am & Sun: 11.15am
 A week in the lives of three NYC cops. With Richard Gere.
SPACE CHIMPS 2 (3D) [U] Sat & Sun: 11.00am
 Intrepid chimps battle evil alien ruler.
KIDS AM FILM: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON [PG] Sat & Sun: 10.30am
 Teenage Viking devotes from a destiny of dragon slaying.
THE OUT OF MY LEAGUE [15] Sat & Sun: 10.40am, 12.50, 3.15pm
 Another dark-meets-simbo rom com.
HZOH [NC] Tue: 6.30pm
 The world's second biggest offside, in Alberta, Canada, and its consequences.
KILLERS [12A] Wed & Thu: 2.10, 4.40, 7.00, 9.30pm
 Katherine Heigl meets the perfect man. Or is he?
HILLSONG UNITED: 1 HEART FILM [PG] Thu: 8.30pm
 ...follows the worship band across 6 continents, 42 nations and 93 cities.
Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)
FOUR LIONS [15] Fri, Thu: 7.00pm; Sat: 7.30pm
 Chris Morris coms about four British jihadists.
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ALICE CREED [18] Fri, Tue, Wed, Thu: 9.00pm; Sat: 9.30pm; Sun: 8.30pm; Tue: 7.00pm
 Well-written low-budget witty kidnapping thriller.
EYES WIDE OPEN [15] Sun & Mon: 6.30pm; Tue: 9.00pm
 Orthodox Jewish father falls in love with a young Muslim student.
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 Came and friends travel to Abu Dhabi.
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Pitt Rivers Museum (270927)
TROBRIAND CRICKET Sat: 11am, free
 Presented by Prof. J. Leach (University of Gairn)

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Sat 12th
COMMUNE WITH THE FATHER / Women's breakfast, with worship & seminar
 9am-12noon, £2 (E5) / 254800 / St Aldates Church, 40 Pembroke St
OXFORD PRIDE 2010 PARADE / From Cornmarket down Queen St to the fair
 & music in Opens Field / free, start at midday / www.oxfordpride.org.uk
OXFORD KNITTING CIRCLE / Knitting with others / 7pm - 4pm, £3. Booking req
 www.meetup.com/Oxford-Knitting-Group / 236058 / OX2 0NJ

Sun 13th
SINGLES WALKING GROUP / Don & surrounds: dogs, children welcome / 9.45 for 10am, £2 / www.walkers.meetup.com/385 / Join online for location
THEN & NOW: QUEER OXFORD HISTORY WALK / Six centuries of history, starting at scandal-hidden Wadham / 4pm / http://bisexual.oxford.org.uk
5 MILE WALK / Prospective members welcome / 1.30pm / 516239 & 01635 578215 / www.oxfordshirevfc.org.uk / Recreation ground car park, Mouldford
NORTHWAY COMMUNITY CHOIR / All ages / 7pm-5pm, free / 07918 034935 / Northway Evangelical Church, Sutton Rd, Headington, OX3 9BB / 766284
BICYCLE RIDE / Into scenic Oxon countryside & back. Coffee & lunch stops / 9.30am - 4.45pm, free / www.oxoncc.org.uk / Campus Stores, Broad St

Mon 14th
ROSE HILL READ/SWAP LIBRARY / New free amenity run by people for their neighbours. Warm welcome, no forms, no fuss. Art for children, 7.2 - 4.30pm, free, refreshments / Rose Hill Comm. Centre, The Oaks, OX4 0YU / 777542
CHOOSING & JUDGING FICTION / Alexandra Shulman: the Orange shortlist / 7pm, £4 - book: www.woodstockbookshop.co.uk / The Woodstock Bookshop
COSMIC CAFE ASTROLOGY WORKSHOP / 7pm, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End Street / cosmic.cafe@virginmedia.com, 07587 145184
JUPITER - FRIEND OR FOE? / Dr Jonathan Horner / 8pm, 1st visit free / 725094 / Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Cres, North Abingdon
THAMES VALLEY CLIMATE ACTION / Getting together to take action / 7pm, free / http://tva.oxv.org.uk / E. Ox. Comm. Centre, 44b Princes St, OX4 1DD / 792168
INNER PEACE / Listening to one's innermost voice. / 6pm - 7pm, free / www.wopg.org.uk / 31718 / E. Ox. Comm. Centre, 44b Princes St, OX4 1DD / 792168
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REFUGEE WEEK - SHAMI CHAKRABARTY / Talk & panel discussion / 7-9.30pm, free / www.refugees.welcome.org.uk / 722082 / Oxford Town Hall
BOOK LAUNCH - ART TALK / Cynthia Freeland: Portraits + Persons / 7-8.30pm (free) / www.oup.com / 353240 / Blackwells, 48-51 Broad St, OX1 3BQ

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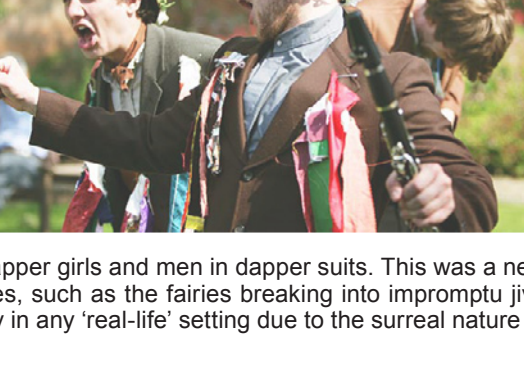
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REVIEW

Blenheim Palace Outdoor Shakespeare 2010 A Midsummer Night's Dream

Blenheim Palace, until Friday June 18th 2010

The stunning Pleasure Gardens of Blenheim Palace set the scene for The Oxford School Of Drama's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Sitting on bales of hay, enjoying the scenery, eating cake and... drinking a cup of hot chocolate. It was unfortunately cold and drizzling. But once the show started, we forgot about the weather and were transported to the magical forest where fairies make mayhem.



The play (one of Shakespeare's most well known, possibly due to the fact that it is a GCSE classic!) is given a revamp for this version and set in 1920's Britain. Cue flapper girls and men in dapper suits. This was a new approach and made for some interesting scenes, such as the fairies breaking into impromptu jive dancing, however it is difficult to portray the play in any 'real-life' setting due to the surreal nature of the story itself.

What does work is the light-heartedness and general charm of the play. The characters are merry and seem rather pleasantly drunk. They sing, dance, pose, and poke fun at themselves. Emily Lloyd-Saini excels in her portrayal of Puck (a female Puck - nice twist on the original), skipping around joyfully, eyes wide in mischief, exuding a flirtatious chemistry with Oberon, King of the Fairies. Margaret Clunzie plays a likeable Helena, and has some great comedy scenes when begging for Demetrius's love, and later when she thinks that Lysander and Demetrius are mocking her when they declare their love - these scenes are conveyed seriously in some versions but Margaret's comic skills made this approach work very well. Hugo Grant, as Bottom had the audience in stitches. The use of a simple prop, a pair of novelty horse ears, add to the humour of his scenes when Puck changes him to half-donkey. Titania, Queen of Fairies (played by Victoria Lupton) possessed a regal air which made her consequent infatuation and passion for Bottom even funnier.

There was little staging and even fewer props. But I really believed I was in the woods at witching hour. The cast ensured this by careful attention to detail, continuing in character until out of sight completely. So the fairies would float and dance away 'off stage' until they reached the ends of the gardens and were no longer in view - this was a nice touch. They also integrated well with the audience, running amongst our seats and sitting alongside us in parts.

Finally, the cast must be commended for performing so well in the rain and cold, especially on opening night - very professional. If I had to be picky, I would say that some of the actors need to speak a little louder especially as the 'stage area' is open-air and quite large, which can make hearing difficult.

After Puck's famous closing speech, there was some more dancing to end the show. A little bit random, but certainly fitting in with the general eccentricity of the play itself. The audience enjoyed it, clapping and foot-tapping along. If you like the play, then do go and watch this version - it is joyous to watch, the actors are having fun and so are the audience. Recommended.

Maleeha Bari, 11/06/10

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