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OXFORD LIEDER FESTIVAL: Friday 13th October, 8pm. St Aldates Church. Opening concert. Dame Felicity Lott sings Schumann, Strauss, Hahn and Coward with Maciej Pikulski (piano). Pre-concert talk 7.15pm by Richard Stokes. Saturday 14th October, 3pm. Bladon Parish Church near Woodstock. Schumann's 'Myrten' sung by outstanding musicians from the Guildhall School of Music. £8(£5). Saturday 14th October, 8pm. Jacqueline Du Pré Music Building. Sophie Daneman (soprano) / Julius Drake (piano). Songs by Haydn, Mozart, Schumann, Poulenc and Coward. Pre-concert talk 7.15pm by Richard Stokes. Further details www.oxfordlieder.co.uk. All tickets from Tickets Oxford 01865 305305, except students £5 on door only.

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THE TYNDALE LECTURE 2006. "The Da Vinci Code: Fact or Fiction?" An illustrated public lecture by Mr John Botten (Birmingham). Wednesday 18 October at 8pm in the Christadelphian Meeting Room, Tyndale Road (off Cowley Road).

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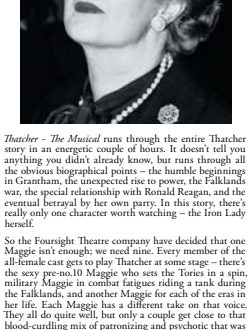
THEATRE REVIEW

Thatcher: The Musical

Oxford Playhouse,until Sat 14th October 2006



Thatcher - The Musical runs through the entire Thatcher story in an energetic couple of hours. It doesn't tell you anything you didn't already know, but runs through all the obvious biographical points – the humble beginnings in Grantham, the unexpected rise to power, the Falklands war, the special relationship with Ronald Reagan, and the eventual betrayal by her own party. In this story, there's really only one character worth watching – the Iron Lady herself.

So the Foursight Theatre company have decided that one Maggie isn't enough; we need nine. Every member of the all-female cast gets to play Thatcher at some stage – there's the sexy pre-no.10 Maggie who sets the Tories in a spin, military Maggie in combat fatigues riding a tank during the Falklands, and another Maggie for each of the eras in her life. Each Maggie has a different take on that voice. They all do quite well, but only a couple get close to that blood-curdling mix of patronizing and psychotic that was best done on Spitting Image. The nicest touch is that each Thatcher has her own wig, in a range of colours, but with no variation from the towering bouffant, and all made from what appears to be rigid fibre-glass.

The story is also narrated for us by a late-period Maggie in a frumpy black dress, who, after arriving in a giant handbag, roams the stage commenting on, and sometimes interacting with, the other Maggies. This narrator Maggie has most of the best jokes. Apart from the narration, the story is represented in an impressionistic way, with no attempt to represent any of the scenes from Thatcher's life with much realism. This means that many scenes feel rather like live-action versions of political cartoons, with actors on stage just as likely to be representing 'mass unemployment' or 'inner-city racial tension', as they are to be playing real people such as Geoffrey Howe or Denis Thatcher.

I can't say that I found any of this particularly funny. Because everything happened quite a while ago now, all the political events have to be painted with pretty broad brush strokes, and the humour is never very sophisticated. Thatcher's cabinet, for example, are represented as a pack of pathetic dogs, with each getting a fairly basic joke attached to them. Back in the day, these politicians were all comedy gold, but it's too late to resurrect those jokes now. I also thought some of the songs were a bit naff, with slightly laboured lyrics about cabinet reshuffles and the fight against socialism.

You can't fault Foursight productions for the energy and skill with which they put on this elaborate show. I just imagine there could be a slightly crafier way of bringing Thatcher to the stage.

Kevin Money, 11/10/06

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CINEMA
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THE DEPARTED [18] Thu: 1.30, 4.45, 8.15pm, Fri: 1.15, 4.45, 8.15pm
Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson in Scorsese-directed mafia thriller.
LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE [15] Thu: 6.00, 8.45pm
Dysfunctional family road-trip. Dark, twisty, sensual comedy.
HOODWINKED [U] Thu: 1.45, 3.45pm
Quirky re-telling of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.
CHILDREN OF MEN [15] Fri 2.45, 5.45, 8.45pm
In 2027, the human race has become infertile. This should solve a lot of problems, but...

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

THE DEPARTED [18] Thu: 1.20, 2.30, 4.40, 5.45, 8.00, 9.00pm
Scorsese remakes Infernal Affairs. Fri: 2.15, 4.45, 5.40, 8.00, 9.00, 11.10pm
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA [PG]
Thu: 12.45, 2.00, 3.30, 4.30, 6.00, 7.00, 8.30, 9.30, 11.00pm
Fashion satire. Fri: 12.30, 2.00, 3.10, 4.30, 6.00, 7.00, 8.30, 9.30, 11.00pm
HOODWINKED [U] Thu: 1.10, 3.15, 5.30, 7.45pm
Quirky re-telling of 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Fri: 12.40pm, 2.45pm
CLICK [12A] Thu: 1.40, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15pm
A remote control that works on life. Fri: 12.50, 3.20, 5.50pm
WORLD TRADE CENTRE [12A] Thu: 1.50, 5.15, 8.15pm
True story of two cops trapped in the rubble. Fri: 3.45, 8.45, 11.30pm
CHILDREN OF MEN [15] Thu: 1.00, 3.50, 6.15, 8.45pm
Futuristic thriller with Clive Owen. Fri: 8.15, 10.45pm
THE QUEEN [12A] Thu: 2.15, 4.50, 7.15, 9.40pm
The recent history of the monarchy. Fri: 1.30, 6.30pm
TEXAS CHAINSAW MASSACRE: THE BEGINNING [18]
Prequel to horror series. Fri: 12.15, 2.30, 5.00, 7.30, 9.40, 11.50pm
HISTORY BOYS [PG] Fri: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15pm
Alan Bennett's classic tale of adolescence.
OPEN SEASON [PG] Fri: 1.00, 3.00, 5.15, 7.45pm
Domesticated grizzly finds himself in the woods at the wrong time of year.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

ARNA'S CHILDREN [N/C] Thu: 8.30pm
Remarkable Gaza strip documentary

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

THE DEPARTED [18] Thu: 12.45, 4.15, 7.45pm
Scorsese mafia film, very similar in plot to Infernal Affairs.
THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA [PG] Thu: 2.15, 5.00, 8.00pm
Meryl Streep rolling deeness the scenery as the (well deserved) boss from hell.
WORLD TRADE CENTRE [12A] Thu: 2.00, 5.15, 8.15pm
Film-makers capitalise on disaster with traumatic story of cops trapped in rubble.
CLICK [12A] Thu: 3.15, 6.15, 9.00pm
Adam Sandler finds a remote control that affects his life. Now all we need is a Ctrl+Z.
CHILDREN OF MEN [15] Thu: 3.00, 5.45, 8.45pm
In 2027, human fertility has dropped to near-zero. Should solve a lot of problems but ...
THE QUEEN [12A] Thu: 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm
Contains a single use of strong language.

Phoenix Picture House (0870 758 3218)

ZIDANE - A 21ST CENTURY PORTRAIT [PG] Thu: 4.20pm
The footballer.
THE QUEEN [12A] Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.30pm
The recent history of the monarchy. Fri: 2.45, 4.30, 6.45pm
VOLVER [15] Thu: 9.00pm
Ghostly love thriller from Almodovar.
UNCONSCIOUS [15] Thu: 2.00, 6.45pm
Freudian comedy set in 1913 Barcelona.
MEXICAN CINEMA: LAS VUELTAS DEL CITRILLO [15] Thu: 8.45pm
Exploration of the darker side of Mexico's socio-political history.
DAVID CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY [15] Fri: 11.30pm
A mix of Dave Chappelle's sketch comedy and musical interludes.
THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT [15] Fri: 11.30pm
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ECHO PARK L.A. [15] Fri: 9.00pm
Coming of age drama in Latino LA.
THE HISTORY BOYS [15] Fri: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45pm
Teenage boys in pursuit of sex, sport, and higher education.

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Until Sat 14th Oct

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THE ODYSSEY BY HOMER Sat 14th: 7.30 pm
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Fri 13th: 8pm, Sat 14th: 2.30 & 7.30pm
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New Theatre, Oxford (0870 6063500)

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The comedian. £16.50 - £18.50
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LUNCHTIME TALK / John Crook - Bishops & Base Cracks: 14th century timber halls / St Giles Church, Oxford / 12:30. Admission Free / secretary@st-giles-church.org / www.st-giles-church.org / St Giles Church. Oxford

FIN DE SIÈCLE SEMINAR SERIES / Jad Adams: 'Decadent or Hearty? Kipling's Dilemma' / University of Oxford / 5.15 pm-6.15pm / sarah.davison@st-annes.ox.ac.uk / St Cross Building

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The autumnal darkness is closing in...
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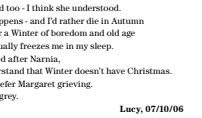
The entry we like best (received before 5th November) will win a box of chocolates.
Thanks to everyone for poems so far received: it's definitely enlivening our days.
Here are some of the recent entries:

There's a change from this Autumn we're told,
From October no-one is too old.
Dicks dreams of retiring,
They'll all want you for hiring,
And at least you won't die of the cold!
MK, 10/10/06



The beach boys were right.
It's all about a death.
We're all dreaming of something
And one day all our dreams will come true,
And then there'll be nothing to look forward to.
Consciousness is overrated.
Money can't buy you love - and even if it could,

I don't think I care any longer.
Forgive my plagiarisms -
Originality is something I no longer flirt with.
The kind of death that I'd welcome
What would you do if I told you you had AIDS?
Said the psychiatric nurse.
I laughed - it may as well be that way as any other.
She laughed too - I think she understood.
Autumn happens - and I'd rather die in Autumn
Than suffer a Winter of boredom and old age
That eventually freezes me in my sleep.
I was named after Narnia,
And I understand that Winter doesn't have Christmas.
I'd much prefer Margaret grieving.
Graveyard grey.
Lucy, 07/10/06

night shoes, candy apple red
yearning to dance
not meant to crack autumn leaves

on a rain stream - a leaf boat carries its soldier
into battle
from a small valley between the mountains
to "a special place for special people"

where the enemy is dangerous and armed
the groove his weapon
the turntable his shield

he fires
disco lights flash
artillery explodes over a moonlit battlefield

only he survives
captured by the enemy beat
beat by the enemy

enslaved by the torah – saved for the hora
his freedom his holocaust – his hollow cost his freedom
what does a hallow cost?

he dances
in his red shoes
he dances like he ain't got the blues

he dances
though his breast heaves
he dances as winter comes and autumn leaves
tdw, 11/10/06

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