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Thu 13th & Fri 14th November 2008 (5th week)

WHAT'S ON / COMING SOON

THE PLAY OF HEROD

Sung by Vox Humana and Gregoriana

St Aloysius' Church, Oxford
Friday 14 November, 8pm

Tickets £12 (£10) at the door or Oxford Playhouse
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Oxford Town Hall
Saturday 15 November
10.00 – 4.30 Opened by the 'G8'!

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Halloween, the night of the ghosts, is also the eve of All Saints Day when in many countries offerings are made to the deceased, candles are lit and flowers laid at their graves. It's a time of remembrance and the time when spirits pass over to the other side. But it is also a time for new beginnings when the ghosts that entered our lives in many disguises eventually leave. A treat ...

Exeter Chapel College, 16 November, 8pm
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W [15] Thu: 2.15, 5.30, 8.30pm
The life and times of George W. Bush. By Oliver Stone, with Josh Brolin as the president.

PRIDE AND GLORY [15] Thu: 2.00, 5.00, 8.10pm; Fri: 8.30, 11.20pm
Violent NYPD drama about corruption and honour. With Colin Farrell.

SAW V [18] Thu: 9.30pm, Fri: 1.40, 4.10, 6.50, 9.30, 11.40pm
More titillating torture.

QUANTUM OF SOLACE [12A] Thu: 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 9.45pm; Fri: 12.50, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.15, 5.20, 6.20, 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 9.45, 10.50, 11.50pm
Daniel Craig holds it together as Bond.

GHOST TOWN [12A] Thu: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.20pm; Fri: 12.10, 3.00, 5.40, 8.20, 11.00pm
Ricky Gervais as an unwilling medium for deceased souls from the Other Side...

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 [U] Thu: 12.30, 1.15, 3.15, 4.00, 6.00, 6.45, 8.45pm
A final spring musical before heading to college. Fri: 12.40, 3.10, 5.50pm

EASY VIRTUE [PG] Thu: 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15pm; Fri: 12.20, 2.50, 5.30pm
Ben Barnes, Jessica Biel and Colin Firth in adaptation of Noel Coward comedy.

MAMMA MIA [PG] Fri: 8.10, 10.40pm
Meryl Streep and Colin Firth in ABBA-fuelled fun.

MAX PAYNE [15] Fri: 12.30, 3.20, 6.00, 8.45, 11.30pm
Maverick cop seeks revenge.

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO [18]
The latest from Kevin Smith. Fri: 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15pm, 12midnight.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3 [U] Thu: 12.15, 1.15, 2.45, 3.45, 6.30pm
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BURN AFTER READING [15] Thu: 12.30, 3.00, 5.45, 8.15pm
Coen brothers spy spoof with George Clooney.

GHOST TOWN [12A] Thu: 9.00pm
Ricky Gervais sees dead people.

W [15] Thu: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm; Fri: 2.30, 5.45, 8.45pm
The life and times of George W. Bush. By Oliver Stone, with Josh Brolin as the president.

QUANTUM OF SOLACE [12A]
Daniel Craig seeks revenge. Fri: 1.00, 2.00, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 8.00pm

SAW V [18] Thu: 6.00, 8.45pm; Fri: 10.30pm
Yet more titillating torture.

EASY VIRTUE [PG] Fri: 12.45pm
Ben Barnes, Jessica Biel and Colin Firth in adaptation of Noel Coward comedy.

MAX PAYNE [15] Fri: 12.30, 3.15, 6.15, 9.00pm
Maverick cop seeks revenge.

MAMMA MIA [PG] Fri: 12.00 noon
Meryl Streep and Colin Firth in ABBA-fuelled fun.

ZACK AND MIRI MAKE A PORNO [18] Fri: 3.30, 6.30, 9.15pm
The latest from Kevin Smith.

THE BAADER-MEINHOF COMPLEX [18] Fri: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
Thriller about young middle-class terrorists.

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BURN AFTER READING [15] Fri: 6.30, 8.45pm
Coen brothers spy spoof with George Clooney.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

MAMMA MIA [PG] Thu: 7.00pm
Meryl Streep and Colin Firth in ABBA-fuelled fun.

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MY WINNIPEG [12A] Fri: 7.00pm
Guy Maddin's goodbye letter to his hometown.

BURN AFTER READING [15] Fri: 9.30pm
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QUANTUM OF SOLACE [12A] Thu: 12.50, 3.30, 6.20, 9.00pm
Daniel Craig seeks revenge.

THE BAADER-MEINHOF COMPLEX [18] Fri: 2.00, 5.30, 8.40pm
Thriller about young middle-class terrorists.

BURN AFTER READING [15] Fri: 3.45pm
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St Aloysius' Church, Oxford (305305)

THE PLAY OF HEROD Fri 14th: 8.00pm
Sung by Vox Humana & Gregoriana. Stars Robert Hardy as Tom the Shepherd. £10/£12

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Thu 13th

'FITTING IN' OR 'STANDING OUT': WORKING-CLASS STUDENTS IN UK HIGHER EDUCATION / Professor Diane Reay, University of Cambridge. / 4pm-5.30pm. Free entry / Oxford Learning Institute, Littlegate House, St Ebbe's Street

WRESTLING WITH ANGELS - INSPIRATION AND WRITING / Catherine Fox: CMS / 8pm, meal served 7pm (£7) RSVP / 787400 / CMS, Wattington Road

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY OXFORD BRANCH LECTURE / Forgotten Post Office: the Dominion Office 1925-1947. Andrew Stewart, Parliament / 1.45 p.m. U/grads free / 390754 / 413 St Giles

GUATEMALA: BEYOND VIOLENCE / Iduvina Hernandez on combatting gender & gang violence. / 7.30pm / Free / 07515437264 / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles / 557373

CHARLES DICKENS & CHILDHOOD / Lunchtime talk with Dr David Grylls / 12.30 pm. Free. / www.st-giles-church.org / 311198 / St Giles Church, St Giles

THE TWO ALICES / The story behind the story of Alice in Wonderland. / Talk & Gallery visit / 2.00 - 3.00 pm, £2.00 (£1.50) / www.museumofoxford.org.uk / 252761 / Museum of Oxford, St. Aldate's.

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CURING CANCER WITH PROTONS AND LIGHT IONS / Professor Ken Peach, Director of the Particle Therapy Cancer Research Institute, James Martin 21st Century School. / 3.30pm-5pm. Free / James Martin 21st Century School, Old Indian Institute Building, 34 Broad Street, , OX1 3BD

PRESIDENT OF SLOVENIA / Public Lecture: 'Europe and Islam: Coexistence or Integration?' / Dr Centre for Islamic Studies / 5.00pm / Free / 278730 / Examination Schools, High St

Fri 14th

BUDAPEST, CITY OF MUSIC / Nick Clapton reads from his forthcoming book / Oxford Hungarian Society / 8pm / http://hungsoc.com / 736973 / McGregor Room, Oriel College, Oriel Square, off High St.

ENERGY QUESTION TIME / A chance to ask local politicians your burning questions on climate change. / People & Planet, COIN / 6.30-8.30pm / Free / http://coinet.org.uk/ 245678 / Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall St

ASHMOLEAN PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE / Introductory talk, booking essential. Meet in Randolph Gallery (Rm 1). / 1.15 - 2pm. Free, optional £2 / 278015 to book / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St

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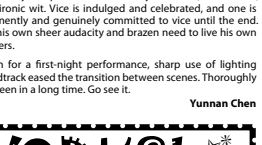
THEATRE REVIEW

Don Juan in Soho

OFS Studio, Tue November 11th - Sat November 15th 2008
See Theatre listings, left.



Written by Patrick Marber of *Closer* fame, Don Juan in Soho moves the ageless story of the licentious lothario to a contemporary setting, playing out the character's decadent games of hedonism and vice in the London district that represents our modern obsession with sensation and thrill. Never preaching, never self-conscious, the physical action and humour are beautifully self-mocking, and the whole play is thoroughly enjoyable right up to the final, softly powerful scene.

Don Juan: a man who wishes to live only as he pleases. Played by Will Spray, the long, lean, well-tailored hedonist is both protagonist and villain. Spray's performance is, in his character's own words, 'intoxicating'. The charisma and magnetic presence he brings to the stage is unmarred by any hint of bashfullness, even in scenes where others may have been sensitive to embarassment. To be able to keep dignity (in a manner of speaking) during a scene such as a hospital blowjob is commendable, and I heartily applaud all the actors involved.

John-Mark Philo provides the necessary sidekick of Stan, a figure of comic relief, but possessing his own tragedy: a character more beleaguered than his master by moral conscience, but constrained by his own cowardice. The pair complement each other in their physical interactions as well as verbal banter, exploiting the wit and humour of the script to the fullest. Aside from some dubious Irish accents, the performances from all the cast were strong, with special mention to Lucy Fyffe for delicious acting in the role of the tracksuit-wearing, blue-eyeshadowed Lottie.

The whole affair is a delightfully debauched, raunchy romp – at times suitably reflective, never slow, crammed to the brim with sniping humour and ironic wit. Vice is indulged and celebrated, and one is somewhat gleeful that Don Juan remains permanently and genuinely committed to vice until the end. Don Juan makes us in love with Soho itself, with his own sheer audacity and brazen need to live his own life as he wishes, unimpeded by the morals of others.

Lighting and sound deserve a mention; spot-on for a first-night performance, sharp use of lighting enhanced the dramatic touches, and a great soundtrack eased the transition between scenes. Thoroughly entertaining, captivating, and the best thing I've seen in a long time. Go see it.

Yunnan Chen

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