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## CINEMA REVIEW

### DARKNESS FALLS : BOTH ODEONS TO TUES 20th May

Some place names seem designed to indicate trouble ahead. Can it be just coincidence, for example, that the town of Darkness Falls is haunted by the vindictive, light-fearing ghost of an old woman who was mistakenly lynched by townsfolk one hundred and fifty years ago? Thriving only in shadow, her spectre steals children's last baby teeth from under their pillows, and kills the little ones if they even peek at her masked face. Kyle Walsh, who survived an attack of the so-called 'Tooth Fairy' as a teen, returns to Darkness Falls twelve years later to help Michael, his old flame Caitlin's young son, who is being menaced by a female figure in the dark.

ulated, will always prove to be far scarier than anything fully realised on the big screen. This is why light's absence is such a staple of the horror genre, where viewers are forced to supplement what remains unseen with the images playing in their own subconscious. In 'Darkness Falls', the phobia of the 'Tooth Fairy' gives rise to all manner of ill-fitted set-pieces involving powercuts, failing torches and rundown old lighthouses - and there is even a five-second sequence of total darkness (a remarkably rare thing in cinema). Yet, whether through a lapse in judgement or just a lack of nerve, director Jonathan Liebesman completely undermines this effect by revealing fully the Tooth-fairy's appearance very early in the film, and then constantly reminding us of it. For a wraith who inhabits only the dark, this lady sure gets out a lot.

There is some small satisfaction to be found in the rapidity with which pretty much every character with a speaking line in this film gets killed, but this will in the end only add to your sense of indignation that over-cute Macaulay-Culkin-lookalike Michael (played by Lee Cornie) somehow manages to survive. And the final, post-climactic pay-off is as futile as it is disappointing. Someone should tell Jonathan Liebesman that fans of horror tend not to like their endings too upbeat! If you really want to see the daddy of all kids-grown-up-but-still-scare-of-the-dark horror films, and if you like your horror to be scary, then check out 'They' - 'Darkness Falls', on the other hand, is doomed to be just a poor cousin.

Oh, and if my views on 'Darkness Falls' sound a bit bilious, it is no doubt because I lived for a year in a place called Spit Junction...

Anton Bittel

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**MAIMONIDES ON DIVINE ATTRIBUTES & HUMAN PERFECTION** / With Dr Daniel Rynhold (Kings Coll., London). Buses leave for Yarnton from Ox. Playhouse @ 6.40 & 7.30pm / 8pm / Yarnton Manor, Yarnton, Oxford OX5 1PY; Tel: 377946, Fax: 375079

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**TALK ON TOWER HAMLETS TUTORING PROJECT** / Find out how you can help Bangladeshi primary school children with reading/writing english. / 6.15pm / Wadham College, Parks Rd

**THE GREAT STUNN : THE HUNGARIAN ECONOMY AND EU ACCESION** / Oxford Hungarian Society. With Andras Hirschler / 8pm / Oriol College, Oriol Square, Tel: 276555

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## THEATRE REVIEW

### OKLAHOMA! OXFORD PLAYHOUSE to SATURDAY 17TH MAY

Set in the early twentieth century, the musical Oklahoma! tells a simple tale about two frustrated young people; a cowboy Curly (Guy Brigg) and a farm girl Laurey (Sarah Leatherbarrow), who are adamant they are not in love.

is necessary to introduce the characters and set the scene. The pace quickly speeds up after the interval with lively musical numbers

chal Aunt Eller. These appealing characters were played so well, with the chemistry between them appearing so real, that occasionally this highlighted the slight lack of chemistry amongst the romantic leads. It is difficult to choose whom to draw attention to when the overall cast gave such strong performances.

Curly's rival is the vaguely sinister ranch hand Jud Fry (Robert Williams) who manages to darken the otherwise light-hearted story. As well as the main story, there is a comic subplot that involves the cowboy Will Parker (Dave Crewe) and his quest to marry Ado Annie (Nicola Ball).



Ann Robson should be commended for her choreography. The dance routines, such as the one used in 'It's a Scandal! It's an Outrage!', made great use of space, combined dance with some comical manoeuvres and would not have looked out of place in the West End. Michael Evans skillfully directed the orchestra that provided the wonderful accompaniment to all of those songs that seem to get stuck in one's head - a known symptom of good musicals!

'The Oxford Operatic Society' presents a very entertaining show with engaging drawing accents and great gingham and classic cowboy costumes that create a sense of the Mid-West.

and a variety of comedy moments.

If you decide to see this then you will recognise many of the songs and will no doubt find yourself tapping your feet along to 'The Surrey with the Fringe on Top' or even singing 'Oklahoma!' on the way home. This show is definitely worthwhile seeing as it is uplifting, funny and, most importantly, entertaining. So if you are unsure about what to do one evening then I would recommend taking a trip to see The Oxford Operatic Society perform Oklahoma! It will put a smile on your face.

C.Robinson, 12.05.03

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Until Thurs 15th May

Oxford Playhouse 305305  
**OKLAHOMA!** Until Sat 17. Mon-Fri: 7.30 Sat: 2.30, 7.30  
Oxford Operatic Society, £7-£15. See review above  
**Burton Taylor Theatre 305350**  
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A concert by the Irish singer, with the Melody Boys. £13 - £15  
**Old Fire Station Theatre 297170**  
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## CINEMA

Until Thurs 15th May

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Horror starring... the tooth fairy?  
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They're, erm, back... or answer her phone. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk  
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...it's trickier when he's got a bet on making you fall in love with him...  
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Rowan Atkinson in spy spoof. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk  
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Streep, Moore & Kidman. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk  
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Phoenix Picture House 512526  
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17 year old & her eccentric family endure 1930s bohemian lifestyle. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk  
**THE PIANIST (15)** Wed & Thu: 1.15, 6.15  
Survival in the WWII Warsaw ghetto. See review at dailyinfo.co.uk  
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