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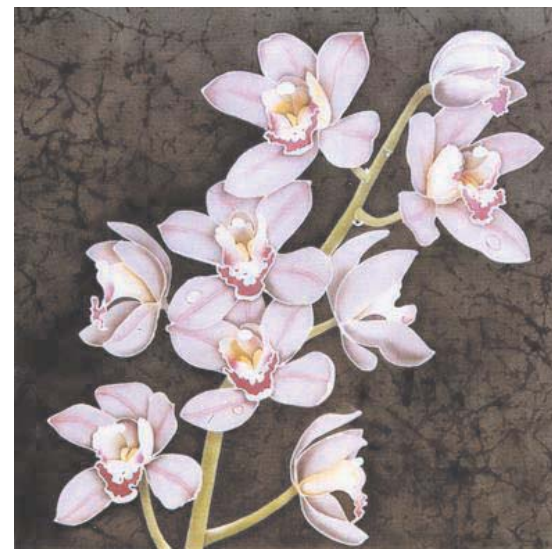
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Thai Orchid, 58a St Clements. Tel 798044

Having arrived early to meet my three friends, I was kept amused by the Thai Orchid's interesting décor. As you enter the restaurant you will immediately notice the water fountain; this, and gazing at the oriental statues and intricate wooden carvings, had the necessary calming effect as I waited impatiently.



ways). We had 4 main dishes: Green Thai Chicken Curry (Nic strongly recommended this, as the meat was good and the sauce was nice but not too spicy). Sweet and Sour Pork (this wasn't fatty, which was a plus, but neither was it anything special).

Our table was booked for 7.30pm on a Saturday. This seemed an ideal time, as the restaurant began to get quite packed by 9. We were led to one of the conservatory-type rooms filled with hanging plants (which the waiters sometimes have to dodge around, but which prove no obstacle for the diners!).

Choosing our food was a challenge. We were tempted by the banquet menus, which offer a set range of food, typically: a starter, 3 or 4 main courses, rice and a sweet, and costing between £16-£20 per person.

We chose 2 starters, some Vegetable spring rolls (tasty but small and you only get 3) and Chicken Satay (again we ended splitting 3 of these 4

This restaurant offers a lot of choice for carnivores, but only has 5 vegetarian main dishes. We didn't opt for wine, but if you choose to do so the cost is generally around £15 a bottle, £12 for house and £26 for the most expensive.

The Thai Orchid caters for all sorts, and everyone there seemed to be enjoying themselves whether they were on the hen night, having a romantic dinner for two, fuelling up with a pre-banquet dinner or enjoying their friends' company as I was. Overall I would recommend a trip to this restaurant - and failing that, they do takeaway.

C.Robinson, 10.05.03

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THEATRE REVIEW

Bouncers By John Godber Burton-Taylor Theatre until Sat 17th

In my life I have done a few things of which I am embarrassed. I will not bore you with the details but suffice to say that most of these have been due to drinking. I am sure that many of you reading this will be able to sympathise.



before reaching a climax, of sorts. For a play that was written nearly 20 years ago this is depressingly close to the reality of Saturday night now, the only aspect which makes it seem dated is the lack of mention or use of drugs.

The actors are constantly on stage and switching between the 12 main characters. With no costume changes to speak of they rely on caricaturing to distinguish between the roles. Thankfully they often re-introduce themselves as they slip into a new role, making it a lot easier to keep track of who's who.

The only flat note was in Eric's monologues. I felt that there should have been more emotion in these moments of contemplation and a little more time invested in them to give them the weight needed to balance the unthinking acts that make up the rest of the action. The play researched these notes thoroughly.

moves along at a fast pace, lasting a little more than an hour. While this does help to give the sense of immediacy it also gives it a rushed feeling. We hardly have a moment to take in what has happened before we are swiftly moving on. Some of the humour definitely suffers from this, I am sure that I missed a few choice lines.

Overall I enjoyed the play. I laughed and went away happy, but it is not something that will stick in my mind for long.

Keith Ibsen 13-05-03

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CINEMA REVIEW

Antwone Fisher Currently showing at Odeon George Street

The Oscar which Denzel Washington won at last year's Academy Awards was not just a recognition of his achievements as an actor, but also an open passport for him to do practically anything. The project he chose for his directorial debut is the estimable 'Antwone Fisher'.

Its basic plot is a deadringer for Oscar-friendly 'Good Will Hunting': an angry young man is arrested for an unprovoked act of violence, and sent to a psychiatrist. Although at first uncooperative, he is soon encouraged to confront the demons from his past, to enjoy a successful relationship with a girlfriend for the first time, and to look forward to a more stable future; and the psychiatrist for his part begins facing up to his unresolved feelings about his wife. All in all, a heart-warming tale of a man's triumph over his own legacy.



Yet this is no 'Good Will Hunting'. For a start, newcomer Derek Luke in the title role is a far better actor than the vastly overrated Matt Damon; and whereas Robin Williams' psychiatrist was all in-your-face cardboard sentimentality, Denzel Washington gives a far more believable (and less annoying) performance as Navy psychiatrist Davenport, making him conceal all his vulnerabilities beneath his devoted professionalism.

who hype outweighs their talent, 'Antwone Fisher' is an autobiographical testimony, scripted by the real Antwone Fisher, and this authenticity makes it, for all its similarity to 'Good Will Hunting', an altogether more serious work. It is almost as though the film's very existence forms a significant part of its author's recuperative therapy, with the viewer cast as his attentive psychiatrist.

Unremittably earnest, but an impressive debut for Washington, Luke, and Fisher himself.

Anton Bitel, 12.05.03

THEATRE

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