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THEATRE REVIEW
Another Country, by Julian Mitchell
Playhouse, 5th - 16th September 2000

When Julian Mitchell's *Another Country* first hit the West End 20 years ago, it not only created a sensation and inspired a film; it also helped to launch the careers of names like Rupert Everett, Kenneth Branagh, Daniel Day Lewis and Colin Firth. Stephen Henry's revival is also destined for the West End, and Oxford should feel privileged to have been chosen as the site of the show's "try-out". It is a fitting choice, both because the city is a hotbed of student drama, where fledgling actors often try their wings, and because Oxford is in many ways the natural extension of the Etonesque public school portrayed in the play, inheriting the crop of carefully socialized young men that such schools turn out, along with their problems. The exploration of the "establishment" is especially pertinent, and all those posh accents and quick sallies of wit ring true off the stage, delivered expertly by the young cast.

Ben Meijes, no stranger to the Playhouse, having played there in his OUDS days, shines as the "bolshy" Judd, who struggles to reconcile his idealistic socialism with the stifling traditions of the school without comprising his integrity. Tom Wisdom, as the fresh-faced "hero," Guy Bennett, makes the transition from roughish ruff to bitter lover well. The production is to be commended for its refusal to play homosexuality as camp or stereotypical; Wisdom's Bennett is like any other adolescent, until his experience of what he believes to be "true love" for another boy eventually results in his social ostracism and punishment—he is allowed to "play" at the game of homoeroticism only until it ceases to be a game and becomes reality. Patrick Ryeart's Vaughan Cunningham is a rather more stereotypical but quite hilarious old queen who lives up the second act considerably, but also provides a touch of maturity and humanity.

The play does, in places, come across as rather dated, and somewhat insular. The excellent set, with its oppressive grey towers, cleverly suggests both the prison and the tradition, and the audience at times feels trapped within those hallowed walls themselves, faintly oppressed by the spectre of death and suffocation cast over the play by the off-stage suicide in the first act, but never quite stirred beyond apathy into any sort of political sentiment or outrage. However, it never grows as wearisome watching seventeen-year-old public school boys as one could imagine, largely because their dialogue is often a bit superior for their age, and the cast is so polished.

Whether or not today's London audiences will find *Another Country* relevant remains to be seen, but they will certainly find little to slight in the overall production, which is both keenly entertaining and thought-provoking.

Sharae Deckard, 7 / 9 / 00

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