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LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING (12A)
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 Teaching impostor turns class into band
SOMEONE'S GOTTA GOE (12A) Daily: 2.30, 5.35, 8.30
 Nicholson learns love lessons
THE HAUNTED MANSION (PG) Daily: 11.00, 8.50
 Eddie Murphy in Disney's comedy horror
THE LAST SAMURAI (15) Daily: 8.00
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MEETINGS & LECTURES

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The Death of Socrates by Plato
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 Pretentious... egor! Well no, surprisingly not.
 The Death of Socrates by Plato (adaptation by Amys Merivale) is a strong production, and one that deserves to do well. The first night performance was confident and all round, and whilst the piece occasionally lapses into the realms of the self-indulgent, it is a production that is well worth seeing. Some unexpected comic flourishes from Joseph Fenton (Crito/Caliclos) and some strangely modern instances of slapstick humour, which lighten the dialogue-based exchanges and give the play some important pace.
 The set is taken from the 19th century, a collection of 19th century imprisonment and death of Plato's teacher and idol. The adaptation is well-thought out and well structured and the register, a careful balance between philosophers' theorizing and realistic verbiage, was maintained throughout.
 In general the cast bring the debates to life. After a slow opening (as a result of its explanation to the audience, the priority), the show is ignited by some of the more off-the-wall interpretations by the cast. Star of the show was undoubtedly Joseph Fenton, whose wonderfully wide-eyed delivery hinted at the decadence of Caligula, where he would have fitted in perfectly. Fenton brought most of the laughs, though Merivale (who directed and played three parts) came in with solid performances off which his humour could bounce.
 Merivale's idea of splitting Socrates into two characters leads to some interesting moments. It gives Socrates an accent and a personality that is different from the other characters which works well as one Socrates is speaking while the other acts interact with the other Socrates are the most effective. The device may seem a little arbitrary at first, but it gives Ben Van Der Velde some funny lines, which he makes the most of. I found the slightly jarring, but only because two of the cast looked more similar to each other than the two.

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