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THEATRE REVIEWS

The Boyfriend

Oxford Playhouse to Sat 24th Nov. See listings below.

Laughter filled the Playhouse last night with the Oxford Operatic Society's production of *The Boyfriend*. A classic love story centred around Miss Polly Browne and her 'chums' looking for boyfriends on the French Riviera, while studying at Madame Dubonnet's so posh finishing school. Polly, heiress to large fortune and forbidden to have a boyfriend by her father, pretends to be a secretary when she accidentally meets the Honourable Tony Brockhurst, an English gentleman masquerading as a delivery boy. Love then conquers all as they both discover who the other really is.



Set in the joyous and innocently frivolous 1920s, the comic script was brought alive by the Operatic Society. Polly's friends were great fun to watch, implementing frightfully posh English accents, leaving their admirers hanging off their every word while they chattered, screamed and giggled through the show. In fact, the only thing better than their posh English accents were the stereotypical French accents - so like those on the TV show *Allo Allo* I wondered when I'll say this only once' would be uttered. The casting of the production was excellent, especially Ronald Hewitt as Tony's father, Lord Brockhurst. A flirtatious old man desperate for an affair, Hewitt left the audience roaring after his attempts to woo a younger girl in his number *It's Never Too Late to Fall in Love*.

The remainder of the cast can also not be faulted, with strong principle characters supported by an enthusiastic company. The evening included some top quality singing, believable acting and some adventurous choreography for an amateur production. Once warmed up, the dancing became extremely slick, coordinating beautifully with the sounds of the orchestra and drums, and resulting in a professional-looking and sounding production. It was fantastic to see the whole company, men and women of all ages, obviously enjoying the dancing, giving the big numbers such as *It's Nicier in Nice* and *I Could Be Happy With You* that extra bit of sparkle.

Finally it is not possible to finish without a quick mention of the stunning costumes: stylish flapper girl outfits and even authentic 1920s bathing suits, confidently worn by the men in the beach scenes!

A truly entertaining performance, full of big glitzy numbers, humour and good natured fun - definitely worth braving the rain for.

Vicky Hancock

The Oxford Revue: FEAR

OFS Studio to Sat 24th November.

The director, producers, writer and cast of the Oxford Revue have a winner with *FEAR*. The team have produced a series of some witty, some zany and some really clever sketches that had the first night audience thoroughly entertained. This year's production will appear to town as well as gown.

Among our favourites was the martial arts demonstration sketch where the instructor was rather too keen on his fellow demonstrator absorbing the blow rather than avoiding it. Another was Michael Docherty, the guitar player who sang a brilliant protest song that aptly summed up Belgium, including even the mayonnaise covered chips, in the lyrics.

The Hooray-Henry-gap-year-traveller sketch and the Pete and Dave "taking one for the team" had particularly clever endings.

Some of the sketches took a typical film scene and turned it on its head, such as the man who had been in a coma for 21 hours, discovering what had changed in that time. Topics covered in the first half ranged from the Last Supper, to a night on the town in Paris that ended up with a revolution.

The spoof ballet, *Journey of the Sperm*, with its hushed, reverent commentary, would be worth going to see by itself as it is so memorable. Pavlov having to explain the findings of his six years' research to the funding committee, was another favourite. Black humour was represented with *Age Rage* - about under-cover reporting from an old people's home and also a song about perversion. Both were particularly popular with the largely student audience.

Talents displayed by the cast included the remarkable singing of Grace Ang-Lygate, the considerable mastery of accents of a number of the cast, especially Matt Lacey, and the excellent timing in all of the sketches. Whenever there was a pause between scenes the pianist very entertainingly filled the gap.

For a thoroughly enjoyable two hours and a preview of probable stars of the future go to the OFS Studio this week.

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THEATRE to Sat 24th November

Oxford Playhouse (305305)
THE BOYFRIEND Mon 19th - Fri 23rd: 7.30pm, Sat 24th: 2.30, 7.30pm
 Romance for debutante Polly Brown on the French Riviera in the 20s. £8 - £15.50

New Theatre, Oxford (0870 6063500)
STATUS QUO Wed 21st & Thu 22nd: 7.30pm
 Still mad as ever the world. £30.00 - £31.50

DEACON BLUE Sat 24th: 7.30pm
 Scottish pop-rockers on tour £25

Burton Taylor Studio (305305)
CUPPERS 2007 Tue 20th - Sat 24th: 10.30am-10pm daily
 Tickets £1 per show, only available on door.

Unicorn Theatre (559655)
TERRY PRATCHETT: MAKING MONEY Tue 20th - Fri 23rd: 7.30pm
 World Premiere staging of the new Discworld novel. £8/£7 Sat 24th: 2.30, 7.30pm

OFS Studio (297170)
THE OXFORD REVUE Tue 20th - Fri 23rd: 7.30pm
 Comedy sketch group. Sat 24th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm

BMW Group Plant, Oxford (766266)
TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM Wed 21st, Sat 24th: 7.30pm
 Thu 22nd: 6.30pm, Fri 23rd: 7.30pm: charity performance £15-£28

Mill Arts Centre, Banbury (01295 279002)
ROBINSON CRUSOE & THE PIRATES Tue 22nd: 7pm
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CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW Fri 23rd: 7.30pm
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GROWING LOCAL... / ...in a changing climate: impacts & adaptations on allotments / OxfordshireClimateChange/COIN / 7pm; Free / info@coinet.org.uk / www.coinet.org.uk / Oxford Town Hall, 109-113 St Aldate's

LITERATURE & THE NATURAL WORLD / Post-Christian Visions: Nietzsche, Rilke, Brodsky, Prohmabertson. 12.30pm. Meeting collection/secretary@st-giles-church.org.uk / www.st-giles-church.org.uk / St Giles Church, St Giles Street; Tel: 311775

"SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY" / Professor Steve Rayner / Public Lecture / 3.30-5pm / Free / www.21school.ox.ac.uk / Old Institute, 34 Broad St.

HIGHER EDUCATION, EUROPE AND 'QUALITY': Can pan-European work in higher education help university and academic development? / Dr Barbara Zamorski, University of East Anglia / 4 - 5pm / Booking: tania.hart@learning.ox.ac.uk / Oxford Learning Unit, Littlemore, Littlemore, St Giles St.

DRAWINGS BY THE MASTERS: MANET / Looking at the life and works of Manet and exploring in detail the watercolour *Dejeuner sur l'Herbe*. With Dr Jon Whately. 7.20pm-9pm / Booking essential, cost £5 (including afternoon tea) / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street. / 278000

Fri 23rd

COLIN PILLINGER / Space is a Funny Place - Looking at space exploration through cartoons / 7pm £5/50 Friends £3 / www.astro.org.uk / Science Office, 1 - 5 London Place, St Clements; Tel: 01865 728553

ANNUAL CHARLES SIMONYI LECTURE: THE GREAT IDEAS OF BIOLOGY / Sir Paul Nurse FRS, Nobel Laureate, Chair: Richard Dawkins / 4.30pm / £3.50 / Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street; Tel: 203505

LUNCHTIME GALLERY TALK / The Greeks and their pots / 1.15 - 2pm. £2 Bookings recommended / Prohmabertson, Beaumont Street, 278000

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