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EXHIBITIONS

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Thur 11.30pm	
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THEATRE

Magdalen College Gardens	798600
KISS ME KATE Wed 23rd - Sat 27th 8pm.	
Thurs mat. 2.30pm; Sat mat 12pm.	
Cole Porter's musical based on The Taming of the Shrew.	
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A black comedy about wealth and corruption. Tickets on the door.	
Oxford Brookes Drama Studio	484790
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May 7.30pm	
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The Oxford Playhouse	798600
GASPING	
Tues 23rd - Thur 25th 7.30 (Thur mat. 2.30);	
Fri 26th 8pm; Sat 27th 5pm, 8pm	
Ben Elton's satire on corporate culture.	
Old Fire Station	794490
THE REVENGER'S TRAGEDY	
Tue 23rd - Sat 27th 7.30; Sat mat. 2.30	
Sordid, sardonic play by Cyril Tournear (see Review).	
Burton Taylor Theatre	798600
YERMA	Tue 23rd - Sat 27th 7.30
Lorca's exploration of a woman's search for fulfillment.	
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New writing from Tom Bowtell	

GIGS + NIGHTLIFE
Thursday 25th May
ADAM GASSER (KEYBOARDS) / 9pm / £4.50 (E3) / The Spin @ the Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street / 243276 / www.the-spin.net
THE KLVZ + Bomba Fonda / £3.50 / 8pm / ThePoint, ThePlain, Oxford. / 798794 / mac@thepoint.oxfordmusic.net
PANIC (Indie/Alternative). Club Latinos, The Plain. 10pm-2am E4 / E3 before 11pm. (E1 off for members).
STEKPANNA (Jazz) 4-6pm Cafe Boheme. Semi acoustic session. (Happy hour 5pm.)
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THEATRE REVIEW

The Revenger's Tragedy
at the Old Fire Station until Saturday

Tournear's *The Revenger's Tragedy* has many classic ingredients of the genre of Revenge Tragedy, so popular in late Elizabethan and early Jacobean England: An obsession with vengeance, with death, with both moral and physical decay, a court riddled with intrigues and illicit sexual desire, where sycophancy hides jealous and vengeful ambitions. Typically set in Italy, Tournear's Italians are exaggeratedly conniving, vengeful and bloodthirsty.

The Revenger's Tragedy is saturated with duplicitous characters and plots of revenge. Vindice, the central character, is bent upon revenge on the Duke for the murder of his mistress Gloriana. He edges his way into the bosom of the court by disguising himself and gaining employment as a pander to the Duke's son Lussurioso. Lussurioso, heir to the Duke's throne, is a foppish young man intent upon seducing Vindice's own sister. His jealous and ambitious step-sisters are busy plotting his murder meanwhile, to secure their brother's succession. However, the brother is in gaol under suspended sentence for rape. The Duke's bastard son is adulterous with the Duchess herself, while the Duke is pursuing his own fancies, encouraged and entrapped by the disguised Vindice. All of the court is deceived and deceiving, and this rotten core only decays further as the play goes on.

This production of *The Revenger's Tragedy* balances the mixture of horror and farce extremely well. Although it calls itself a tragedy, as the body count rises through the second half the play steers a course not for catharsis but for comedy. Gene Perelson's (Vindice) excellent performance conveys the mania in Vindice's character, and the perturbing sense that Vindice enjoys his revenge just a little too much. When the play demands drama there is no shortage of it from this cast, but they manage to resist a hysterical pitch by recognising comedy where it lurks in the macabre excesses of Vindice's exploits. Dicky Chalmers' Spurio very skilfully managed this balance as well. Jean Meiring's Lussurioso is a very strong performance. He makes good use of the space in the OFS, and his delivery is clear and well expressed.

The costumes and props for the production were unfortunately somewhat unsatisfactory, and let down an otherwise strong performance. Although individually the costumes were well suited to the characters - a rather decadent smoking jacket for Lussurioso, vampish black and black leather for the evil sisters - I could find no idea behind them. Different characters belonged to entirely different times, and this detracted from the cohesion of the production. Similarly the props ranged from the traditional tankards, and the skull, to a toilet that did not seem to have any particular relevance to the story or any theme of this production.

Nevertheless *The Revenger's Tragedy* is a great play, and this production handles its difficult material very well. The complex of plots and sub-plots, and dense and difficult verse of much Jacobean Tragedy, is often enough to dissuade students from even attempting to put the plays on. This production pulls it off and is well worth watching.

Emily Hardiment 23.5.00

MEETINGS

Free Barebones entries for day of meeting only. Societies running regular, repetitive meetings will be listed separately once a week during term, under "Regular Meetings".
Thursday 25th May
INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER AT CAFE MOMA with the Oxford Vegetarians. 6.30-8.30pm. Further details from Edward at 762563.
DEVELOPMENT OF A REFORMED "CITY - CONGREGATION" in Hungary / Tamas Kodacsy / 1pm / Keston Institute, 4, Park Town / www.keston.org
SANDOR STRIKER 'MADACH'S THE TRAGEDY OF MAN' The literary historian discusses the famous 19th-Century Hungarian Drama. 8pm MacGregor Room, Oriel College.
OU LECTURE. PARISH MAPS OF LONDON, 1686-1900: Recording an overlooked source. Ralph Hyde (London Guildhall Library) / School of Geography / 5pm
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