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Phoenix Picture House (0870 758 3218)

MON ANGE [12] Fri, Thu: 1.15, 6.30pm; Sun: 2.00, 6.30pm; Mon & Tue: 1.15pm; Wed: 6.30pm
A fragile prostitute bonds with an orphaned tearaway. (French with English subtitles)
ROMANZO CRIMINALE [15] Fri, Sun - Thu: 3.20, 8.30pm; Sat: 5.15, 8.30pm
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PAN'S LABYRINTH [15] Fri & Sat, Mon & Tue, Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm; Sun, Wed: 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
A young girl prefers her imaginary world to the reality of 1944. (Spanish with English subtitles)
THREE COLOURS: BLUE [15] Sun: 12 noon; Mon: 6.30pm
A bereaved mother is coaxed back into the world. (French with English subtitles)
PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN 2: DEAD MAN'S CHEST [12A] ✍ Sat: 11.30pm; Sun: 12.15pm
More swashbuckling on the high seas.
MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL [15] Fri: 11.30pm
Manic romp through Mediaeval England.
FUTURE SHORTS: NOVEMBER PROGRAMME [N/C] ✍ Fri: 11.30pm
New international short films.
KIDS CLUB: CARS [PG] ✍ Sat: 1.30pm
Hot shot animated car finds true meaning of friendship. No unaccompanied adults; children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.
LA HAINE [15] Sat: 11.30pm
In Paris a youth is injured by a policeman; his friends swear revenge.
BIG SCREAM: PIRATES OF THE CARRIBEAN 2 [12A] ✍ Wed: 11.30am
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PAN'S LABYRINTH [15] daily: 2.30, 5.45, 8.45pm
A young girl prefers her imaginary world to 1944 Spain. (Spanish with English subtitles)
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THE PRESTIGE [12A] ✍ Fri - Sun: 1.15pm; Mon, Thu: 2.15, 5.15, 9.15pm; Tue: 2.15, 5.15pm; Wed: 2.15, 9.15pm
Deadly rivalry between magicians.
TENACIOUS D [15] Fri, Mon - Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.30pm; Sat & Sun: 4.15, 6.45, 9.30pm
Spoof rock band who exist nonetheless.
JACKASS NUMBER TWO [18] daily: 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
More painful antics.
CASINO ROYALE [12A] ✍ Fri: 12 noon, 2.00 (subtitled), 3.30, 5.30, 7.00, 9.00pm; Sat & Sun, Tue - Thu: 12 noon, 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.00, 9.00pm; Mon: 12 noon, 2.00, 3.30, 5.30 (subtitled), 7.00, 9.00pm
Daniel Craig as lean mean Bond.
BORAT [15] ✍ Fri - Tue, Thu: 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45pm; Wed: 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45pm
Sacha Baron Cohen makes fun of America and Kazakhstan simultaneously.
FLUSHED AWAY [U] Sat: 10.45am, 1.00, 3.15pm; Sun: 1.00, 3.15pm
Savage indictment of class system through a rat's eyes.
RENAISSANCE [15] Tue: 8.30pm
Futuristic 3D animation in a strictly controlled Paris.
SENIOR SCREEN: CHILDREN OF MEN [15] ✍ Wed: 10.45am
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Daniel Craig's first outing as Bond.
THE SANTA CLAUSE 3: THE ESCAPE CLAUSE [PG] daily: 12noon, 2.15, 5.00, 7.15pm
Santa juggles family commitments with saving Christmas.
SAW III [18] ✍ Fri & Sat: 12 midnight
More sadism.
STARTER FOR 10 [12A] Fri & Sat: 11.10pm
80's romantic comedy set around University Challenge.
BARNYARD [PG] Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Family animation about dancing farmyard animals.
OPEN SEASON [PG] ✍ Sat & Sun: 10.45am
Animated animals unite against hunters.
CARS [PG] ✍ Sat & Sun: 12.15pm
Hot shot animated car finds true meaning of friendship.
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Tchaikovsky down the rabbit hole. £10 - £37
WEST SIDE STORY Tue 28th - Fri 1st: 7.30pm, Sat 2nd: 2.30, 7.30pm
Star-crossed lovers Tony and Maria. £11-£15

Moser Theatre, Wadham College

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BMW Group Plant, Oxford (245745)

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The Mill Theatre, Banbury (01295 279002)

TOM'S MIDNIGHT GARDEN Fri 24th: 7.45pm; Sat 25th: 2.30, 7.45pm; Tue 28th & Wed 29th: 7pm, Thu 30th & Fri 1st: 7.45pm, Sat 2nd: 2.30, 7.45pm
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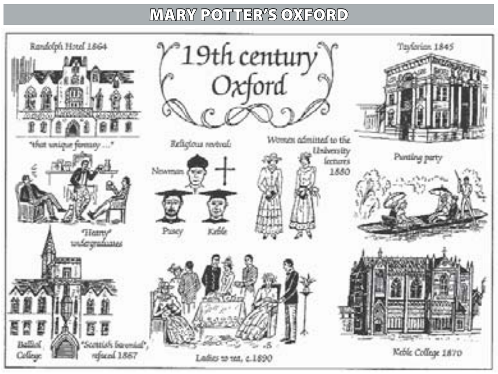

For Oxford, the nineteenth century was a time of supreme confidence, vigorous debate, and a sense of orderly progress. It was certainly a masculine stronghold, which fostered great men, and loyal citizens: One of the great men was Gladstone, who having obtained a double first in Classics and Mathematics in 1831, was a lifelong devotee: "To call a man an Oxford man is to pay him the highest compliment that can be paid to a human being."

Other notable figures included Hilaire Belloc, Charles Dodgson (Lewis Carroll), Francis Kilvert the diarist, and Oscar Wilde, as well as the great leaders of the 'Oxford Movement' through which the Anglo-Catholic branch of the Church of England was established.

During the nineteenth century, river sports, always popular, inspired almost fanatical enthusiasm. "It is characteristic of the authorities of Oxford", wrote George Bernard Shaw in 1898, "that they should consider a month too little for the preparation of a boat-race, and grudge three weeks to the rehearsals of one of Shakespeare's plays." The Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race was first rowed at Henley in 1829 (Oxford won). The river was also the scene of more leisurely pursuits, and it was during boating trips with Alice Liddell and her friends that Charles Dodgson first began to weave the tales that became 'Alice in Wonderland'.

The Taylorian houses the Modern Language faculty, and at first sight appears to be part of the Ashmolean Museum. The Ashmolean block was originally known as 'Sir Robert Taylor's Institution and the University Galleries.'

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Mon 27th

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THEATRE REVIEW

The Curious Case of Sophia Wyatt

OFS Studio, until Sat Nov 25th 2006

I suspect that Tom Campion is going to develop into a very impressive playwright - one almost certain to feature on stages round the UK and possibly the world. This, the third play of his to receive an Oxford production, is a remarkably accomplished piece of work for someone of his years.

It tackles issues of memory, medical ethics, deception, sexual manipulation and many other thorny issues in a sensitive and humane way. The writing has moments of black humour as well as those of genuine emotion. The characters are well delineated and, for the most part, provided with dialogue that sounds natural.

For the writing alone, I would suggest that you go along to the OFS Studio this week if you can.

The direction and performances are also to be praised. Alice Lacey brings together a taut evening of shifting scenes and emotion with a lightness of touch rare in a student director. She clearly has a good grasp of technique and an understanding of how to get the best out of her actors.

All six actors give strong performances and it would be somewhat unfair to single out individuals in what is a tight group effort. Sabina Smitham gives a credible portrayal of someone unable (or unwilling?) to confront the problems in her life and is well matched by Bethan Williams as the receptionist who is only too willing to talk about hers.

Ali Jennings and Jonny Totman as the doctors at the centre of the scientific debate within the play are well contrasted and well matched in their differing, yet complementary, performances. Jess Hammett and Alex Bowles complete a strong acting line-up.

As a rule, I am not a fan of new writing - I tend to be drawn to well-established texts. But on the showing of this production, I may find myself exploring new works with an increased level of enthusiasm.

Simon Tavener

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