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Two cowardly farmers escort a princess across 16th century Japan. An inspiration for Star Wars.
CHE - PART TWO [15] Fri: 6.00pm
The second part of Steven Soderbergh's biopic.
OUTLANDER [15] Fri: 9.45pm
"A peculiar hybrid of the Thing, Beowulf and Predator."

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ANGELS AND DEMONS [15] Thu: 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code.
MARK OF AN ANGEL [12A] Thu: 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00pm
French psychological drama based on true events. Fri: 1.45, 6.45pm
ENCOUNTERS AT THE END OF THE WORLD [U]
Werner Herzog's documentary about Antarctica. Fri: 1.30, 6.30pm
IN THE LOOP [15] Fri: 8.30pm
Political satire from Armando Iannucci.
SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK [15] Fri: 4.00, 9.00pm
Charlie Kaufman's extraordinary directorial debut.

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KIDS AM: BOLT [PG] Thu: 10.30am
Canine actor believes his super powers are real. 2D version
MONSTERS V ALIENS (2D) [PG] Thu: 10.00am
Animation. Government uses mutated humans against invading aliens.
X-MEN ORIGINS - WOLVERINE [12A]
Thu: 11.00am, 1.30, 4.10, 6.40, 9.00pm
His violent and romantic past. Fri: 7.00, 9.30pm
STAR TREK [12A] Thu: 11.30am, 2.20, 5.20, 8.10, 9.10, 11.00pm
The youthful origins of Kirk, Spock and Co. Fri: 11.20am, 2.20, 5.20, 8.20, 11.20pm
FIGHT FOR LIFE [15] Thu: 8.40pm, Fri: 6.10, 8.45, 11.15pm
The world of underground street fighting.
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [15]
Thu: 10.00, 11.20am, 12.30, 1.10, 1.50, 3.00, 3.40, 4.20, 5.30, 6.50, 9.20pm
Fri: 10.10, 10.50, 11.30, 12.45, 1.30, 2.00, 3.15, 4.00, 4.30, 5.45, 6.30, 9.00, 11.30pm
More exhibits come alive.
12 ROUNDS [15] Thu: 6.10, 8.50pm, Fri: 12.20, 3.00, 5.30, 8.10, 11.00pm
Policeman must solve twelve impossible challenges to save his fiancée.
ANGELS & DEMONS [15] Thu: 10.50am, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 10.10pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code. Fri: 10.05am, 1.10, 4.20, 7.30, 8.30, 10.45pm
DRAG ME TO HELL [15] Thu: 12.20, 2.40, 5.10, 7.30, 10.00pm
Fri: 10.40am, 1.20, 3.50, 6.40, 9.15, 11.40pm
Christine is the unwitting recipient of a supernatural curse.
HANNAH MONTANA [U] Thu: 11.10am, 1.40, 4.30, 7.10pm
Hannah goes to Tennessee to get some perspective. Fri: 10.15am, 1.00, 3.30pm
CORALINE 3D [PG] Thu: 11.10am, 1.30, 3.50, 6.20pm
Animation. Beware the button! Fri: 4.50, 9.40pm
KIDS AM: THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX [U] Fri: 10.30am
A mouse sets out to save the kingdom.
JONAS BROTHERS 3D [U] Fri: 10.20am, 12.30, 2.40, 7.15pm
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MONSTERS V ALIENS [PG] Thu: 12 noon
Animation. Government uses mutated humans against invading aliens.
DRAG ME TO HELL [15] Sat 30th: 8pm
Christine is the unwitting recipient of a supernatural curse.
HANNAH MONTANA [U] Thu: 11.15am, 1.30, 3.45pm
Hannah goes home to Tennessee to get some perspective. Fri: 12 noon
ANGELS AND DEMONS [15] Thu: 2.15, 5.30, 8.45pm
Sequel to the Da Vinci Code. Fri: 2.30, 6.00, 9.00pm
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [15] Fri: 11.45am, 2.15, 5.15, 8.00pm
More exhibits come alive.

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17 AGAIN [12A] Thu: 11.15am
Matthew Perry gets to be ... 17 again.
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [15]
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More exhibits come alive. Fri: 11.15am, 2.15, 5.15, 8.00pm
X-MEN ORIGINS - WOLVERINE [12A] Thu: 4.00, 6.30, 9.15pm
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ANGELS AND DEMONS [15] Thu: 1.15, 4.30, 7.45pm
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THEATRE REVIEW

A Real Doll

Burton Taylor Studio, to Sat May 30th. See Theatre listings, below left.

A Real Doll is a play about a lonely middle-aged man who orders a custom-made sex doll to fulfil all his social and emotional needs, among others. With a premise like that the show could have got by on uncomfortable hahas and morbid curiosity alone. Yet, though there is sufficient squirming voyeurism to keep you from making eye contact with the opposite sex for hours, underneath it all lurks a genuinely funny and interesting play.

Natasha Leigh, playing The Doll, does a fantastic job in both her animate and inanimate roles. A rigidity pervades her every move, through the long periods of stillness at the start, through giddy joy in the middle to the explosively angry climax. Complementing her was the nervous twitch and fidget of Richard O'Brien as he played Jeffry Hutchens. The excited tremor of his hands as he first touched his new acquisition's skin made the whole audience, women especially, shudder and recoil. Both characters were awkward, but in completely different ways.

Once past the magnificently compelling discomfort at the start it was with surprise and delight that this turned out to be an all round good play. There were some great one-liners, some good old fashioned puns, but best of all some rather poignant dark humour. Some of the funniest bits for me were those gems where a little bit of everyone's familiar failings were magnified up to be ridiculous, yet recognisable, monsters. In fact, if you found some time to notice it between the funnies, the play was at times quite sad, because we all know someone who is just a little like the awkward Mr. Hutchens.

As always, there is so much more to say, but I just don't have the space. Boys and girls, you really don't have an excuse not to watch this play. It's funny, it's edge-of-your-seat compelling, it's a talking piece, and it's five pounds. Some friends and I went for food and drinks post work, were then fully entertained and left with plenty to talk about even after the laughs eventually died down. It was a great evening. I suggest you have one too.

Matty Czaczkes

MEETINGS & LECTURES

Thu 28th

PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHIATRY SYMPOSIUM / Dr Tim Bayne, Prof. John Campbell, Prof Martin Davies, Prof. Tim Thornton / 9.30am-5.30pm. Free (places limited, booking essential) / www.stx.ox.ac.uk / St Cross College, St Giles

MORALE: UNDERSTANDING HAPPINESS & UNHAPPINESS IN UNIVERSITY LIFE / Prof. Sir David Watson, Institute of Education / 4-5.30pm. Free (booking req'd) / www.learning.ox.ac.uk / 286811 / Ox. Learning Institute, Level 2, Littlegate House, St Ebbe's St

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ST FRANCIS: ICON OF CHANGE / Speaker: Michael Campling / 12.30pm, free / www.st-giles-church.org / 311198 / St Giles' Church, St. Giles

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GO CLUB / Ancient Eastern board game / 7pm, free / Freud's, Walton St / 311171

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PROF PIERRE LEGENDRE - SEMINAR / A normative disaster: philosophical, anthropological and legal nihilism. / free / Philosophy Faculty, 10 Merton St

Fri 29th

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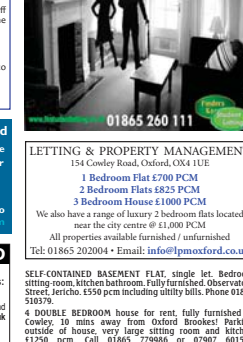

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THEATRE REVIEW

Disney's Beauty and The Beast

The play of the book of the film of the story. With real people.

New Theatre, Oxford, to Sat 30th. See Theatre listings, left.

For those of you who have been cursed by an ambivalent enchantress who, in taking exception to your inhospitality, has turned you into an hirsute beast, causing you to hide away in your dark castle in the middle of some dark woods with only your dark thoughts for company, and therefore have no idea of this show's plot, here goes:

A Prince spouts lots of hair after being cursed by an ambivalent enchantress, who takes exception to his inhospitality. He therefore hides away in his dark castle in the middle of some dark woods with only his dark thoughts for company, although he does have some idea of the plot. His only chance for redemption is to find true love, which proves difficult at a time when Gillette were still only producing single blade razors.

Daydreamer Belle leads something of a parallel existence, shunned by her peer group because she is clever and reads books, which is no way for a young lady to be. Despite this, narcissistic hunter Gaston, who would have made love to himself if it hadn't been a family show, views her as a challenge and attempts to win her affections. However, through a series of unfortunate narrative events, Belle finds herself in the custody of the Beast, and eventually discovers who the REAL monster is.

Being Disney, *Beauty and the Beast* is a lavish production, which makes full use of its huge budget. Utilising the depth of the stage, the action is played out on well-designed sets that twist, turn, revolve, and backflip whilst being permanently enveloped by dry ice. Many of the costumes are taken straight from the movie, as are the songs, which are performed with great gusto. As much as this is to be expected, there was much heart in the performance, particularly from Shaun Dalton's Beast, whose anguish washed over the audience like a flood of tears.

With a supporting cast of anthropomorphised domestic