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opera review

The Barber of Seville Apollo Theatre, May 25th
It feels a little strange to be reviewing a production that one's readers won't be able to go on to see. The truth is, the Ukrainian National Opera swung into town last week and have, no doubt, swung on to bigger and better things by now, and if you missed them you missed a treat.

The Barber of Seville is one of those light operas that you either love (because of the glorious music) or hate (because of the daft plot). In fact, my companion studied her programme intently before declaring, "this story's as bad as G and S". But the excellent standard of acting jollied things along a bit, and even roused the odd laugh in very odd moments of surreal cross-dressing shenanigans. Laugh? Laugh?! - I nearly split my sides! Ok, so I don't like the story much.

The music however is wonderful, and the company certainly did the demanding score justice. From the dreamy velvety tones of the soprano, to the gloriously thundering bass, the cast did put in energetic performances of a much better quality than you usually find in touring opera, receiving well-deserved applause for virtuosic solos. Seriously impressive.

film review

The Royal Tenenbaums Ultimate Picture Palace > 30th May
I'm going to have to stop reviewing films, because I only go to see the ones I know I'm going to really like, and then I really like them, and then I have to face this traumatic judgement call whereby you the reader must be told just enough about the film to make you go and see it, but not so much that it is spoiled for you. And I have to keep recycling my superlatives. It's a tough life.

The curious thing about The Royal Tenenbaums is that it's very crude and very subtle at the same time. Sick humour and genuine emotion combine in a way that only seems unlikely in retrospect. Maybe because that's how 'real life' often is, but is seldom shown to be.

These characters, however, are well, perhaps not larger than life, but definitely odder. The film watches Mr Royal Tenenbaum (Gene Hackman), trying to re-establish himself with his long-suffering wife and variously traumatised offspring. The humour comes from the sheer depth of his incompetence and duplicity as he sets about this, and also from mesaline-munching family friend Eli (Owen Wilson), who is so far off the map that he probably has his own bed in the cartographer's home.

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By this time, again thanks to Sir Thomas, an agreement had been reached with the Company of Stationers for the library to receive a copy of each book published in Britain - it became what we know later as a Copyright Library. More recently, the implications of this have not gone unnoticed, and it used to be considered an act of intellectual daring to require the librarians to produce a copy of, for example, Enid Blyton's 'Noddy' and press it in the reading room.
The library now stretches south to the Radcliffe Camera, and north under Broad Street to the New Bodleian, and contains about 5 million books, requiring a mile and a half of new shelving a year. (There is overflow storage out of town, at Nuneham.)
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