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"Our Play is Preferred" A Magical Midsummer Night's Dream!

A Midsummer Night's Dream Produced and Performed by Alban Wood Primary School

THE ABBEY THEATRE

25th November 2015

Appraised by Nadia Nadif



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Alban Wood Primary School on their wonderful production of A Midsummer Night's Dream at The Abbey Theatre. This was an accomplished and original production, and I'd like to highlight a few key elements which really stood out for me.

There were some fantastic moments of ensemble in this piece. I especially enjoyed the final scene when the characters were watching the 'play within the play'. Each character had some great reactions to the performance; groans, laughs and shocked faces. This really gave the audience a clear indication of each character. It was also very funny to watch!

The cast had great vocal control and were able to convey a lot of emotion through their tone of voice. In the opening scene, for example, it was very obvious who loved who and who hated who amongst the 4 lovers. This was really useful for the audience, and fantastically detailed storytelling from the cast.

The cast were also great at capturing the comedy and magical nature of this play. The Mechanicals had great comic timing and the fairies entrance with Titania in a flying formation was visually stunning.



I'd also like to commend the cast on their energy and stage presence, which hugely impressed me.

This production was magical, colourful and comical. Huge congratulations to all the cast and crew who made it happen.

I hope to see Alban Wood Primary School in the Festival again next year.

Nadia Nadif

Shakespeare Schools Festival Venue Director

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