

***West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts  
Brinze Arts Award – Part B – Review a performance  
Lucy Southgate, Student at WOAPA, reviews 'We Will Rock You'  
at The Dominion Theatre, London.***

On 15th of April 2014 I saw the evening performance of We Will Rock You at the Dominion Theatre, London . The acting in the show was amazing as you could easily understand what they were saying also you could tell there was a lot of inner emotion coming out from the characters. This showed that the actors understood their parts.

The actors were:

Pop: Kevin Kennedy

Khashoggi: Alasdair Harvey

Galileo: Oliver Tompsett

Scaramouche: Rachael Wooding

Killer Queen: Brenda Edwards

Brit: Rolan Bell

Meat: Amanda Coutts

The dancing and design were also very good with the dancing organised and always on cue with all of the characters showing they were giving it their all and the design of the backgrounds and clothes looked very similar but didn't clash.

This helped when I was watching, as I was not distracted by the story - which is about a group of Bohemians(rebels) who struggle to rescue fashion, thought and live music which is all controlled by the Killer queen.

Rock music is forbidden and no instrument is known to be on the planet, but the Bohemians want their 'rhapsody' and search for the only guitar known to be on the planet. But, Killer queen is searching for the guitar as well and controls the whole planet.

The music, I feel, fits perfectly as the musical does talk about music legends and all of the songs were hits for Queen and transformed into a musical by Ben Elton.

They are both very famous songwriters and musicians who performed worldwide. So the musicians in We Will Rock You have a hard job to perform the music faultlessly and I think they did. They were incredible as it sounded like a CD of Queen playing on every song. I know the guitarist used a copy of Brian May's guitar so that may be why it sounded so much like him.

The music and acting isn't the only thing in the show there's the lighting which was great as you couldn't tell that it was lighting at some points I thought they were using real lasers for the jails and when the characters were moving fast around the stage the lighting was keeping up with them. Backstage were also great as you couldn't see them when they came and moved equipment and they were always perfect which prevented the actors waiting for equipment.

The show hasn't really changed much since I last went which was so long ago I can't remember when it was, so it didn't differ to my expectations.

I liked the atmosphere of the theatre. The actors created a friendly atmosphere. Sometimes it felt as if they knew you as they knew how to make you laugh easily with their body language or just a rubbish joke. All of the audience enjoyed themselves so everyone was in a good mood. I didn't enjoy the rude scene (act 2, scene 2) as I was with my parents and I just don't get the jokes so it's boring for me.

All in all I would highly recommend We Will Rock You but sadly it has now closed.

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