

West Wickham Pantomime Society Peter Pan 9th January 2016

Directors James Simpson & Mike Simpson

Musical Director James Harrison-Baker.

Of all my years in amateur theatre (52)and the last 6 as a NODA rep West Wickham's 'Peter Pan' is the BEST YET!! Not only is it the best Peter Pan, it's the finest panto I have seen in years.

Slick, colourful, superb costumes, great set, cleverly directed by James and Mike Simpson and dance by Sally Warsop to a very high standard, that I could not fault it in any way.

This Peter Pan took amateur panto to new heights, David Warsop, Tony Dunne and Dan Putman worked well as a team, and David as Nanny Nora, Tony as Smee and Dan as Hook worked to the audience with great professionalism, they were getting the right amount of boos and appreciation from them.

Wendy (Elli Parrot) John (Grace Baker) and Michael (Clark Cavanagh), were cast perfectly as the Darling's children, these are big parts for children and they carried them out with perfect timing and didn't play to the audience as sometimes happens. Clark was astounding in his song (Somewhere out there) not a note missed, what a talented young man, keep going young man. Peter Pan (Vicky Kalber) had a great stage presence as did Tinkerbell (Olivia Morris) she certainly put the Tink in Tinkerbell. The ensemble players were all enjoying themselves, so much so it came over the footlights. Musical Director James Harison-Baker chose some really good songs for this production.

West Wickham never fail to please me, always greet me, and along with a excellent programme, I enjoy going to review their Panto, they work on it for nearly 6 months I believe, and it certainly shows.

Great show West Wickham Keep this standard up.

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