

“Friend Like Me” Mushroom Theatre Company

by Joan

Earlier this month, I went with my husband to watch Mushroom Theatre Company’s annual show at the lovely Towngate theatre in Basildon.

We arrived early so that we would have time to chat to a few familiar faces that give up their time to volunteer for MTC and EPPA.

We were given the heads up that we may need tissues. This turned out to be good advice because this show tugged at heartstrings, sent out a positive moral message, but most of all was thoroughly entertaining.

The title of the show was “Friend Like Me” and that was the Full Company opening number.

The whole show from start to finish was brilliant. Funny and thought provoking. So rather than bore you all I will just pick out some of my personal favourite scenes. Second on stage was Singers performing “Human”. I love this song anyway but they put their own spin on it and brought it to life for me.

The singing and dancing was interspersed with funny and thought provoking sketches. Does anyone remember Pam Ayes poem “I wish I’d looked after me teeth”? That was a very funny sketch and somehow made even funnier when performed by youngsters.

The “School of Rock” was amazing and every bit as good as the West Wnd production. For me the “Narnia” sketch was my favourite part of Act 1, partly because of “Red, the dog” in a lion outfit. #Cute

A few more special mentions have to go to Abbie’s performance of “Titanium” and a moving performance of “Vincent”.

I defy anyone that was in that theatre not to be moved at the Senior Dance performance of “Hanging Tree”. It was an outstanding performance and worth ordering the MTC dvd just to watch it all over again.



Huge praise and a special mention for all the amazing costumes this year. Every year just seems to get bigger and better. Can't wait to see what 2018 has in store for the wonderful people at Mushroom Theatre Company!



Many thanks to Mushroom Theatre Company for the lovely photographs. Be sure and visit their Facebook page for many more – and don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket! Details on the website: www.lee-mead.co.uk