

## Event Review

Review: Venus, Cupid and Valentine

Venue: Salisbury Arts Centre

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Reviewer: Megs Slark

Even before I entered the majestic looking Arts Centre, I was grinning from ear to ear due to my anticipation for this particular event, you see I have never heard of an evening filled with 'Love Potions' and 'Matchmaking' for youths before.

As we walked through the glass doors, we were very kindly greeted by a young staff member and taken to choose a lego character from a wide selection of figures. I chose a rather ravishing looking blue and white haired woman and picked up a questionnaire to fill out with the provided nicely sharpened pencil. This was to "measure how romantic I am as a person," I was actually quite eager to find out about the results of this.

After this, I made a videoed advertisement for my character (named Tuna) about her interests and what she's looking for in a partner.

Next, I was guided to the parallel table, which was filled with heart sequins and mini glasses of the best tasting drink I have ever had. Literally. It was like heaven on my tongue. Then, along to the next table, on which we find dried strawberries and love heart sweets, which we happily munch on whilst sticking the very appealing heart sequins to our faces.

For a while, we take a seat on seats covered with yet more heart sequins and wait until it's our turn to enter the 'Room of Love,'. We hadn't been waiting long when it was our turn to go in. Upon entering, our eyes were immediately drawn to the only light in the otherwise pitch black room, which was a mini stage. We were instructed to take a seat and stuck our little lego people upon said mini stage. Lovely singing started drifting from behind the stage, performed by four or five youths that were going to be putting on the show.

We were told a beautiful little story about love and Cupid, and the birth of 'Valentines' before being puppeteers of our lego friends on a Speed Dating Show, in which I am afraid my vain character did not find love. In any case, I one couple did find love, and I am very glad for them. After applauding the actors, we were guided out into the light and handed our questionnaire results, with (you guessed it) more heart sequins, and a heart shaped chocolate. I got 'Deeply romantic, you must lower your expectations or you'll never settle!' which I do not know whether to be proud of, or sad about. I'll let you decide about that one.

After consuming more Love Potion (I couldn't resist), I exited; happy about my Love filled evening, with sequins on my smiling face.

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