



Theatre Review

Review: Water

Venue: Salisbury Playhouse

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It all began with the muttering as the audience took their seats, the public fumbling around, suddenly, a hint at a musical underlay, the lights slowly dim, and we are transported to thirty years ago, as a lecture is being given.

Beautifully creative lighting and astonishingly accurate sound come together extraordinarily in this complex play, highlighting key moments in the well written script. Imagine you are watching a drama; every now and then a great moment catches your eye. What I experienced was a script, perfectly brought to life by versatile actors and a very able director, of millions of these mind blowing moments. Whether its silences that say more than words are capable of or well-timed witty banter that loosens, but nevertheless holds the tension of the performance, I couldn't take my eyes off of the action for a second.

Lovely pictures were created by set that framed scenes, glass that reflected an actor's image onto another place onstage, live webcams and a curtain projection that topped the whole show off perfectly. Simple set pieces were changed so slickly to create such contrasting scenes. One moment you are sure you're in a hotel room, and in two seconds time, you're watching a man cave dive, but wait; now you're looking in on a meeting, now a funeral, simply brilliant! Between three actors, we met over fifteen characters, yet it was not in the slightest confusing. Wardrobe was well chosen, but it didn't stand out for me as much as the other backstage elements. In saying that, it didn't matter so much due to the actors' unbelievable ability to swap and change between characters so smoothly.

If you want my advice, go straight to Salisbury Playhouse this instant, book your ticket and prepare for an awe-inspiring ninety minutes.

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