

IRCHESTER PLAYERS
THE SOUND OF PANTO
SHOW REPORT

Thank you to the Irchester Players for inviting me to come and review " The Sound of Panto ". This was the first time I had seen a production by this company, and having been " blown away " by the standard, it will certainly not be my last!

I can not praise the script writer, Steve Lack enough, he has managed to take one of the best loved musicals, and use the story line to craft the most imaginative pantomime that I have ever seen. Steve's script would not be out of place on a professional stage!

There were nearly thirty characters in the panto, each was very well cast, and all had clearly defined characters; I couldn't possibly mention each one, but all the actors played their roles extremely well, there were many outstanding performances. However, I will congratulate Dan Wainwright who played Maria " the Dame " he had tremendous stage presence, and controlled the audience the whole time he was on stage, Dan's mannerisms and facial expressions were so natural, what a talented actor he is!

The chorus and all the children also played their part in making this production such a success, all were well rehearsed and showed very good stage craft. The musical direction was of a very high standard for both principals and chorus, the choice of music was excellent and there were some lovely harmonies.

Choreography was also very good, and it showed off the performers abilities well, considering the lack of space, this was no mean feat.

The technical side of the panto excelled too. The scenery was well made and colourful, as were the costumes, there were some clever designs, particularly for the dame. The props were also well made and functional, adding further to the visual effect. Sound and lighting was well executed too. So well done to all the technical team.

Many congratulations to the entire company of "The Sound of Panto" for a near perfect opening night; I'm sure the rest of the audience would agree with me, we didn't stop laughing from the start to the finish, in what was one of the best pantomimes I have seen !

Thank you to the Irchester Players for the wonderful hospitality shown to my guest and myself, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to seeing you again in the future.

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