

As You Like It at Old Wardour Castle

The audience buzzed with excitement as we laid down our picnic rug for Wednesday's performance of As You Like It. Performed by the Globe Theatre Company on tour, this "utopian" Shakespeare play did not disappoint.

As You Like It tells a tale of friendship, romance and deception. It is light hearted and comedic, unlike many well-known Shakespearian plays, such as Romeo and Juliet.

The performers adapted to the surroundings very well, and would wander around the audience before they came on stage. As You Like It is a particularly unique title for one of Shakespeare's plays, as it directly addresses and involves the audience. The Globe Theatre company did a very good job of this, and as a member of the audience, I felt involved and captivated throughout.

The costumes and the set were simple and effective. Although I was initially unsure of what time period the production was set in, judging by the clothing and old-fashioned cameras that they used, I think it was mid to late Victorian.

The atmosphere at Old Wardour was simply fantastic. It was wonderful to watch the play with the sunset in the background. My only criticism would be that although Old Wardour Castle made an amazing backdrop, it would have been even better if the performers had somehow incorporated it more into their play.

As You Like It is now being performed at Shugborough Estate, Stafford, Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June. For more tour dates visit <http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/theatre/on-tour/as-you-like-it>

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