

The Festival – Review

Monday May 24th, Arts Centre, Salisbury Arts Festival

A small set, a cast of 5 – 3 men and 2 women, all highly enthusiastic set the scene in the impressive venue of the Arts Centre. The main space of the Arts Centre was the setting for this small and talented cast, with an attentive audience of mixed ages.

In anticipation of the music festivals season which is about to begin, the cast found themselves in a small café in a remote town on the day of a music festival, hence the title of the production. Here we got to know the characters who, quirky as they were, were also full of fun and meaning. The next hour took us on a journey of Jenny's life and the events that happened to bring her to where she sat. We met her friends and family and by the end of the night I felt like I knew them all personally, such was the depth of the script.

With a combination of excellent skills, the cast told us a wonderful story through song, dance, comedy and drama. The renditions of U2 and 'the Boss' will certainly stick in my mind as will Jenny's mother's enthusiasm of gardening!

I would certainly recommend this contemporary production to anyone who gets a chance to see this fine group of talented actors in action. A tale told in a such a bittersweet, original way is sure to stay with you for a long time to come.

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