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“LORD WHAT FOOLS THESE MORTALS BE.” - A LIVELY MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM!

Produced and Performed by
St Martins’ Comprehensive School
The Riverfront

16 November 2016

Appraised by Ffion Williams

Many congratulations to the cast and crew of St Martins’ Comprehensive School on their fantastic production! I’d like to highlight a few things from this group that stood out, wowed the audience and made this Shakespeare Schools Festival night an evening to remember.

This company was clearly having fun on stage and you took us as audience members along on the ride, captivating us throughout the performance!

The piece’s design was simple but very effective. It told us straight away who was who with the use of costume. I particularly liked the mechanicals’ aprons for the play of Pyramus and Thisbe.

You worked really well as an ensemble, and everyone gave a very detailed and unique performance as well as committing fully to your roles. On top of the wonderful reactions you gave us, we also had a clear distinction



between the petty, egoistic lovers, the sassy fairies and silly mechanicals, which helped tell the story clearly. I particularly enjoyed the posse of fairies, and it was lovely to see sixth formers supporting younger cast members.

The production had a plethora of funny moments, from Bottom’s singing, Snout’s panicking about his lines, the lovers fighting and of course the play of Pyramus and Thisbe, which was a masterpiece!

This was a fun and joyful Dream, which sparked thanks to such a committed company of actors.

“It’s a significant achievement to do something as difficult and aspirational as perform one of Shakespeare’s plays on a professional stage. Everyone who’s taken part should be so proud of themselves.”

Ruth Brock, SSF Chief Executive

I would like to congratulate everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see your school in the Festival again next year.

Ffion Williams
SSF Stage Director