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“For never was a story of more woe”: A remarkable *Romeo and Juliet*

Produced and Performed by

Bedford Modern School

STANTONBURY THEATRE, MILTON KEYNES

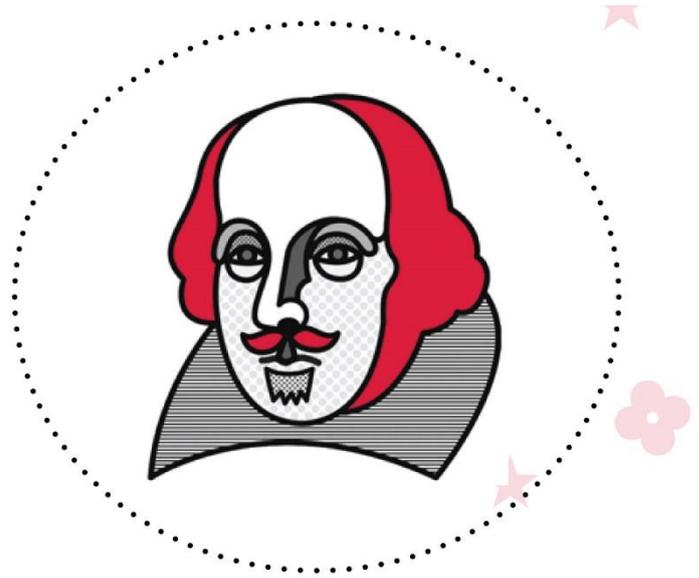
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Appraised by Lisa Hayes



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Bedford Modern School on their wonderful production of *Romeo and Juliet* at Stantonbury Theatre. This was an accomplished and original production, and I'd like to highlight a few key elements which really stood out for me.

- I was so impressed by the ensemble work in this show – the whole company worked brilliantly together as a great team to tell this tragic story. From the savage, loud fight scene at the beginning, to the energetic dance at the party, and the great stage picture of the balcony scene, this was a whole company effort throughout, which certainly paid off in this excellent production.
- The company should be applauded for their acting – the performances were committed, with a strong understanding of their characters' motives, and the relationships between them were particularly truthful and detailed. The audience really believed the family relationships and it was interesting to see the power in the balance between the generations. Well done for your connected, mature performances.



There were so many memorable and striking images in this production. I loved the scene when Romeo and Juliet met, and we saw the whole company with their arms up at the back – what a wonderful way to tell this moment in the story.

I would also like to commend this cast on their professionalism and hard work throughout the performance day. They were really committed and approached their performance with energy, enthusiasm and focus. They were great role models for younger students at the workshop and on their performance day, which was impressive to see.

This show was exciting, and energetic, with a devastating portrayal of the story's end. A huge congratulations to all the cast and crew who made it happen. I hope to see Bedford Modern School in the Festival again in 2016.