

“SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES”

Macbeth

by St. Joseph's RC Primary School

at Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park, 17/11/2017

appraised by Lane Paul Stewart

I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to St. Joseph's RC Primary School for your wonderful production of Macbeth as part of the 2017 Shakespeare Schools Festival. Students and teachers alike have put hard work, imagination, determination and passion into this production, and were a credit to the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight just a few fantastic moments that you should be especially proud of.

- ❖ The whole company used bold and powerful voices to fill the space with ease, and demonstrated a confident handling and understanding of the text. The narration was beautifully clear and performed with gusto.
- ❖ The stage was used well with strong stage pictures. This was wonderfully demonstrated at the beginning of the play with the atmospheric and energised ensemble fight sequence which really set the tone of the play.
- ❖ The banquet scene with Banquo's ghost was very powerfully performed and showed a great emotional understanding of the text with some fantastic reactions from the cast.
- ❖ The 'punk' witches used their text with dynamic energy and their presence gave the piece a great contemporary feel. This was linked into the concept of the play well and was supported by a rousing contemporary soundtrack.

This was a dynamic, visually stunning Macbeth filled with strong and powerful voices that delivered the dialogue and narrative with emotion and maturity.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see St. Joseph's RC Primary School in the Festival again next year.

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