

Review

Christmas Dreams

By Junior RoCo Team

Produced by Junior RoCo Team (Emma Slater, Pete Grocock and Linda Nicholson)

Production: December 2008

Following the success of the first Junior RoCo production earlier this year the bar was raised and the young stars wowed the audience with a superb production of mini sketches.

The comical opening saw **Martha** taking over the introductions from the more 'mature' RoCo member who was deemed 'too old' for Junior RoCo. These are the young future stars of RoCo and we had better watch out!

Performances ranged from singing, poem recitals and short sketches. Some expertly written by Pete Grocock and of course performed extremely well by the Junior RoCo cast themselves.

The opening song 'I have a dream' was an all cast performance with a great solo from **Holly B.** As the evening went on you could see the confidence of each young star grow.

Particular mention has to go to **Faye** for not only her brilliant poem recital but the fact that she wrote it herself. The audience loved it! And to prove their range of skills the sketch 'homeless' was directed by **Nirvana**. Both were also accompanied by **Jordan** in a comical little sketch 'Such stuff'; I particularly liked **Faye's** character the bear, or was it a dog?

Another sketch that left me, and I'm sure the rest of the audience, wanting to know and see more of these three promising actors was 'Swans'. **Alice** did particularly well with a very emotive performance - I was mesmerised!

The second act saw **Beth, Maddie, Nadia** and **Charlotte** perform a fantastic little sketch 'See you in My dreams', where dreams and reality merged. This was followed by a superb performance of the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet. **Anna** was particularly outstanding, delivering an exceptional first attempt at Shakespeare.

Holly H did a super job in her three sketches 'I wish', 'Close Your Eyes' and 'What's a Dream', finishing off with the 'Merch Hare'; trying to delete Alice in the penultimate, all cast, sketch 'Alice through the laptop'. A brilliant sketch, with my favourites being **Jordan's** excellent Mad Hacker, **Tendai** as the very well performed squeaky Cordless Mouse and the Red Queen played wonderfully by **Gwenna**. The script lent well to some skilfully delivered one liners including the school of Wikipedia!



Ellie, having only joined the group this term performed well as the Mac Turtle and lit up the stage with her beaming smile throughout all the songs.

A very well done to all those who performed and to those who worked their magic backstage. Sitting at the back I could see how much the audience enjoyed the show, joining in at the very end to accompany **Tendai** and the rest of the cast in 'Any Dream Will Do', somewhat enthusiastically ahead of time!

I'm sure I'm not the only one who will be looking forward to their next production in 2009. Well done all!

Kim Tomlin