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"We are such stuff as dreams are made on" - A magical production of *The Tempest*

The Tempest Produced and Performed by Marlborough Road Academy

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Appraised by **JASON PARKES**



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Marlborough Road Academy on their wonderful production of *The Tempest* at the Contact theatre.

This was an accomplished and original production, and I'd like to highlight a few key elements which really stood out for me.

- The opening storm scene was bold, frantic and truly tempestuous. This was achieved through brilliant choreography and movement of the entire cast working together to create the storm.
- A magical moment of the production, was when Ariel swooped and swirled across the stage in her purple cloak. This was very engaging for the audience.
- "Full fathom five" was delivered through a chorus which was powerful and attention-grabbing. The 'boos' 'aaahs' and 'oohs' from the chorus were also a delight.
- The transitions and pacing of the production were very strong. The ensemble worked well together to move scenes swiftly with energy and zest.

I'd also like to commend the cast on their professionalism during the entire performance day. During the technical rehearsal, they behaved as you'd expect a professional group of actors, waiting for cues and working as a team, which hugely impressed me.

This production was mystical, comical and engaging. Huge congratulations to all the cast and crew who made it happen.

I hope to see Marlborough Road Academy in the Festival again next year.

Jason Parkes

Shakespeare Schools Festival Venue Director

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