

Review: Aladdin

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***Aladdin* at Theatre Royal Plymouth**

It's panto time... oohhh no it isn't... oohhh yes it is!!!

Aladdin, the wonderful Christmas Pantomime hits the stage of the Theatre Royal Plymouth!

With a star-studded cast led by one of the nation's favourite comedians, Joe Pasquale, accompanied by a jaw-dropping set, spellbinding lights, captivating dances and acrobatics, alongside a phenomenal cast who provide comedy and talent throughout the show.

You truly won't want to miss out on this spectacular Christmas escapism, take your family to an amazing night out you'll never forget! Experience the catchy and upbeat songs to dance along to, witness the astonishing puppets and creatures to be amazed by, and feel the real life Christmas magic in front of your eyes, reminding us all of the true impact and beauty of theatre.

I went with my best friend who has never been to a pantomime before. She had little knowledge of what to expect. Throughout the evening, you could hear her fascinated gasps and see her eyes light up from the spectacle astounding her. She was completely blown away and fell in love with this phenomenal pantomime.

The show is loaded with rich comedy gold leaving the audience in fits and tears of laughter and joy- A show for everyone with enjoyable jokes and moments for both children and adults. A real highlight of the show is the magic carpet ride. I don't want to spoil this astonishing event but believe me when I tell you that you need to see this mind-blowing moment!

The pantomime follows the handsome Aladdin in the magical realm of Pantoland as he tries to win the hand of the beautiful princess Jasmine, who is held back by her overprotective sister: The Supreme Leader Of Jannerstown - She believes that Aladdin isn't rich enough to marry Jasmine. They soon discover the existence of the cave of wonders which holds treasures beyond imagination, and with the help of Aladdin's

brother Wishee Washee, his mother Widow Twankey, and the magical pantomime fairy Scherezade, they must overcome the trickery of the evil Abanazar, who equally wants access to this enchanting cave. When things don't go your way, how will you retaliate? Who will be the chosen one who opens the cave? Who will get the lamp and use it for good or bad? Who will be the one to save the day?

Theatres are safe to visit again, so join this magic carpet ride at the Theatre Royal Plymouth and treat yourself to this feel-good, festive wonder. A beautiful escapism from reality in a bright and upbeat way...This pantomime is running until the 15th of January, so go get your tickets now!



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