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Dad's Army – Studio Theatre

Director – Sally Marshall

Assistant Director – Linda Hayman

Dad's Army is based on the popular TV Series of the same name written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft. Director Sally Marshall assisted by Linda Hayman have an excellent cast for this production. The set is very good and is based on the 'village hall' with an office to the side with a cut out wall so you can still see the action. The doors are carefully positioned to allow the cast to come on and off the stage. The lighting and sound are good, the costumes are also just right. I liked the 1940's music as the scenes changed especially the Dad's army theme tune.

With this play the audience come to see how the actor take's on the characteristics and mannerisms of the well known character which they all know and love. I'm sure this can be a director's nightmare when choosing the cast. However, this group have it just right, everyone played their parts very well Michael Bowyer plays Captain Mainwaring and has the authority to lead his men, and also come out with the funny lines and humour, and there are also some touching moments that come across with Mrs Gray played by Sarah Kirkpatrick.

Alistair Faulkner takes the role of Sergeant Wilson, the right hand man to the Captain, loved his dancing horse. Colin Hayman is Corporal Jones, just right for the part, Fraser Adams plays Pte. Pike complete with his scarf, Kris Hamilton is Pte. Walker, David Rhodes is Pte. Fraser with great Scottish accent and Davis Taylor is the lovely Pte. Godfrey. They all stayed in character thought the play, they all worked well together. The rest of the cast are all equally as good in their parts.

The play is fully of comedy, and great one liner's, from German Prisoners, Morris Men and company choir, I really liked the Floral Dance at the end.

Well done to everyone.

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