

“WE ARE SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON”

**The Tempest
by Oak Grove College
at The Old Market, 14/11/2017
appraised by Natasha Rickman**

I would like to offer sincere thanks and congratulations to Oak Grove College for your wonderful production of The Tempest 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.

- ❖ This was a beautiful, otherworldly Tempest. The music was stunning and was beautifully composed and operated by three students, one of whom beatboxed to bring the show to an upbeat finale!
- ❖ The atmosphere was at times dark, magical and atmospheric, and at others jovial and light, but always retaining the dark edge at the heart of the story.
- ❖ The transformation into your characters was beautiful- I could really see a true journey from when I met you at the workshop to how you now "put your characters on" and totally transformed both physically and vocally. You also stayed in character throughout and really committed to your characters' journeys, making brilliant and bold choices.
- ❖ You have also been a joy to work with and I was so impressed with how professional you were in tech.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this superb production. I hope to see Oak Grove College in the Festival again next year.

Natasha Rickman

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