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The Merry Wives of Windsor: A Theatrical Review

What a total and complete pleasure to see a truly phenomenally well done production of a Shakespearean show in a truly Shakespearean location that was both excellent and witty, just as Shakespeare had intended.

Starring Alan Blumenfeld as Sir John Falstaff, Ted Barton as Master Ford, Michael Aurelio as Fenton, Elizabeth Tobias as Mistress Ford, and Karen Reed as Mistress Page, not to mention an entire host of other excellent performers, The Merry Wives of Windsor is a MUST SEE PRODUCTION.

The story is one of foolish love and romance, trickery, jealousy, and revenge. It is filled with wit and entangled with intertwining concoctive ideals of how to contrive one's own plans within the folly of unrequested romantic advances. Set at the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, an outstanding location with a superior Shakespearean theatre venue, this production is truly fabulous. Not being the kind of guy who generally enjoys modern day comedies, this was a fabulous break with the same old norm. If you have never seen a Shakespearean piece, now is the time. If you have never been to the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, go now.

Ellen Geer's love for the theatre and the outdoors is more than apparent in the facility and its care. An outdoor theatre, as Shakespeare is best seen, this wonderful location is simply perfect. Words cannot say enough about what a joy this production was, but one word of wisdom will be given, take a blanket with you; it does get chilly after dark. Enjoy a picnic or a bottle of wine and cheese under the oaks before the show. Walk Will's Garden, and then enjoy a theatrical production that is far more than worth the drive and the cost. You will NOT be sorry you made time for this one my friends, that is a promise.

The Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum is located at 1419 N. Topanga Canyon Blvd. in Topanga, CA 90290, and you can reserve your tickets by calling 310-455-3723 or logging on to their website at www.theatricum.com.

Adults are only \$32 (\$20 in the upper tier), Seniors \$25 (\$18 in the upper tier), Students, Military Veterans, AEA Members \$20 (\$15 in the upper tier), Children (7-12) \$10, and Children under 6 are free. There are even Play and Dinner combo packages available that include a buffet dinner and the performance. The performances are basically on Saturday and Sunday evenings, but check with the reservation desk when you call for specifics as there are a few special performance times and or engagements.

Do Not Miss This One; You Will Be Sorry If You Do!
Enjoy!

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