

A View On Access – Hairspray the 2018 UK tour on at The Theatre Royal Nottingham.

Saturday 24th February 2018

Audio description by Tony McBride of VocalEyes

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Unfortunately due to time restraints there was no touch tour for Hairspray on this occasion. If it had taken place it would have been a quick overview of the production, a touch and feel tour of the set and a couple of costumes available to experience also.

The Theatre Royal in Nottingham is a very traditional, old fashioned esque type venue that is council run and offers a diverse choice of plays, musicals and family entertainment throughout the year.

It is about 10 to 15 minutes' walk from the train station or a 5 minute tram ride that stops right by the side.

The foyer is overly spacious with a café bar and toilets on ground level.

An introduction to the show began at 2.15 pm where Describer Tony launched into a confident detailed explanation of all the sets, how the musical opens as well as a list of characters, the actors playing them and what they were wearing. Which was beautifully spoken and delivered, evoking an essence of quality which was echoed throughout the performance.

Hairspray is one of those classic feel good musicals that rarely fails to please, Following in the footsteps of Broadway and west end versions, a hit movie and soundtrack album – the touring version is onto a winner every time it comes around.

The entire company was superbly cast and delivered entertaining performances from start to finish including laugh out loud comedy and impressive song and dance sequences. The catchy score has you leaving the theatre tapping your toes and singing '*I Can Hear The Bells*'

The production design appeared a lot more slicker and colourful than it's previous tour with an epic sounding band, crystal clear sound design and

dazzling lighting as well as effective use of swing sets used to set the scene.

Describer Tony took the reign's admirably stamping his individual mark on the commentary and narration provided and help to engage the listeners with a clear picture in the mind of what was taking form live on stage at any given moment.

The theatre royal staff were friendly and helpful and they go out of their way to try and make as many different shows accessible for those with disabilities.

The next audio described performances at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham will be.

Jersey boys on Thursday 17th May 2018.

With a touch tour at 6pm and the audio description starting at 7.15pm.

And the Band on Wednesday 13th June 2018.

With an audio introduction at 7.15pm and audio described performance starting at 7.30pm.

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