

YOUR PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on" - A magical production of *The Tempest*.

The Tempest Produced and Performed by
Blacon High School

MANCHESTER CONTACT

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Appraised by **MARK FRANCE**



Congratulations to the cast and crew of Blacon High School on their wonderful production of *The Tempest* at the Contact theatre.

This was an accomplished and original production, and I'd like to highlight a few key elements which really stood out for me.

- The opening storm was powerfully staged and there were lovely moments of stillness throughout.
- There was a great energy to the Caliban/Trinculo/Stephano moments of drunken camaraderie and plotting.
- The rock soundtrack was very engaging for the audience and worked well with the cast's performance.
- The ensemble had a strong stage presence and engaged well with the audience, drawing us into the world of the play. Their knowledge of the play was evident and they told the story with zest.

I'd also like to commend the cast on their work ethos during the technical rehearsal, as they worked together as a team to solve the challenges of exits and entrances, which hugely impressed me.

This production was atmospheric, powerful and energetic. Huge congratulations to all the cast and crew who made it happen.

I hope to see Blacon High School in the Festival again next year.

Mark France

Shakespeare Schools Festival Venue Director

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