



The Midnight Gang Review May 2020

Filmed at Chichester Festival Theatre on 25th October 2018 by The Umbrella Rooms, this recording was originally streamed and edited live to children in Great Ormond Street Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, Worthing Hospital and Chestnut Tree House Hospice near Arundel.

I enjoyed the stage show of The Midnight Gang. I was amused through the whole of the performance and felt intrigued by it. I felt it had a message within it of 'be kind to everyone while you still can'. I thought this because they were not kind to Sally and they nearly didn't have a chance to be. I would recommend this play to others because it is a funny, feel good show and will pass the time.

It was about a group of children in a hospital who sneak out at midnight to make their dreams come true. The major theme was friendship because they let the new boy into their group and made friends. During the story they helped to make another girl's dream come true even though she wasn't part of the gang.

The mood of the piece is happy because they make their dreams come true, even though it's not real it feels real to them and makes them happy. There were some unexpected twists in the plot, like when the old lady flies through the air naked and when they get caught by the police.

The characters appeared to be real because they weren't all the same. They weren't all fancy skinny "perfect" actors, they all had different personalities and different appearances which made it more like real life because nobody is the same.

My empathy for the characters was quite strong because they were all trapped in the hospital and their parents wouldn't come and visit them and that would be quite sad.

The hero was the porter, because he made the children happy, as they were stuck there. The baddie was the matron. She was nasty to them and forced them to do things, like take disgusting medicine and didn't let them get out of bed.

The acting throughout the whole play was pretty good, they acted out their characters well, making you feel like it was real life.

The set and costumes were good. One thing I didn't like was that the lift was just an area of the stage, they could have made it more realistic with buttons, or lift sounds, or something but everything else was perfect.

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