

GRAND AIR

HAMLET

REVIEW OF THE REPRESENTATION

Our impressions

The 3eme Inter class went to see a play in English entitled "Hamlet". We left by bus at 9am on Wednesday March 13.

"Hamlet" is one of William Shakespeare's most renowned tragedies, set in the kingdom of Denmark. The play revolves around the young Prince Hamlet, who is deeply troubled by the sudden death of his father, King Hamlet, and the remarriage of his mother, Queen Gertrude, to his uncle, Claudius, who has now become king.

When we arrived at the Théâtre d'Orvault, there were a lot of people. Most of the pupils were high school students, whereas we were the only schoolchildren.

We were greeted by a gentleman working for the company. There was a great atmosphere in the room, and we were all impatient for the play to begin!

The set was very minimalist, there was only a wooden ramp, so at first we had doubts about the way it could have been used on stage. But we quickly understood why there was only this installation, and it was really enough!

The actors were very talented and their costumes were stunning, which provided us with a good first impression of them.

They also played music, it gave a unique atmosphere, especially when they were singing, they all had angelic voices.

The way the spotlights were used was also interesting and it contributed to the beautiful staging.

Furthermore the way the actors played their role on stage was one of the numerous qualities of the representation: indeed, they recited an enormous amount of text without any problems and their facial expressions and gestures seemed very natural.

Hamlet's actor mainly, who stayed on stage for almost the whole representation, had an obvious talent: he expressed

his character's madness truly well. Hamlet's soliloquy, when he questions his life and if either he should live or die, was riveting and well said.

In the recent Hamlet play, a few things didn't work well. First off, there weren't enough stage decorations, so it was hard to tell different scenes apart, and it got repetitive. Also, they changed some parts of the original story and mixed up scenes, which took away from the real story. Even though the actors did a good job and kept us interested, the play felt a bit boring because scenes didn't change much. Fixing these things could make the show better for everyone.

In conclusion, the actors are really talented and the various props on stage were well used. So we really enjoyed the play and we think it's a play that everyone should watch to get to know *Hamlet* better.