

# “OUR PLAY IS PREFERRED”

Congratulations to **Springfield Junior School** on the release of their outstanding new Shakespeare adaptation

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

Springfield Junior School

Appraised by Rebecca Harrison



It's a delight to be offering my sincerest congratulations to Springfield Junior School for your brilliant filmed version of A Midsummer Night's Dream. I was so impressed with the passion, hard work and ambition that shone through every frame of your film, and I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight a few aspects that really stood out.

You all excelled at keeping the stage exciting, with dynamic movement and self-made sound effects. This production never had a dull moment, every scene was blooming with great warmth and humour!

I liked how you used a fairly stripped back set and costume against such bright and colourful green screen effects – I thought this worked really well, and provided a great space for your actors to shine! It was a simple way to give your viewers a real sense of place as your film moved through its different locations.

This was a really collaborative production – everyone had a chance for their strengths and skills to be showcased. Your mechanicals were hilarious, your fairies were magical, and I really



felt for your Athenians as they struggled to end up in love with the right people!

Every single actor onscreen delivered their lines with clarity, confidence, and great vocal projection, to tease out the emotion but also the comedy from this story. You had clearly all thought carefully about your characters and spoke with passion and expression.

This was an energetic, and heart-warming retelling of A Midsummer Night's Dream told by a talented and committed cast and crew.

Adapting Shakespeare for the screen takes a great deal of creativity, ingenuity, and dedication, and you demonstrated this in abundance! You should all be feeling extremely proud of your achievements – we very much hope to welcome you back to the Festival next year!

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