

**Bouncers & Shakers- Review by Sharon Drummond  
North West Theatre Arts Company (NWTAC)**

The beauty of this show is very little set is needed but it does rely heavily on the 8 actors chosen as each part has to play multiple roles including opposite sex parts.

The costumes for the guys consisted of black suits and white shirts, black ties to convey bouncers in a nightclub. The girls were in black trousers, white shirts with purple neckerchiefs. All the costumes looked great.

There were no props as such but the miming of them by the 8 actors was brilliant and we knew exactly what they were doing, cleaning tables, pouring and making drinks, sweeping floors etc.

The Bouncers were Jonny Molyneux, Gareth Maudsley, Solomon Asante-Owusu and Owen Maudsley. They each worked well both separately and collectively.

Jonny was fabulous as Eric and his facial expressions were fantastic. The differing roles presented in this part required great stage presence, characterisation and projection. Jonny is a master at all of these and this show didn't disappoint as he commanded in this role.

Gareth played Judd with great work on his characterisation including the miming required in certain scenes.

Solomon was fabulous in this role despite his young age. He never looked out of place and delivered his lines with a maturity beyond his years. His comic delivery was excellent.

The final Bouncer was Owen who again played a role well beyond his years but never looked out of place or uncomfortable in the role.

All 4 actors delivered the caricature female parts with wonderful comedic touches and the whole show was brilliantly put together.

The Shakers playing cocktail waitresses were equally brilliantly played by Toyin Lawal, Jade Hamer, Kate Bannister and Melissa Grimes. Again playing multiple parts, each of which were superbly portrayed. The male portrayals by the girls got plenty of laughs from the audience and deservedly so as the attention to detail and commitment to these parts was masterfully portrayed.

Toyin delivered cheeky and "in your face" portrayals of all her parts which had everyone laughing.

Jade had great comic timing and projection of her lines whilst miming cocktail making, cleaning etc.

Kate was brilliant at the overly emotional parts along with super timing on the lines.

Melissa delivered her parts with full conviction and fantastic diction. Great portrayals too.

All 4 worked beautifully together supporting each other whilst projecting excellent characters and scenes.

The whole show was a joy to watch and perfect for a Friday evening after a very busy week. I remember the days well of discos and clubs and experiencing Bouncers and Shakers in clubs in my youth- very true to form. Well done on the direction Prab Singh and every member who helped with lighting and sound.