

The Yellow on the Broom

by Ciaran Shearer

I saw The Yellow on the Broom at Dundee Rep on the 15th of September. The Yellow on the broom was written and produced by Anne Downie, directed by Andrew Panton and based on the novel by Betsy Whyte.

The story follows Bessie, a young girl who has grown up in the traveling community and how her and her family have faced many prejudices throughout their lives.

The costumes used in the play were very realistic and effective. All the accents and slang used by the cast made the characters feel alive, this was helped by the fact that the accents continued into the songs rather than actors putting on a "singing" voice. Speaking of the songs, all were extremely catchy and memorable and fit into the setting. No song felt like it came out of nowhere and stopped the flow of the play. All the jokes in the play land very well and created positive interaction from the audience. Another very effective feature of the play was within the stage itself, different parts of the stage lifted up to reveal different things such as a fire, a small body of water and an alcohol drawer, this was extremely clever and intuitive, I personally hope this is used more in future plays.

Overall the play was extremely enjoyable with laughs and tears all round, 4/5 stars.

Yellow on the Broom will be shown at:

Dundee Rep Theatre Tues 28th August - Sat 22nd September

Macrobert Arts Centre Wed 26- Sat 29 September