

NOMADS Cabaret Night  
St Nicolas Church Hall - Newbury  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Following last year's successful cabaret evening Nomads once again opted for the same format. This worked exceedingly well giving an abundance of varied musical numbers, Hannah Maskell; assisted by Mandy Maskell, was responsible for putting the program together in such a way as to give the audience an entertaining evening.

Our compère for the evening was the energetic, captivating Zelda Stone. She kept the audience entertained with snippets of information about the songs

It was delightful to see so many new members interspersed with the familiar faces; and so many men!

It was lovely to hear some of the old classics Friendship (Anything Goes) sung by Hannan Maskell and Carol Joice, Anything you can Do (Annie Get your Gun) Karen Fakes and Hazel Inman, Ol' Man River (Showboat) Victor Santos and Stars (Les Misérable) Joseph Knight, which incidentally is my all-time favourite number from any musical!

There were some not so well-known older tunes Morning Glow (Pippen) Shaun Blake, Stars and the Moon (Songs for a New World) Alice Warbis-Keeping, and Go Now Return to the Forbidden Planet Colette Jones

There was a plethora of tunes from the modern musicals Still Hurting (The Last Five Years) Alison Hault, Somewhere in the Dough (The Great British Bakeoff the Musical) I mean who knew? Freya Wilson, Six (Six the Musical) Alison Hault, Carol Joice, Anna Neary, Jane Oliver, Nikki Rands, Susanna Sales which was a very fitting end to the first half.

Zelda Stone gave us Land of Lola (Kinky Boots), The Power of Love (Back to the Future) Anthony Whitaker, Sincerely Me (Dear Evan Hansen) Matt Collins and Scott Taylor, Goodbye (Catch me if you Can) Andy Pocock and a mash up of Dear Evan Hansen/Hamilton from Susanna Sales Found/Tonight.

The entire cast finished the evening with an excellent arrangement of One Day More from Les Misérable. The vocals, harmonies and dynamics were outstanding culminating in a stirring, and compellingly powerful rendition that fully deserved the standing ovation it received.

NOMADS now move on to their autumn production The Addams Family which takes place in the Corn Exchange Newbury from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Jeanette Maskell