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Bournville Musical Theatre Co

Director Phil Garner

Musical Director Chris Corcoran

Choreographer Hannah-Clare Budden

Venue Crescent Theatre Birmingham

An accomplished production without doubt, with a well-drilled chorus and superb vocals. All the principals showed a very high standard of performance, particularly Florence (Lucy Hood), Anatoly (Richard Ainslie), Fredrick (David Hayward) and Molokov (John Clay). I was impressed with the Arbiter (Phil Snowe), who kept appearing silently in different places, a threatening presence. Svetlana (Rachel Fox) sang beautifully and the orchestra was kept well under control. Good set, well used by the cast; just want to congratulate Syd James on the sound control (and other production jobs)! An excellent all-round show of which the producer can be very proud.

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