The Secret Garden

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"Enthralling and moving"

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Tilly Bradley with cast in The Secret Garden

Created specially for Edinburgh Fringe 2016, Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre's drama-with-music version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's much-loved children's classic is staged with focused professionalism and polished stagecraft.

Lucy Betts' sensitive adaptation rightly centres on the key child roles: the lonely, disagreeable Mary Lennox, her self-preoccupied-seeming invalid cousin Colin – both healed and



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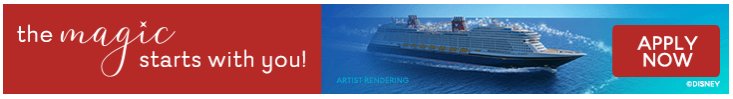
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transformed by nature in the magical secret garden – and Dickon, who has always lived amid nature on the Yorkshire moors. In these roles, Tilly Bradley, Theo Burns and Ted Hayes respectively all display real zest and strong feel for the characters. Josh Penfold convincingly renders the sadness-drenched character of uncle Archie, while Kalyane Warren finely conjures the beautiful ghostly and gently vocal presence of his late wife Lilias.

The elements of Lucy Betts' cleverly flexible set – flower-decked cases becoming walls, a step-ladder a tree and trellis-pieces gateways – frequently change creating Misselthwaite Manor's gloomy interiors and lovely gardens. Children and adults, servants and gardeners form strong ensembles rendering David Perkins' original lyrics in very pleasing style to his atmospheric score. This talented young cast merits high honours for this enthralling, satisfying and at times moving production for all ages.



Production Details

Production name	The Secret Garden
Venue	Gilded Balloon Teviot
Location	Edinburgh
Starts	August 6, 2016
Ends	August 19, 2016

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Running time	1hr
Author	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Adaptor	Lucy Betts
Composer	David Perkins
Director	Lucy Betts
Musical director	David Perkins
Set designer	Lucy Betts, Sharon Davey
Costume designer	Natasha Cobb
Lighting designer	Conor Brown
Cast includes	Esme Hough, Josh Penfold, Kalyane Warren, Mylo Mcdonald, Ted Hayes, Theo Burns, Tilly Bradley
Technical	Oliver Turner
Producer	Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre
Verdict	Polished, professional and well-acted take on a children's classic

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