

THEATRE REVIEW

Writing Checklist

Use this checklist before submitting any theatre review. Tick each box when complete.

BEFORE YOU WRITE

- Have you watched the entire performance attentively?
- Did you take notes during the interval?
- Do you remember specific moments, lines, or images?
- Have you checked the programme for names and spellings?

THE FIVE-STEP STRUCTURE

- INTRODUCTION:** Title, venue, creative team, dates, running time?
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- PLOT SUMMARY:** Story context without major spoilers?
- PERFORMANCE:** Named actors with specific examples?
- DESIGN:** Sets, costumes, lighting, sound discussed?
- REACTION:** Personal response and clear recommendation?

THE THREE POWERS OF PERSUASION

- ETHOS:** Named creatives and correct terminology?
- PATHOS:** Emotional responses described honestly?
- LOGOS:** Opinions supported with specific evidence?

FINAL CHECKS

- Have you checked spelling of all names?
- Is the verdict clear?
- Would a reader know whether to see this show?
- Is it interesting to read — not just informative?

Remember: *A good review helps readers decide for themselves!*