

# My night at the opera

At 6.30 I arrived at school after an all merciful rush to get ready. I met up with my friends. Everyone was chatting away and then my teacher called us and asked us to get on the bus. The bus was luxurious. It had very comfy leather seats and a tray with a cup holder. It also had blue lights and air conditioning. It was unreal.

The bus arrived in Lismore and we walked towards the castle. The stairs we went up looked very old and the walls of the passageway were super thick. The garden was gorgeous. It had many different types of flowers, the scents were lovely. The colour was class. There was purple on the left and yellow on the right. We waited in a queue for quite a while and finally the gates opened.

My friends and I sat together on the tiered seating. We could see the whole stage. We talked and talked until a guy came onto the stage and he began to talk...

The man left the stage and another man came out and he began to sing. Their singing was amazing

and the orchestra was too. They kept in time with each other and made it look easy, when it's obviously not. The opera was exciting and the acting was brilliant. I couldn't understand how they could sing so loud without microphones and act while singing so loud. It was very interesting even though they sang in Italian. The opera was called L'Italiana in Algeri. They modernized the act to make it more interesting .The actor who played Isabella did a really good job. She made the acting look real. The actor who played Mustafa was perfect for the job. He was very mysterious and that's why I really liked him. Lindoro was very funny and he was very clever. Elvira's actor really gave life to the act she was extraordinary and she and her friend were amazing at being suspicious and jealous. During the break we chatted about the opera and ate our snacks. The second half was really lively. It was also very intense you could tell by the speed of the singing and playing. My ears rang because of the sound. At the end everyone came onto the stage and bowed. It was amazing. A man came back and told us it was over.

When we came out of the marquee, there was a big red moon glimmering in the night sky. It was stunning. It lit up the whole garden. On the way back we sang a load of songs. I was very tired as it was 10.30. My friend and I talked about the opera and told each other our favourite characters. It was amazing. I would recommend it to anyone.

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