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Peter Pan

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This Peter Pan is at ease with itself and rightly so. It has plenty of banter, hearty call and responses and well executed traditional routines. Despite all that the adventure is paramount and the decision to have seven senior dancers playing the pirate crew - all of them from top vocational schools - is to be commended. They look fierce and funny and Rhys Owen, their leader, stands out.

This is the twelfth Christmas show staged by the John Spiller organisation for the Civic Theatre. Wisely there are familiar faces in the cast including Dean Winters who plays Smee, and Mario Vernazza, who plays Hook. Children and families will recognise them from last year and that helps the show to be seen as part of Rotherham's Christmas.

The flying, by Kirbys/AFX, is well choreographed and the flying sets themselves are quite something. Children in the audience are gasping, as are their mums. Clearly some time and trouble has been taken.


Senior dancers, young dancers, tiny dancers and numerous characters pour onto the stage making an exciting spectacle. They make a small theatre look quite big. The collective pleasure they have in performing is heartening.

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Production information

Civic Theatre, Rotherham, December 21-January 13

Author/director:	John F Spillers
Producers:	Spillers Pantomimes Ltd, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Cast includes:	Daniel Hope, Dean Winters, Mario Yernazza, Vikki Sparkes, Rhys Owen, Hayley Murray
Running time:	2hrs 25mins

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