

Dear Ms. Seth

I am writing to you because I want to give you a reference about the theatre play 'Songs my Mother Taught Me'. In my opinion the play was very informative, energetic and exciting. I do not want to say that there was much action going on but I always wanted to know what would happen next. I think that is what a theatre play should be like.

The story: The story is about the very up-to-date refugee situation and it shows scenes that could really happen. Everybody was just pushed into the story and it began without knowing who the characters were. They introduced themselves later and I loved that. It was not one long story, there were two and it surprised me how well the actors had control over the change from one story to the other. It plays in the present and in the past and I was never confused about it and that was very impressive. Being bullied by idiots, trying hard to find friends, getting involved into the society...these are things you have to deal with if you are new and the theatre play showed me once again how amazing but at the same time awful the world can be. There are people who are just mean. All these emotions really touched me and it was very thought-provoking. I have to say that it was a little too short but maybe that is just me. I wanted it not to end.

The characters: There was the refugee and a new friend. Both did a great job when playing their characters and conveying the emotions. I felt sad when a character felt sad and I was happy when a character was happy. When I heard that the refugee could play the violin I looked forward to hearing her playing it. I love when someone can play an instrument especially at theatres. When I heard that the mum of the friend always laid the table for a person who might knock at the door and ask for food I was so inspired and almost cried because that is such a nice thing to do and that made the price for the theatre even more worth. The second action or plot took place on a train where the refugee met a teacher she talked to. This scene also showed the difficulties and problems refugees have by presenting the refugee girl as a human being like me or you.

Result: The play was really worth watching and I am very happy that I saw it. The actors did an amazing job and I want to thank everybody very much. The only thing that I was not happy about is that it was a little too short. I am sorry that I can not say more than thanks but it really means a lot.

I hope I could help you with this reference and I look forward to seeing more from the Phoenix Theatre.

Yours sincerely

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