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IT'S ROCKET SCIENCE

That Science Gang

Odeon Theatre Norwood

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Review by Stephen Davenport

"It's Rocket Science" is an amusing and educational romp that parents will enjoy as much as their children. Rock Chick and Science Geek's exuberant, joyful performance turns "It's Rocket Science" playful scientific experiments into a hilarious, interactive, rocking good time.

Rock Chick (Susi D) supplies the vibe, a few jokes and is often the fall girl while self confessed Science Geek (David Lampard) wears his Super-geek underpants on the outside as he explains why things float or fly.

It's funny without resorting to cheap humor; it's educational without being stuffy; and it's clever without being manipulative. Most importantly, it really does rock. Science Geek, with the aid of some willing and some not so willing volunteers, deftly guides the audience through a series of experiments and songs, as he explains the science behind flight. It's a kind of rock laboratory Never Never Land. Here you'll learn how tea bags float, perfume can be rocket fuel and the secrets behind gravity, lift, thrust and drag.

That Science Gang provides a welcome reminder that education can be fun, a little bit slapdash while not being dumbed down, and science need not be impersonal.

With its energetic tunes, highly contagious song lyrics and zany fun pitched at the right tempo, "It's Rocket Science" combines hefty laughs with learning all done with heart. Where school lessons fail "It's Rocket Science" achieves without confusion or pretentiousness. It certainly isn't rocket science; it's much more fun than that. It launches the audience into an unpredictable orbit and then brings them back to earth disgracefully.