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## **LOVIN' THAT TOUR**

**Blackwood Players**

**Memorial Hall, Blackwood**

Until 31 Jul 2010

Review by Tony Busch

Take a plot that was apparently successful in 2008 and change the setting from a cruise ship to a bus tour and you have the substance of "Lovin' That Tour", the latest offering from Blackwood Players.

Writer/director Martin Barbary pulls out every cliché in the book to provide his numerous cast with an assortment of exaggerated characters, situations and lines.

At just short of three hours, including interval and some rather awkward scene changes, the show can do with a hefty prune to tighten it up and keep the action humming along.

There are consistent problems with sound and lighting cues and some of the microphones seem either faulty or not mixed high enough for the 18 song and dance numbers, as the singers are often drowned by the karaoke backing tape.

It's clear that the enthusiastic cast enjoy this production, doubling, trebling and even quintupling characters, and Blackwood Players does well to give everyone a chance to strut their stuff on stage. They're lucky to have so many young people willing to give it a go.