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BURLESQUE O RAMA PRESENTS: STUDIO 54

Viola Verve and Burly Q events

Goodwood Theatre

Until 21 February

Review by Janice Bailey

Burlesque is identified as 'theatrical entertainment of a broadly humorous, often earthy character, consisting of comic skits and striptease acts.' This form of theatre was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and judging by the reaction of the audience on the night I attended, burlesque is still alive and definitely 'kicking'.

Lady Cara Louise is effervescent as the MC and also has the opportunity to exercise her vocal ability. The varied 'acts' showed their particular skills using humour, singing, dancing and striptease – and even fire. While many people think of burlesque as purely 'striptease' there is clearly much more skill and finesse required. This was admirably demonstrated by Viola Verve who showed that striptease at its best is indeed an art form.

This was a somewhat unexpected and enjoyable 60 minutes and very well received by the audience in attendance.

Rating: 4 stars (out of 5)