

You can't keep love at bay

A GOOD love story can never be out-dated.

That's what I learnt when I went to see a production of South Pacific at Chelmsford's Civic Theatre.

Considered to be Rodgers and Hammerstein's most successful work, the musical was certainly lapped up by a packed house in the county town.

When detachments of the U.S Navy, army and air forces are sent to an island they

**South Pacific
Chelmsford Amateur
Operatic and
Dramatic Soc
Civic Theatre**

are constantly tempted by the promise of women and luxury on the nearby island of Bali Ha'i.

The story centres on two characters, Nellie Forbush and Joe Cable, who both make it to the desired island and fall in love.

Emotions run high as the plot unravels and

seperation from their loved ones make the pair realise their true feelings.

Although an amateur performance, the acting was highly professional and even when opening night teething problems occurred with scenery, the actors continued unphased.

The singing could not be faulted and I found myself humming along to classic tunes such as One Enchanted Evening and I'm Gonna Wash

That Man Right Outa My Hair which were given a lively rendition.

Clever use of lighting and scenery really made the performance and it was one of those plays on which the audience didn't want the curtain to come down. So, if you want to escape to the end of the world and get lost in a theatrical masterpiece, hurry along to the Civic Theatre and book yourself a ticket quickly.