

Wonderful Wednesdays  
Audience Feedback &  
Discussion

*Recorded by Charlie Davison (volunteer)  
immediately after:-*

## **HOKE'S BLUFF - ACTION HERO**

**Colchester Arts Centre, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

Charlie

*What did you think?*

Audience Member  
Male 1.

*I thought that the show was really well put  
together - it was unexpected ..it wasn't what  
I was expecting.*

Charlie

*It was good wasn't it?*

Audience Member  
Male 1.

*And when you actually look into it - the way  
it was about different sports and actually  
about life itself.*

Charlie

*Are you a sports fan?*

Audience Member  
Male 1.

*Well I am. But that's not why I came.*

Charlie

*No, no. I was just wondering, do you go to  
live sports?*

Audience Member  
Male 1.

*Yes I do. Football.*

Charlie

*Yeah, like me! And a lot of it chimed in for  
me. Like the feeling before the game. I mean,  
like, the, um... the mascot jumping up and down.  
It was just like Ipswich Town! But you were  
saying that it was about sport and life?*

Audience Member  
Male 1.

*It's about life... (pause)*

Charlie

*So, did that work for you?*

Audience Member Male 1. *It did! This show did, yeah. I've seen other shows as well here. Like the competition one, last year, that had the three people in it? I can't remember the name of the show – I come here quite regularly on Wednesdays. And, ummm, I was expecting it to be something similar to that. But it wasn't! But I enjoyed it.*

Charlie *So, if you go home tonight and someone says "did you enjoy the show?" It sounds like you would say "yes". But if they said "what was it about?" What would you tell them?*

Audience Member Male 1. *I'd say it was about thinking competitive and being – umm ..I'm trying to think of the words that I'm after(Pause) ..you got me there! (Laughs)*

Charlie *(Laughs) well, it was funny, anyway, wasn't it?*

Audience Member Male 1. *(Laughs) yeah ,there was fun in it, especially the way it was put together. But to get back to the other one, yeah.. it was about being positive, about wanting to succeed. I found that in there.*

Charlie *How do you feel about shows where the performers interact with the audience in that way, and get them involved? Do you like it? Or does it make you feel nervous?*

Audience Member Male 1. *It doesn't make me feel nervous! I do like it—it makes it fun!(Laughs)*

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Charlie *(switching on voice recorder) ...'ang on a minute... here we go..*

Audience Member Male 2. *I thought it was just like Colchester United on Sunday! We avoided relegation in the last game of the season!..*

Charlie *I was wondering if there was any U's fans in here! 'Cause I know about the scenes of wild jubilation...!*

Audience Member  
Male 2. ***There were! Yeah! Just like tonight!  
(Laughter).***

Charlie ***Do you think they managed to create the same  
sort of atmosphere?***

Audience Member  
Male 2. ***I think they did! Didn't they?! Everybody  
mucked in – the audience... So, yeah, yeah it  
was the right sort of occasion!(Laughs)***

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Charlie .(to  
audience member  
Female 1 who has  
been listening) ***How has the show left you feeling? Immediately  
after it??***

Audience Member  
Female 1. ***It was fun! It was fun and they really  
achieved what they wanted to achieve.***

Charlie ***Are you a sports fan?***

Audience Member  
Female 1. ***(Laughs). Yeah, but I don't watch football on  
telly all day!(Laughs)***

Charlie ***How did that strike you? All of the sports  
references and the way they were mixing  
everything up?***

Audience Member  
Female 1. ***It was fun! I have read a lot of sporty books.  
John Grisham has written a lot on the same  
subject. I can't follow them! But they're  
interesting!***

Charlie .(to  
audience member  
Female 2 who has  
been listening) ***And what's your...? It finished about five  
minutes ago...***

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**Definite feel good factor! Yup! You go out feeling a lot better then when you came in! You get a good big buzz out of it! Which is what it should be!**

Charlie

**In real life... are you actually a sports fan?**

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**No, umm, I prefer to be doing rather than watching. So I'll be out there dancing it—doing it rather than watching it.**

Charlie

**And when you were coming out to the Arts Centre tonight, is this what you expected?**

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**Well, you learn very quickly with Anthony not to know what to expect!(Laughter) Wednesdays are always... always... interesting! But I'm glad that this one was a good fun one.**

Charlie

**One last question. For me, .. I go to football all the time, live, at the stadium. And for me, in the space of 60 minutes, they turned me into a Wildcats fan! Do you feel the same?**

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**Ummm as much as I feel a fan of any sports team, I think!(Laughs)**

Charlie

**But in that last five minutes, did you find yourself REALLY wanting them to win?**

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**(Immediately) Yes! That's the whole point. That's the way it's done!!**

Charlie

**So... we were successfully manipulated to that extent?**

Audience Member  
Female 2.

**Oh, totally! They manipulated it quite well! It shows what commentators really can do, when they want to!**